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SUNT HAEC, HONESTE
VIVERE, ALTERUM
NON LAEDERE, SUUM
CUIQUE TRIBUERE
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A Message from the Dean

Dear Members of the Class of 2013:

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 year and look forward to continuing to serve and work with you as you join the ranks of our distinguished alumni.

The legal profession is rapidly changing and 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.

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. And it requires the commitment, tenacity, and nimbleness to navigate the complexities and competitiveness of the systems that govern the judiciary, government regulators, and business.

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.

As you move ahead into new worlds, seize opportunities, build relationships, and begin to apply your knowledge and skills in your own creative ways, you must recognize that you are not leaving the New York Law School community, but becoming an even deeper part of it. 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.

No matter where you go, continue to draw on your New York Law School education and to look to this great city as a source of inspiration — a city that both shares and shapes our values: sustaining and fostering independence, diversity, opportunity, professionalism, service to others, leadership, and innovation that is emulated globally, and, of course, the drive and ambition to be the very best. That’s what it means to be part of 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,

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Order of Exercises

Anthony W. Crowell, Presiding

Prelude

Jubilate Deo—Gregor Aichinger
Contrapunctus—J.S. Bach
Quintet #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
Dean and President, Professor of Law

The National Anthem

Dondre D. Greenhouse
Class of 2013

Introduction of Old Guard

Anthony W. Crowell
AWARDING OF PRIZES

OTTO L. WALTER DISTINGUISHED WRITING AWARDS
Presented by Professor Stephen J. Ellmann

Faculty Awards
To be announced

Student Awards
Erin Piper Andrews
For the article, “Avoiding the Technical Knockout: Tackling the Inadequacies of Youth Concussion Legislation”

David Alan Rosenberg
For the article, “The Slippery Slope of Search Warrant Law under Michigan v. Summers: A Proposed Spatial Limitation for Occupants”

*The Finalists for the Trustees’ Prize for the Highest Average
Presentation by Dean Archer

Day Division
Erin Piper Andrews
Emma S. Blumer
Matthew C. DeFrancesco
David Hunter McCallum
Kelly Rose LeGrand Weiner

Evening Division
Matthew Alan Block
Kimberly A. Braun
Michael Lengel Jr.
Hanna Rubin
Jodi Ziesemer

The Alfred L. Rose Award for Excellence
Presentation by Associate Dean Mariana Hogan
Eberle Rae Schultz
Matthew Alan Block

The Dean’s Award for Student Leadership
Presentation by Dean Hogan
Chelsea D. Beshore
Kaitlin Jaxheimer

Class of 2013 Teaching Award
Presentation by Chelsea D. Beshore, President, Student Bar Association
Professor Tamara C. Belinfanti

* 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
Elizabeth D’Antonio
Kiuru Gichuru

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE
Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)
Introduction by Anthony W. Crowell
Presentation by Arthur N. Abbey ’59
Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Michael R. Bloomberg

AWARDING OF PRESIDENT’S MEDAL
Presentation by Michael R. Bloomberg
Arthur N. Abbey ’59, Chairman, Board of Trustees

CONFERRING OF STUDENT DEGREES
Introduction of Candidates
Professor Ronald H. Filler
Professor Marshall Tracht
Professor Ann F. Thomas
Associate Dean Suzanne J. S. Davidson
Professor Camille Broussard
Professor Doni Gewirtzman
Professor William P. LaPiana
Professor Michael L. Perlin
Professor Nadine Strossen

Presentation of Candidates
Dean Crowell

Conferring of Degrees
Chairman Abbey

CLOSING REMARKS
Dean Crowell

RECESSIONAL
Two Voluntaries—Henry Purcell
Honors and Prizes
Degrees with Honors

These honors will be awarded after computation of final grades and will be announced on the Law School’s website.

February 1, 2013

Magna Cum Laude

Nat Guerriera

Jonathan Marc Reinstein

Cum Laude

Dana Leigh Capone
Steve Cohen
Stacy Ann Dasaro
Soon June Han

Helina Manesis
Alyssa Petrenko
David Alan Rosenberg

May 19, 2013

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Summa Cum Laude

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Kimberly A. Braun
Matthew C. DeFrancesco

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Magna Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Michael Karpf
Jason Katz

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Sarah Milewski
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Commencement Prizes

American Law Institute-American Bar Association (Ali-ABA) Continuing Professional Education Scholarship & Leadership Award
Shantal D. Garibaldo Sparks

Chief Justice Rose E. Bird Award for Motivation in Pursuing Public Interest Law
Kiiru Gichuru
Petal Maharaj Hwang
Lailah Hanit Pepe

Professor Lung-Chu Chen Award for Excellence in the Field of Human Rights
Vanessa I. Craveiro

Helen & Andrew Dokas Memorial Award for Excellent Achievement
Megan Crespo
Amanda Leigh Davis

