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JURIS PRAECEPTA
SUNT HAEC, HONESTE
VIVERE, ALTERUM
NON LAEDERE, SUUM
CUIQUE TRIBUERE
The audience is requested to remain seated during the processional, to stand for the singing of the National Anthem, and to remain in place at the conclusion of the Commencement exercises until the recessional is concluded. Please refrain from using cell phones during the Commencement exercises.
A Message from the Dean

Dear Members of the Class of 2014:
On behalf of the New York Law School Board of Trustees and Faculty, congratulations on reaching this great moment in your lives and in the life of the School. I am proud to have served as your dean over the past two years and look forward to continuing to serve and work with you as you join the ranks of our distinguished alumni.

I am so pleased to gather with all of you at Carnegie Hall, which, like New York Law School, first opened its doors in 1891 and will soon celebrate its 125th anniversary. In fact, the Law School’s first commencement exercises were held here on June 7, 1892. Both institutions have long celebrated innovation and the pursuit of excellence. And both have played a vital role in our City’s heritage.

Since its founding, New York Law School has been committed to the highest ideals of the legal profession, a profession that is rapidly changing. You are joining it at a time when there are great challenges, but also great opportunities. Please know that you are not alone as you step forward on this incredible journey.

New York Law School will be by your side as you make this critical transition from law student to lawyer and will continue to provide you the support and motivation you need to realize your personal goals, to advance justice, and to build a better society now and in the future. Ours is a community unlike others. We have committed to be there for each other: as resources, as allies, and as champions, to ensure a collective well-being and growth.

The study of law is not easy, nor is it supposed to be. It is not a luxury, but a privilege. And the responsibilities we are charged with as lawyers are often of great consequence to the personal liberties and livelihoods of those who entrust us. From day one, all of you understood this, and rose to meet the demands of training for your chosen path. The study and practice of law requires the development of knowledge, leadership, perspective, professionalism, and preparedness.

Because of New York Law School, because of your drive, because of the support of our community and your friends and family, you are ready for this journey, and to undertake it proudly and successfully. The benefits of your labor will be realized over a rewarding lifelong career. No matter where you go, continue to draw on your New York Law School education and look to this great city as a source of inspiration—a city that both shares and shapes our values: independence, diversity, opportunity, professionalism, service to others, leadership, innovation, and, of course, the drive and ambition to be the very best. That’s what makes us New York’s law school.

Recognizing why you earned a law degree, and the positive impacts that experience has had on your life, will allow you to make a difference in the lives of those you touch, inform, and counsel. Indeed, your achievements and promise fuel my confidence that the best days for us all, and for New York Law School, lie before us.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Anthony W. Crowell
Dean and President, Professor of Law
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Order of Exercises

Anthony W. Crowell, Presiding
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Prelude
Jubilate Deo—Gregor Aichinger
Contrapunctus—J.S. Bach
Quintet No. 1—Victor Ewald

Marshals
Victoria Eastus, Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs
Oral Hope, Assistant Dean and Registrar

Processional
Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1 Op. 39—Sir Edward Elgar
Triumphal March, Aida—Giuseppe Verdi

Greetings
Anthony W. Crowell

The National Anthem
Roger Schneider
Class of 2014

Introduction of Old Guard
Anthony W. Crowell

Awarding of Prizes
Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Awards
Presentation by Associate Dean Deborah N. Archer

Faculty Awards
Full-time Faculty Article
Edward A. Purcell Jr. for “Understanding Curtiss-Wright”

Full-time Faculty Book
Robert Blecker for The Death of Punishment
Michael L. Perlin for Mental Disability and the Death Penalty

Adjunct Faculty Article
Zvi Rosen for “Discharging Fiduciary Debts”
AWARDING OF PRIZES
(continued)

Student Awards
George W. Bartholomew, Day Division
For the article, “A Due Process Balancing Act: The United States’ Influence on the U.N. al-Qaeda Sanctions Regime”

Asher Hawkins, Evening Division
For the article, “The Least ‘Constructive’ Provisions?: Analyzing the Bankruptcy Code’s Codified Canons”

*The Finalists for the Trustees’ Prize for the Highest Average Presentation by Dean Archer
Day Division
Carolyn Galgano
Michelle Marie Ippolito
David Samuel Lightstone

Evening Division
Stephanie Drotar
Ellen L. Ladd
William Manabu Lemon

The Alfred L. Rose Award for Excellence Presentation by Associate Dean Mariana Hogan
Suzanne Melissa Bettis
William Manabu Lemon

The Dean’s Award for Student Leadership Presentation by Dean Hogan
Susan Emilie Imam
Jesse L. Kearney Jr.
Kevon D. Lewis

Class of 2014 Teaching Award Presentation by Jesse L. Kearney Jr., President, Student Bar Association
Professor David Chang

* Based on fifth semester grades for Day Division and seventh semester grades for Evening Division students. The final awards will be made after all grades are complete in June, to the student with the highest average in each division.
ORDER OF EXERCISES (continued)

STUDENT REMARKS
Sophie Reiter
William Manabu Lemon

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE
Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)
Introduction by Anthony W. Crowell
Presentation by Arthur N. Abbey ’59
Steven Banks, in recognition of his long career of legal advocacy on behalf of the neediest New Yorkers, which truly embodies the Law School’s values of advancing justice and serving the needs of modern society.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Steven Banks

