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A Message from the Dean

Dear Members of the Class of 2012:
Graduation always stirs emotions: appreciation for the support of parents, family, and friends; elation at finishing school; excitement and joy in anticipation of unique opportunities, new jobs, and the chance to be a lawyer; anxiety over the unknown challenges ahead and even the known challenges (yes, I know the bar exam looms for most of you!); and satisfaction in all that has been accomplished. Graduates, you now join the ranks of New York Law School alumni, who have been making a real difference in the lives of their clients since the 1890s. You too will use your skills, knowledge, values, and talents to make a difference for those needing your expertise.

When you began your career at New York Law School, there were many conversations about values and ideals—those you brought with you to school and those we hoped you would develop as a student. Several years later the dialogue has matured: We know that you are ready to become innovators in your practice. We are confident that you will be professionals with the high standard of integrity that marks our graduates. We are proud that you are committed to a more just legal community. The license to practice that you soon will receive requires much from you—ideals, service, commitment to your clients, and devotion to the rule of law. You will embrace such responsibilities with confidence, humility, and grace.

Law teachers often emphasize the intellectual rigor of the path you have chosen. We are tacticians, technical whizzes, learned in the ways of the law. We hope that you share in our enthusiasm for a life of the mind. But, your faculty and staff colleagues also cling to another more emotional side of the life we have chosen—the need to rejoice in the tremendous experiences we have shared over the last few years, the ability to laugh at our foibles, kid each other about our differences, and know that the bonds we share cannot be broken.

Congratulations, Class of 2012. We salute your strength and dedication and welcome you to the ranks of our graduates.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Buckler
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Order of Exercises

Carol A. Buckler, Presiding

PRELUDE

Jubilate Deo—Gregor Aichinger
Contrapunctus—J.S. Bach
Quintet #1—Victor Ewald

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Class of 2012

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

Carol A. Buckler
Interim Dean

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lisa J. Kasdan
Class of 2012

INTRODUCTION OF OLD GUARD

Dean Buckler

REMARKS

Arthur N. Abbey ’59
Chair, Board of Trustees

AWARDING OF PRIZES

Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Awards
Presented by Professor Stephen J. Ellmann

Faculty Awards
To be announced
Student Awards
Nicholas W. Turner, Day Division
For the article, “Dodd-Frank and International Regulatory Convergence: The Case for Mutual Recognition”

Eric J. Marshall, Evening Division
For the article, “Rescuing the Union Grievance from the Shoals of Garcetti: A Call for the Return to Reason in Public Workplace Speech Jurisprudence”

*The Finalists for the Trustees’ Prize for the Highest Average Presentation by Interim Associate Dean Jethro K. Lieberman

Day Division
Shannon M. Henderson
Renee Lynn Neier
Gregory C. Salton
Charles J. Weinstein
Antoinette M. Worrell

Evening Division
Mary Galloway Herms
Eric J. Marshall
Molly E. Nehring
Bradford Sussman
Geoffrey L. Weg

The Alfred L. Rose Award for Excellence Presentation by Associate Dean Mariana Hogan
Nicholas W. Turner, Day Division
Eric J. Marshall, Evening Division

The Dean’s Award for Student Leadership Presentation by Dean Hogan
Alesha S. Brown, Day Division
Jorge Luis Rodriguez, Evening Division

Class of 2012 Teaching Award Presentation by Tiffany Caban, President, Student Bar Association
Professor Doni Gewirtzman

STUDENT REMARKS
Christopher G. Binns, Day Division
Joshua David Brookstein, Evening Division

* 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.
ORDER OF EXERCISES (continued)

AWARDING OF PRESIDENT'S MEDAL  Presentation by Arthur N. Abbey ’59
James F. Simon, Martin Professor of Law Emeritus and Dean Emeritus, New York Law School

The Honorable Roger J. Miner ’56, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE  Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)  Presentation by Dean Buckler
Kenneth R. Feinberg, Founder, Managing Partner, Feinberg Rozen, LLP; Special Master, Federal September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS  Mr. Feinberg

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 Deborah N. Archer
Professor Camille Broussard
Professor Doni Gewirtzman
Professor William P. LaPiana
Professor Michael L. Perlin
Professor Nadine Strossen