Professor Stephen J. Ellmann Clinical Legal Education Prize
Annie Erin Causey

Faculty Award for Outstanding Service to the New York Law School Law Review
Timothy R. Johnson
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The Daniel Finkelstein Writing Award
Danielle Alexandra Ash, Jeffrey A. Kahn, Laura Tucker Schnaidt, and Katherine Voran, for their article, “Leasing Space in New York City: A Practical Guide for Technology Start-Ups”

The Ruben S. Fogel Commencement Award for Excellence in Constitutional History and Death Penalty (Established in Honor of Professor Robert Blecker)
Elizabeth D’Antonio

Alexander D. Forger Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession
Cortney Blair Nadolney
Jeremiah Rygus

Media Center Award for Outstanding Performance
Jaclyn Tyndorf

The Abraham “Avi” Mund Prize for Excellence in Information Technology and the Law
Ryan Garrity Lewis

Roger J. Miner Award for Outstanding Editorial Contribution to the New York Law School Law Review
Danielle Alexandra Ash
Terence P. Keegan
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS AWARD

Eberle Rae Schultz

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW AWARD FOR BEST NOTE

David Alan Rosenberg

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION BEST ADVOCATE AWARD

Ariella Spitalnick

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM

Vanessa I. Craveiro
Robert James Scibetti Jr.
Ariella Spitalnick
Melissa A. Zeigler

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT AWARD FOR SERVING WITH DISTINCTION

Kathryn Blackmer
William H. Kleindienst
Amit Patel
Jessica Richardson

ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS

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Geoffrey Albert Bleau
Vanessa I. Craveiro
Cristina Marie Grullón
Chloe Andrea Mentar
Zachary L. Nathanson
Amit Patel
Robert James Scibetti Jr.
Ariella Spitalnick
Melissa A. Zeigler

HONORARY ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS AWARD

Professor Peggy Sipser Leibowitz

JOSEPH SOLOMON AWARD FOR EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND FITNESS

Erin Piper Andrews
Vivian Carballo

ERNST C. STIEFEL WRITING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMPARATIVE-COMMON CIVIL LAW

René H. DuBois, for his article, “Understanding the Scope of the Foreign Trade Antitrust Improvement Act Using Tort Law Principles as a Guide”
COMMENCEMENT PRIZES (to be announced)

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PROFESSOR JOSEPH T. ARENSON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN WILLS AND DECEDENTS’ ESTATES

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ELSBERG PRIZE FOR PROFICIENCY IN THE LAW OF CONTRACTS—EVENING DIVISION

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

ABRAHAM MARKHOFF WRITING AWARD (FOR WORKERS’ COMPENSATION)

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Professor Vincent Lolordo Award for Excellence in Administration of Criminal Justice

Dr. Max Reich Award for Excellence in Civil Trial Advocacy

Professor Ivan Soubbotitch Award for Excellence in Poverty Law and Civil Rights
Recognition
The John Marshall Harlan Scholars honors program is named for New York Law School’s alumnus and United States Supreme Court justice who served on the Court from 1955 to 1971. The program offers selected students the opportunity to pursue focused study in a field of law, including directed curricula, scholarship, and other academic projects, through affiliation with one of the Law School’s academic centers. We are pleased to acknowledge the Harlan Scholars of the Class of 2013.

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      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
      The Honorable John H. Sununu
1992  The Honorable Sandra Day O’Connor
      James F. Simon
1993  Shepard Broad ’27
      Drew S. Days III
      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. Asch
      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
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.

Many of those attending at the beginning of this century became founders or name partners of leading law firms, including Alfred Rose of Proskauer, Rose, Goetz & Mendelsohn; Henry Hurlbut Abbott of Breed, Abbott & Morgan; Edwin Sunderland of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Sunderland & Kiendl; William Parke of Chadbourne & Parke LLP; Alfred Mudge of Mudge, Rose, Guthrie & Alexander; Jacob Scholer of Kaye Scholer LLP; and Albert Milbank and Walter Hope of Milbank, Tweed, Hope & Hadley.

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 E. 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 when 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 “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.

**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.

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 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. 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.

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. New clinics include: Administrative Enforcement Clinic; Child Welfare Clinic; Civil Justice through the Courts; Clinical Year; the Criminal Prosecution Clinic; the Legislative Advocacy Clinic; the Municipal Litigation Defense Clinic; the Post-Conviction Innocence Project; the Suspension Representation Clinic; the Transactional Law Clinic; the Taxpayer Assistance Clinic; the Tax Planning Clinic; and Disability Rights Information Center.

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. The Law School recently earned Presidential honors when it was named to the 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service. NYLS was one of only three law schools in the country and the only law school in New York State to be named.

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

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 & 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 of Mastery in Law Practice Technology**
The Institute for Information Law & 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.
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.)