AWARDING OF PRESIDENT’S MEDAL
Presentation by Arthur N. Abbey ’59
Kathleen Grimm ’80, Deputy Chancellor, New York City Department of Education, Member, Board of Trustees

CONFERRING OF STUDENT DEGREES
Introduction of Candidates
Professor Lloyd Bonfield
Professor Ronald H. Filler
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Vice President Michael Healy
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Professor Doni Gewirtzman
Professor William P. LaPiana
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Professor Tamara C. Belinfanti

Presentation of Candidates
Dean Crowell

Conferring of Degrees
Arthur N. Abbey ’59, Chairman, Board of Trustees

CLOSING REMARKS
Dean Crowell

RECESSIONAL
Two Voluntaries—Henry Purcell
Honors and Prizes
DEGREES WITH HONORS

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February 1, 2014

Cum Laude

Stephanie Drotar
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Alexander M. Noble

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Keith O’Donnell
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PROVISIONAL HONORS*

May 21, 2014

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Jessie Bonaros
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Joseph M. Caiazzo
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Dominique Charles
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Zachary M. Wender

* Prior to the commencement ceremony, provisional honors are calculated based on a student’s cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of the preceding (fall) semester.

Final honors are calculated at the end of the spring semester and include all grades. It is possible to have provisional honors granted for the commencement ceremony but ultimately not have final honors confirmed after graduation if a student’s final grade point average is not in the top 25 percent of the graduating class.

Alternatively, a student could receive a different honor, i.e., *cum laude* as provisional honors and *magna cum laude* upon graduation.
Commencement Prizes

American Law Institute-American Bar Association (ALI-ABA) Continuing Professional Education Scholarship & Leadership Award
Mehdi Essmidi
Anthony K.C. Fong
Pelle Hamburger
Diana Teverovskaya
Jaclyn M. Wood

Faculty Award for Outstanding Service to the New York Law School Law Review
Helen T. Quigley

Alexander D. Forger Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession
Christine Claudia Carballo
Janine Deniece Diljohn

Chief Justice Rose E. Bird Award for Motivation in Pursuing Public Interest Law
Amanda C. Gayle
Julie Ann Nociolo

Professor Lung-Chu Chen Award for Excellence in the Field of Human Rights
George W. Bartholomew

Media Center Award for Outstanding Performance
Alina Vengerov

Professor Stephen J. Ellmann Clinical Legal Education Prize
Melissa I. Ruhry

The Abraham “Avi” Mund Prize for Excellence in Information Technology and the Law
Gary Vegliante

Helen & Andrew Dokas Memorial Award for Excellent Achievement
Amber S. Brogdon-Johnson

Roger J. Miner Award for Outstanding Editorial Contribution to the New York Law School Law Review
George W. Bartholomew
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS AWARD
Naveen Dosanjh

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW AWARD FOR BEST NOTE
Asher Hawkins

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION BEST ADVOCATE AWARD
Matthew James

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM
Catherine Brunetto
Matthew James
Alexander M. Noble
Lily Anne Ockert

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT AWARD FOR SERVING WITH DISTINCTION
Kathryn Ruth Baxter
Elona Kukaj
Mark O’Neal
Raymond Queliz

ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS
Catherine Brunetto
Ariel Cabral
Nathalie Yliana González
Matthew James
Katerina Veselinova Kurteva
Alexander N. Noble
Julie Ann Nociolo
Lily Anne Ockert
Anthony Joseph Perrotto
Michael D. Ricciuto

HONORARY ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS AWARD
Daniel A. Warshawsky

JOSEPH SOLOMON AWARD FOR EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND FITNESS
Kathleen Kelly O’Connor
Jennifer N. Wang

ERNST C. STIEFEL WRITING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMPARATIVE-COMMON CIVIL LAW
Helen T. Quigley for her article, "Kicking the Can Down the Road: Dodd-Frank’s Attempted Reform on Broker-Dealers"
**Commencement Prizes** (to be announced)

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- **Professor Joseph T. Arenson Award** for Excellence in Wills and Decedents’ Estates
- **Center for New York City Law Fellowship**
- **Elsberg Prize for Proficiency in the Law of Contracts—Evening Division**
- **The Ruben S. Fogel Commencement Award** for Excellence in Constitutional History and Death Penalty (established in honor of Professor Robert Blecker)
- **Sylvia D. Garland Award for Excellence in Subjects Relating to Civil Litigation**
- **Harry A. Gotimer Admiralty Award** for Outstanding Work in the Field of Admiralty Law
- **Milton S. Gould Award** for Proficiency in the Law of Contracts—Day Division
- **Professor Albert Kalter Award** for Excellence in Tax Law
- **Professor James P. Kibbey Memorial Award** for Excellence in Commercial Law
- **D. George Levine Memorial Award** for the Highest Grade in the Law of Real Property
- **Professor Robert R. Rosenthal Award** for Excellence in New York Practice
- **Professor Henry Rothblatt Award** for Criminal Advocacy
- **Murray Stockman Memorial Award** for the Highest Average in the Law of Evidence
- **Louis Susman Memorial Award** for Excellence in the Study of the Law of Evidence
- **Woodrow Wilson Award for Proficiency in Constitutional Law**
- **Henry J. Wolff Award** for Proficiency During a Full Course of Study—Evening Division
- **Ross Gnesin Award** for Excellence in Workers’ Compensation Law
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- Professor Ivan Soubbotitch Award for Excellence in Poverty Law and Civil Rights
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The New York Law School Moot Court Association is a student-run organization that focuses on oral advocacy and brief writing skills at the appellate level. Students are accepted into the organization by competing in the Charles W. Froessel Moot Court Competition, a constitutional law intramural competition. The Froessel Competition is one of the most challenging intramural competitions in the country and one of the most demanding recruiting tools used by a moot court association in selecting its members. We are pleased to recognize the members of the Moot Court Association.

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President’s Medal
and
Honorary Degree
Recipients
Steven Banks has dedicated his entire career to improving the lives of low-income New Yorkers and is recognized as one of New York City’s leading public interest lawyers. Throughout his 33 years with the Legal Aid Society, Banks developed an extensive track record of working productively with a unionized workforce and helping the city’s most vulnerable residents—including seniors, survivors of domestic violence, immigrants, and people living with HIV/AIDS—navigate City programs and services. From 2004 until 2014, Banks was the Attorney-in-Chief of the Legal Aid Society, the country’s oldest and largest not-for-profit legal services organization. During his tenure, he led the organization through a complete financial and managerial restructuring to save it from bankruptcy in 2004. With an annual budget of $225 million, he managed a staff of 1,900, including some 1,100 lawyers, and was responsible for all aspects of the legal practice and operations of the organization’s criminal, juvenile rights, and civil programs in New York City. Prior to becoming the Attorney-in-Chief, Banks held the positions of Associate Attorney-in-Chief, Deputy Attorney-in-Charge of the Civil Practice, Coordinating Attorney of the Homeless Rights Project, and Director of Government Relations for the Civil Practice. He began his career at Legal Aid in 1981 as a Staff Attorney in the organization’s Staten Island Neighborhood Office. He has also previously served as counsel to the Coalition for the Homeless, and he was the lead attorney in major class action litigation requiring the provision of lawful shelter and services to homeless New Yorkers.

He is credited with helping reach a landmark settlement with the City in 2008 over its treatment of homeless children and adults, which resulted in the establishment of a permanent enforceable right to shelter for homeless families in New York City.

The American Lawyer has listed him as one of the top 45 public interest lawyers in the United States, The New York Daily News described him as “perhaps the City’s most legendary Legal Aid attorney in this generation,” and New York Magazine called him one of the most influential New Yorkers.

On February 28, 2014, Mayor Bill de Blasio appointed Steven Banks as Commissioner of the New York City Human Resources Administration/Department of Social Services, and he has served in that position since April 1, 2014. As Commissioner, Banks serves as chief executive of the largest local social services agency in the country, which serves over 3 million New Yorkers through the administration of more than 12 major public assistance programs, with 15,000 employees and an operating budget of over $9 billion. Commissioner Banks is a key leader in implementing Mayor de Blasio’s agenda to expand opportunity for more New Yorkers, address income inequality, and ensure that New Yorkers receive the benefits and assistance to which they are entitled.

Banks graduated from New York University School of Law in 1981, and from Brown University in 1978.
Kathleen Grimm ’80

New York Law School honors Kathleen Grimm for her inspiring leadership, her distinguished and dedicated service to the Law School, and her outstanding accomplishments and influence in the fields of law and education.

It is rare to find someone with such commitment to education and a record to match that dedication as New York Law School graduate Kathleen Grimm, Deputy Chancellor of Operations at the New York City Department of Education and a Member of the New York Law School Board of Trustees.

This passion led her to pursue a lifetime dream of a law degree. She did so at New York Law School. She has enormous love for the City of New York and believes New York Law School is the “City’s law school,” with its rich history and strong connection to the entire workings of City government, the courts, and Wall Street. Ms. Grimm used her law education to forge an inspiring career notable for both its diversity and achievement. She modestly attributes her success to the quality and breadth of her educational experiences, along with the lifetime support of family and friends, and a little luck.

One of nine children in an outspoken, civic-minded family, Ms. Grimm learned the value of collaboration early on and developed a “can-do spirit” that sees opportunity in every challenge. Her first job after college was teaching English at an elementary school in northern Mexico. Her next experience was as a social worker, licensed nursing home administrator, and then Assistant Director of Menorah Home and Hospital for the Aged in Brooklyn. Ms. Grimm worked as an IRS estate tax attorney and in private practice, first with a firm, and later as sole practitioner.

Ms. Grimm’s service to her beloved City is evidence she is one of the City’s most dedicated civil servants ever. She has served five City Mayors, one State Comptroller, seven City Commissioners, and four City Schools Chancellors. She was First Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Department of Finance, New York State Deputy Comptroller responsible for monitoring the fiscal affairs of the City of New York, and, for the past 12 years, has been Deputy Chancellor at the NYC Department of Education. In charge of Operations, she oversees a $20 billion operating budget and a $12 billion capital budget. Over the years, she has overseen several massive transformations of the City’s education system, an impact felt today by the more than one million children the district serves. Ms. Grimm believes there is a direct link between operations and student academic success. In support of that belief, she demands innovation, efficiency, and accountability from all team members in support of the students.

Ms. Grimm remains loyal to those who have helped her. A graduate of Manhattanville College, located in Purchase, New York, she remains active there, having served on the Board of Trustees and Alumni Board. The college recognized her commitment with an honorary degree. She credits her Sacred Heart education, “to be the leaven of society,” with giving her the self-confidence to undertake many diverse roles.

In addition to serving as a New York Law School Trustee, she also has been an Advisor to the Center for New York City Law, an adjunct professor, and former Alumni Association president. “People look out for each other here,” she said. “It’s a strong community with amazing intellects and incredible students, many of whom have overcome big obstacles to achieve great things.” After graduating from New York Law School, cum laude, Ms. Grimm earned an LL.M. (Tax) from New York University School of Law.

“The President’s Medal is an award I will cherish,” Ms. Grimm said, “because New York Law holds such a special place in my heart.”
**President’s Medal Recipients**

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Awarded to New York Law School’s most outstanding and accomplished alumni and its most generous benefactors, the President’s Medal acknowledges those who have made the most significant contributions to the history of the Law School by their exemplary professional lives and their generosity.

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Adjunct Professor of Law, New York Law School
Of Counsel, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

2009
ZYGMUNT WILF ’74
Member of the Advisory Board, Center for
Real Estate Studies, New York Law School
Attorney, Wilf Law Firm
President, Garden Homes Real Estate Developers
Principal Owner, Minnesota Vikings Football
Club, LLC

2011
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Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus,
New York Law School

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Emeritus, New York Law School

2013
ARTHUR N. ABBEY ’59
Senior Partner, Abbey Spanier, LLP
Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
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2014
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New York City Department of Education
Member of the Board of Trustees,
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      Archibald Robinson Watson

1956  Denis O’Leary Cohalan
      Albert Cohn 1908
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1957  Nathaniel L. Goldstein ’18
      Charles H. Griffiths 1910
      David W. Peck

1958  The Honorable Joseph A. Cox
      Hunter Labatut Delatour 1906
      James Thomas Hallinan II
      Gerald Nolan
      Ferdinand Pecora

1959  Bernard Botein
      Theodore Granik
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      Edward J. Neary ’15

1960  Charles Stewart Desmond

1961  Robert Moses

1962  Stanley Howells Fuld
      Sylvester Comstock Smith Jr. ’18
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1963  Sydney E. Foster

1964  George J. Beldock
      Hunter Labatut Delatour 1906
      Alfred Gross

1965  Marvin R. Dye
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      The Honorable David T. Wilentz ’17

1966  Daniel Gutman
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      Leo M. Cherne ’34
      The Honorable W. Averell Harriman

1968  The Honorable Ramsey Clark
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      John-Seward Johnson
      John Vincent Thornton

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       The Honorable Peter W. Rodino Jr.
       Stefan Treschel
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       William Weary

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       Mary Gardiner Jones
       Gen. Rowland F. Kirks
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       Joseph Solomon ’27

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       The Honorable Jacob K. Javits
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       The Honorable Richard N. Gardner

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       The Honorable Lewis F. Powell Jr.
       Edward Allen Tamm

1981  Mario M. Biaggi ’63
       The Honorable William Frank Buckley Jr.
       The Honorable William Joseph Casey
       The Honorable Matthew Joseph Jasen
       The Honorable James Skelly Wright

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       The Honorable Alfonse M. D’Amato
       Archbishop Jakovos
       Rex E. Lee
       The Honorable Shigeru Oda
       Thomas Grey Wicker

1983  The Honorable Harry A. Blackmun
       The Honorable Sherman G. Finesilver
       The Honorable Constance Baker Motley
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       The Honorable Lowell P. Weicker Jr.

1984  The Honorable Geraldine A. Ferraro
       The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham Jr.
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       Bill Moyers
       The Honorable Ellen Ash Peters
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       The Honorable William Joseph Brennan Jr.
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      Frederick A.O. Schwarz Jr.

1988  Archibald R. Murray
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1989  J. William Campo
      The Honorable Roger J. Miner ’56

1990  Alvin J. Bronstein ’51
      Linda A. Fairstein
      The Honorable Milton L. Williams ’63

1991  The Honorable David N. Dinkins
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1992  The Honorable Sandra Day O’Connor
      James F. Simon

1993  Shepard Broad ’27
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      The Honorable Judith S. Kaye

1994  The Honorable Rudolph W. Giuliani
      Bernard H. Mendik ’58

1995  The Honorable José A. Cabranes
      Alexander D. Forger

1996  The Honorable Sidney H. Ash
      Boris Leavitt ’26
      The Honorable Jon O. Newman

1997  The Honorable Harry T. Edwards
      Dr. Raymond D. Horton
      Lewis M. Steel ’63

1998  Joseph T. Arenson
      Lawrence S. Huntington ’64
      Vernon E. Jordan Jr.

1999  The Honorable Guido Calabresi

2000  Sybil Shainwald ’76
      Harry H. Wellington
      The Honorable Ralph K. Winter

2001  Taylor R. Briggs (posthumously)
      Ira Glasser
      The Honorable Judith B. Sheindlin ’65

2002  The Honorable Pierre N. Leval, LL.D.
      The Honorable Charles E. Schumer, LL.D.

2003  The Honorable Jack B. Weinstein, LL.D.

2004  The Honorable Alexis M. Herman, LL.D.
      Anthony Lewis, LL.D.

2005  The Honorable Bob Kerrey, LL.D.

2006  The Honorable Joel I. Klein, LL.D.

2007  David Boies

2008  Dennis W. Archer

2009  Gregory H. Williams

2010  The Honorable Jonathan Lippman

2011  The Honorable Cory A. Booker

2012  Kenneth R. Feinberg

2013  Michael R. Bloomberg

2014  Steven Banks
About New York Law School
New York Law School was established in 1891 by Columbia College School of Law faculty, students, and alumni who were protesting their trustees’ attempts to dictate the teaching methods used by professors. The central figure in the revolt against Columbia and the subsequent creation of New York Law School was Columbia Law School’s founder, Theodore Dwight, a major figure in the history of American legal scholarship.

Almost immediately, New York Law School attained a formidable reputation due to the excellence of its students and faculty. Dedicated to providing diverse routes to achievement through innovation in scholarship, service, and professional training, by 1904, New York Law School was the largest law school in the country. That year, the Law School’s founders created one of the nation’s first evening divisions to provide a flexible alternative to full-time legal education for those in the workforce or with family obligations. The Evening Division also allowed students to build upon previously established successful careers or to begin a second career.

Among the Law School’s early lecturers were Woodrow Wilson and Charles Evans Hughes. The first class included James W. Gerard, who went on to serve as Ambassador to Germany during World War I, and Bainbridge Colby, who became Secretary of State under President Wilson. Other early graduates included Robert F. Wagner, a future U.S. senator from New York and a leader in developing national labor policy, and two Pulitzer Prize winners: Wallace Stevens (poetry) and Elmer Rice (drama). Another prominent alumnus from the pre-World War I era was the Honorable James S. Watson, a distinguished judge and an important member of New York’s African American community. The judge’s daughter, Barbara Watson, also attended the Law School and was the first woman to attain the rank of Assistant Secretary of State of the United States.

Classes of the 1920s and 1930s produced graduates who would play a leading role in the profession. Among the most notable was U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan. Other prominent graduates included Albert Parker, a founding partner of Parker, Chapin, Flattau & Klimpl; Randolph E. Paul and John F. Wharton, founding partners of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison; Cameron F. MacRae, a former chairman of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae; Chester Carlson, who invented the xerography process leading to the founding of Xerox Corporation; and Justice Emilio Núñez, the first Latino to be named to the bench in New York State.

New York Law School closed for one year during World War I, interrupting a steady expansion that had lasted until the mid-1920s. While the situation improved by the late 1930s, the draft in 1940 dealt the institution another blow, and the Law School was forced to close in 1941 for the duration of World War II.

In 1947, New York Law School reopened and began to rebuild. A major impetus came from graduates who formed a committee spearheaded by New York State Supreme Court Justice Albert Cohn. The new program was small, but the Law School made significant strides and gained accreditation from the American Bar Association in 1954.

Steady growth marked the next few decades. With the appointment of E. Donald Shapiro as Dean in the early 1970s, the Law School joined the Association of American Law Schools, and the trustees authorized an
increase in the size of the full-time faculty. Admissions requirements were raised and enrollment grew. As facilities expanded, an endowment fund was established. In 1975, the School received its first endowed professorship, the Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professorship of Law. The Law School’s first center for specialized study, the Communications Media Center (now the Media Center), opened in 1977.

Many graduates who were students during these years achieved prominence in the bar, the judiciary, government, and business. They include the Honorable Roger J. Miner, Senior Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Maurice Greenberg, former Chairman and CEO of American International Group (AIG) and current Chairman and CEO of C.V. Starr and Co., Inc.; Bernard Mendik, former Chairman of the Real Estate Board of New York and former CEO of Mendik Properties; Arthur N. Abbey, Senior Partner at Abbey Spanier, LLP and current Chairman of the Law School’s Board of Trustees; Lawrence S. Huntington, former Chairman and CEO of Fiduciary Trust International and former Chairman of the Law School’s Board of Trustees; Hon. Judith Sheindlin, known as “Judge Judy,” New York family court judge, author, and TV personality; Zygmunt Wilf, principal owner of the Minnesota Vikings of the NFL; Kenneth D. Werner, President of Warner Brothers Domestic Television Distribution; and Kathleen Grimm, Deputy Chancellor of Operations, New York City Department of Education.

In 1992, Harry H. Wellington, Sterling Professor of Law Emeritus and former dean of Yale Law School, became the 14th Dean and President of New York Law School. Under Dean Wellington’s leadership, a strategic plan was implemented to position New York Law School as a vital urban law center with an academic program that integrates the strategic and ethical perspectives of the practicing attorney. During Dean Wellington’s tenure, the Ernst C. Stiefel Professorship of Comparative Law was created and the Law School’s Centers for International Law and New York City Law were established.

Richard A. Matasar was named the 15th Dean and President of New York Law School in 2000, serving until December 2011. Under Dean Matasar’s leadership, the School expanded its academic Centers and increased its graduate offerings, which now include five advanced degree programs in American business law, financial services law, real estate, tax, and mental disability law studies. During his tenure, the Law School completed an expansion and renovation program that transformed its TriBeCa campus into a cohesive architectural complex. The centerpiece of the expansion is a glass-enclosed, 235,000-square-foot, nine-level building—five stories above ground and four below—which opened in 2009.

“NEW YORK’S LAW SCHOOL” AND THE FUTURE
In spring 2012, New York Law School, continuing its tradition of bold and innovative leadership, named Anthony W. Crowell, former Counselor to New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, the 16th Dean and President of the Law School. He joined the Law School in May 2012, after having been a member of the adjunct faculty for nearly a decade. Under Dean Crowell, the Law School is poised to maximize its strengths, develop new ones, and bring it recognition as a leader in legal education. In his early months, he aggressively restructured leadership in key areas of the Law School and launched a strategic planning process that addresses areas of strategic priority including fostering academic excellence and innovation; supporting the career success

RECENT LEADERSHIP AND GROWTH
Dramatic growth and revitalization continued under the leadership of James F. Simon, Dean from 1983 until 1992. A series of major facility renovations were begun, highlighted by the opening of the Mendik Library in 1990 and the construction of the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. During Dean Simon’s tenure, the Rita and Joseph Solomon Professorship of Wills, Trusts, and Estates was added, and the Law School introduced the innovative Lawyering Skills Program into the curriculum.
of students and alumni; creating a vibrant intellectual community that supports research and scholarship; strengthening engagement among students, alumni, faculty, and other constituents; and driving operational efficiencies and institution-building.

To strengthen the Law School’s connection to our great City, Dean Crowell introduced the “We are New York’s law school” campaign, which has now become the Law Schools’ motto. Initiatives already underway as New York’s law school include the establishment of a new Public Service Scholarship Program for uniformed services personnel and other dedicated public servants working in New York City at the local, state, and/or federal level. The Scholarship celebrates the Law School’s rich history of enrolling students coming from these professional areas to advance their careers and be the most impactful leaders in this great city and beyond.

In fall 2012, New York Law School was the first law school to announce an initiative to identify and create new experiential learning opportunities for students that would help provide the community with access to justice and help students satisfy the 50 hour pro bono requirement for admission into the bar. Dean Crowell worked with the Law School faculty to expand the school’s experiential and clinical learning programs to encourage each of our students to bridge their classroom learning to practical legal training. In spring 2013, the Law School announced a historic expansion of clinical and experiential learning programs, doubling the number of clinics from 13 to 26 in one year. The Law School recently received national recognition for its leading-edge clinical and experiential learning in both The National Jurist and U.S. News & World Report. NYLS was also named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its pro bono work.

In July 2013, the Law School issued a provocative and groundbreaking Strategic Plan, which garnered national attention. The Plan focuses on five areas: Academic Excellence and Innovation; Career Success; Intellectual life; Community Engagement; and Operations. The Law School is setting its sights on the high-growth fields of tomorrow: intellectual property; technology and applied sciences; business and financial services; and government and public interest—all of which encompass what will be the major areas of employment and growth over the next 10 to 20 years.

In September, the Law School introduced the country’s first two-year J.D. honors program, which will begin in January 2015. During the 2013-14 academic year, the Law School added two new programs: the Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program and the Institute for In-House Counsel. The School also hired its first Chief Diversity Officer. Lastly, the Law School stabilized tuition for two straight years (2013–15) and doubled the amount of scholarship aid to students. NYLS has also achieved an unprecedented level of student and alumni engagement.

These and other initiatives are garnering greater visibility than the Law School has had in recent years, including media attention in legal and popular media outlets. Engaging the Law School’s constituents—from students to alumni to faculty to employers and other leaders and influencers—is a key component of Dean Crowell’s strategy to reintroduce the Law School and lead it to new success. New York Law School will embrace its location in the heart of the City’s legal, government, and financial districts and provide students with unmatched opportunities to gain valuable practical experience and build the foundation for a meaningful and successful career. Simply put, New York Law School is New York’s law school. We are a vibrant, diverse school that has given and will continue to give opportunities to countless students to advance justice, improve society, and reach their goals in every sector of the economy.

**ACADEMIC CENTERS**

The Law School’s academic centers, led by members of the faculty, continue to maximize the effectiveness of faculty research and scholarly endeavors, teaching, and activism, and to increase opportunities for students to engage in important policy issues. Eight academic centers, described below, play an integral role in the Harlan Scholars honors program.
Center for Business and Financial Law
The Center for Business and Financial Law (CBFL) provides students with an unparalleled, rigorous, and integrated approach to academic study and skills training in all aspects of corporate, commercial, and financial law. Through cutting-edge courses, events, projects, and research, the CBFL brings together academics, practitioners, and students to address the challenges that animate business and finance.

Center for International Law
In 1996, aided by a grant from the C.V. Starr Foundation, the School created the C.V. Starr Center for International Law. The Center supports teaching and research in all areas of international law but concentrates on the law of international trade and finance, deriving much of its strength from interaction with New York’s business, commercial, financial, and legal communities. The Center sponsors events such as the prestigious C.V. Starr Lectures and the Otto L. Walter Lecture Series, which regularly bring world-renowned speakers to the Law School. It also provides extensive resources for researching careers in international law.

Center for New York City Law
Established in 1993, the Center for New York City Law is the only program of its kind in the country. Its objectives are to gather and disseminate information about New York City’s laws, rules, and procedures; to sponsor publications, symposia, and conferences on topics related to governing the city; and to suggest reforms to make city government more effective and efficient. The Center produces several publications, including CityLaw, which tracks New York City’s rules and regulations, how they are enforced, and court challenges to them; and CityLand, which reports decisions from the New York City land use agencies.

Center for Professional Values and Practice
The Center for Professional Values and Practice provides a vehicle through which to examine the role of the legal profession and approaches to law practice. The Center’s work supports research and teaching on the legal profession, focusing on the dynamics of professional regulation, the market for lawyers, and lawyers’ careers. Designed to provide students with an in-depth portrait of law practice in a variety of settings, the Center sponsors research, symposia, and speakers to bring the “real world” of practice to the classroom.

Center for Real Estate Studies
The Center for Real Estate Studies provides students with a unique educational opportunity to study both the private practice and public regulation of real estate. Launched in 2007, the Center offers an extensive selection of classroom courses, advanced seminars, and independent study projects, as well as externships in governmental offices and real estate firms. It also sponsors conferences, symposia, and continuing legal education programs on a broad spectrum of issues for New York’s real estate community. The Center aims to bridge the existing gap between the private practice and academic study of real estate, and is one of the premier research centers in the country for the study of real estate.

Diane Abbey Law Center for Children and Families
The Diane Abbey Law Center for Children and Families exists to ensure that children and the families who care for them receive the legal assistance they need to remain safe and secure, and to thrive. Founded in 2009, the Center offers a comprehensive curriculum aimed at creating excellent practitioners able to represent children and families in all aspects of family law. The Center’s approach is holistic and interdisciplinary, recognizing that assisting families requires a basic understanding not merely of law, but also social work, psychology, and other fields. Center members engage in volunteer externships, work with alumni mentors, and complete capstone projects that make concrete contributions to the lives of families in need. The Center not only prepares graduates for successful careers, but also helps give New York’s children and families the support they need.

Institute for Information Law and Policy
Established in 2003, the Institute for Information Law and Policy is home to the study of information, communication, and law in the global digital age.
The goal of the Institute is to apply the theory and technology of communications and information to strengthening democratic institutions and the rule of law as technology evolves. Through its curriculum, ongoing conference and speaker series, and a variety of original projects, the Institute investigates the emerging field of information law, which encompasses intellectual property, privacy, free speech, information access, communications, and all areas of law pertaining to information and communication practices.

Justice Action Center
The Justice Action Center brings together New York Law School faculty and students in an ongoing critical evaluation of public interest lawyering. Through scholarship and fieldwork, the Center seeks to evaluate the efficacy of law as an agent of change and social betterment. Through a focused curriculum, symposia, clinical experience, and research opportunities, the Center seeks to instill in students a deeper intellectual understanding of the law regardless of their final career goals, and to present opportunities to maintain their ties to the social justice community beyond law school.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program
In fall 2013, New York Law School introduced the Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program, distinguished by its emphasis on practical experience. Students entering the program are exposed to theories of interest-based negotiation and its alternatives, and given opportunities to practice their skills in that field.

Institute for In-House Counsel
In spring 2014, the Law School established the Institute for In-House Counsel, dedicated to the needs of in-house and corporate professionals. The Institute addresses emerging legal, economic and business issues affecting companies from a variety of industries and sectors, and provides practical advice on how to successfully navigate the in-house/outside counsel relationship and communicate effectively with company leadership.

Legal Practice Program
In fall 2011, New York Law School launched a new first-year skills program, Legal Practice, which provides students with a comprehensive introduction to lawyering skills at the beginning of their law school careers. The program is designed to prepare students for their first legal work experience and presents them with challenging scenarios that call on them to problem-solve and apply the law in context.

Media Center
The Media Center is the Law School’s home for the study of telecommunications, media, and new media law and policy. One of the oldest and most extensive programs of its kind, it was established in 1977 in response to the explosive growth of communication technologies. The Center sponsors pedagogy, scholarship, and projects relating to the intersection between evolving communication and information technologies and the laws that regulate them. The Center has three goals: to promote scholarship, to preserve democratic values through effective media policy, and to train media-savvy lawyers who understand the law of media and the role of media in the law.

Program in Law and Journalism
The Program in Law and Journalism is home to the study of the relationship between and among law, lawyers, the media, and the public. The Program hosts seminars, panels, and colloquia for practicing journalists on legal issues raised by newsgathering activities, for lawyers on the ethics and practicalities of dealing with the media, for academics on issues at the intersection of law and journalism, and for the general public on the role of lawyers in media and the influence of the media on lawyering.

ADDITIONAL DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation
In 2003, the Law School began offering the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation, becoming one of the only law schools in the New York City area to offer this advanced training to tax attorneys. The program enables students to increase their mastery of tax law and refine their practice skills in order to better serve clients and communities.
Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Real Estate
In January 2009, the Law School began offering the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Real Estate. The program provides students with a thorough grounding in the law, business, and regulation of real estate transactions, finance, and development.

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Financial Services Law
In fall 2009, the Law School began offering the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Financial Services Law. The program provides students with knowledge and expertise in the law, business, and regulation of the global financial services industry.

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in American Business Law
In 2012, the Law School began offering the LL.M. in American Business Law. The program provides foreign-trained lawyers with a thorough grounding in the basic principles of American business and commercial law.

Online Mental Disability Law Program
The Law School's Online Mental Disability Law Program welcomes J.D. students as well as professionals who work with, or on behalf of, people with disabilities. It is the only program of its kind presented by an ABA-approved law school. Each of the current 13 courses comprising the curriculum is delivered to students through the convenience of distance education. In January 2009, the program expanded from offering courses on an individual basis to offering a Master of Arts (M.A.) in Mental Disability Law Studies and a Certificate in Advanced Mental Disability Law Studies.

Patent Law Program
The Institute for Information Law and Policy offers the Patent Law Program to provide students with the opportunity to develop greater expertise and experience in patent law. Students who are eligible, as determined by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, also sit for the exam for admission to the Patent Bar prior to graduation.

Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution
The Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program offers a Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution to students who complete the requirements of the Program. They may be relied upon to possess not only an intellectual understanding of the principles of negotiation, mediation, and arbitration, but actual experience in those fields.

Certificate of Mastery in Law Practice Technology
The Institute for Information Law and Policy offers a Certificate of Mastery in Law Practice Technology to demonstrate to potential employers that the student awarded the certificate is unusually qualified with respect to understanding and use of technologies employed in law practice. It is also designed to encourage students to contribute to the Institute’s efforts to develop innovative legal technology applications and to better understand the potential impact of technology on law and legal institutions.

Public Service Certificate
The Office of Professional Development offers a Public Service Certificate. Certificates are issued to graduating students who have performed at least 40 hours of voluntary service while at law school, or who have a combination of at least 30 hours of voluntary service and have another 30 hours of public interest work done through a work-study placement, clinic, or externship.
THE TRADITION OF ACADEMIC ATTIRE AND THE SYMBOLS OF NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

Academic dress and graduation date back to the 12th century at the formation of early universities in Europe. Historians believe that academic dress originated when scholars, who were largely clerics or aspiring clerics, wore long robes and hoods to keep warm in unheated buildings. From these practical origins, the gowns, hoods, and caps have developed into the accepted attire that symbolizes scholarly achievement. Over time, colleges and universities have customized the ensemble to reflect their schools’ unique symbols of visual identity such as the seal, school colors, and additional adornments that become part of their commencement traditions.

Faculty members, staff, and guests in today’s procession are robed in the gowns appropriate to their highest degrees earned, and their hoods carry the distinctive colors of the institutions from which they received those degrees. Differences in the doctoral, master’s, and baccalaureate gowns are illustrated below.

Gowns
Our graduating students in both the J.D. and LL.M. degree programs process with the traditional doctoral gown with bell-shaped sleeves. The gowns have three velvet stripes on the sleeves and velvet panels on the front and neck. Our graduating students in the M.A. degree program process with the master’s robe with oblong sleeves that are square cut at the rear part of the oblong shape and have an arc cut away at the front part with a slit for the wrist opening.

Hoods
The hoods, designed with the Law School’s official colors, blue and gray, are worn draped over the shoulders with the lining exposed on the back of the gown. The satin lining comprises a gray chevron on a blue background. The velvet border on the hood is of a prescribed width and color—purple for the field of law, or white for the M.A. degree.

Caps
According to historians, academic caps were adopted for this use by the church in 1311 and are based on a close-fitting cap worn by the ancient Romans. There are two styles of caps: the Oxford, a stiff mortarboard; and the Cambridge, a beret-like soft cap. Our J.D. and LL.M. students process with the Cambridge caps made of velvet and with gold tassels, as befits the doctoral degree, and our M.A. students process with the Cambridge caps as well, but with black tassels appropriate for a Master of Arts degree.

Fourragères
Introduced as a new component of our academic attire in 2005, the fourragères are symbols of academic achievement worn on top of the gown on the left shoulder by the candidates for the post-graduate degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.).

Seal
The Law School’s seal dates to the School’s founding in 1891. It is used on all documents related to academic matters such as the diploma, certificates, and all publications and other print items related to commencement. In the center scroll depicted on the seal are inscribed the words of the juris praecepta of the Justinian Code: Juris praecepta sunt haec: honeste vivere, alterum non laedere, suum cuique tribuere (The precepts of law are these: to live honestly, not to injure anyone, and to render to each person what is due.)
JURIS PRAECEPTA
SUNT HAEC, HONESTE
VIVERE, ALTERUM
NON LAEDERE, SUUM
CUIQUE TRIBUERE