Presentation of Candidates
Dean Buckler

Conferring of Degrees
Chairman Abbey

CLOSING REMARKS  Dean Buckler

Anthony W. Crowell
Dean and President

RECESSIONAL  Two Voluntaries—Henry Purcell
Degrees with Honors

February 1, 2012

Summa Cum Laude
Joanna C. Peck
Adam Ivan Rich

Magna Cum Laude
John Arning

Cum Laude
Sean Patrick Duane
Elizabeth J. Ferguson

May 21, 2012

Summa Cum Laude
Dana Elizabeth Brodsky
Evan J. Cappelli
Joseph Robert Gregory
Shannon M. Henderson
Renee Lynn Neier

Magna Cum Laude
David M. Brown
Adam Cohen
John P. Collins
Elias Demopoulos
Artem Djuicic
Elliot Dolby-Shields
Timothy David Howell Evans
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Degrees with Honors
Cum Laude

Meredith Jane Abrams
Danielle Barbuto
Matthew E. Beatus
Alisha Bhanji
Chaim Bueno
Angelica Elizabeth Campanaro
Ekaterina A. Casali
Maria Cheung
Cynthia G. Claytor
Rachel Cohen
Christina Marie De Rosa
Juanita F. Devlin
Jerome Louis DiMenna III
Kelly Ann Dynes
Ross N. Eberight
Eric J. Einhart
Sarah Ashley Ferguson
Andrew J. Finan
Molly Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Ian Friend
Jillian Anne Frost
Ilyssa Fuchs
Adam Gartenberg
Connie Anne Gibilaro
Amber Gonzalez
John Grunert
Daniel Hanan
Yan Benjamin Hankin
Matthew Jo Chamberlin Hellman
Mary Galloway Herms
Alexander C. Hill
Solomon Israel
Julie Marie Jakubik
Ra'Shaun Kelley
Terence J. Kemp
Arevik Khurdayan
Randy E. Kleinman
Sarah Michelle Kurtz
Mark Lapidus
Jessica L. Laumanns
Misa H. Le
Nicholas W. Maiorano

Dinneen A. Mazzone
Sarah Mills-Dirlam
Nicole Marie Nash
Molly E. Nehring
James O’Donnell
Kendra Okposo
Anna Kallet Ostrom
Leslie Ann Pasqualone
Melanie Perez
Jacqueline M. Pimpinelli
Scott David Rader
Candice K. Rediger
Justin Michael Reitman
Kari Lynn Rongo
Genna Kinsler Saltzman
Leonard Sarmiento
David M. Sborz
Joseph Natale Schneiderman
Dmitry Shamis
Emi Shinozaki
Colette Siesholtz
Russell Mark Smith Jr.
Alexander J. Sokoloff
Alyssa Marie Soto
Matthew Frank Spano
James Marshall Spector
Alice Helen Charlotte Townes
Marc Vincent Valinoti
Toby Vickers
Jessica L. Wald
Steven W. Ward
Amanda Teresa Waye
Jesse Cord Weber
Geoffrey L. Weg
Alison Leigh Weisman
Mak Edward Weisman
Lauren H. Whiting
Stephanie L. Wiegand
Ethan Wishnick
Nicole F. Wolosoff
Kristina Marie Wright
Commencement Prizes

American Law Institute-American Bar Association (ALI-ABA) Continuing Professional Education Scholarship & Leadership Award

Mary Galloway Herms

Chief Justice Rose E. Bird Award for Motivation in Pursuing Public Interest Law

Christopher G. Binns

Professor Lung-Chu Chen Award for Excellence in the Field of Human Rights

Nicholas W. Turner

HeLEN & ANDREW DOKAS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT

Vanessa Bellucci
Leora Tamar Wexler

Professor Stephen J. Ellmann Clinical Legal Education Prize

Matthew Jo Chamberlin Hellman

Faculty Award for Outstanding Service to the New York Law School Law Review

John Joseph Imhoff III
Stephanie L. Wiegand

The Daniel Finkelstein Writing Award

Natalia Kapitonova, for her article, “Landlord’s Remedies upon Tenant’s Default in the Real Estate Board of New York Standard Form of Office Lease”

Alexander D. Forger Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession

Stephanie L. Wiegand

Media Center Award for Outstanding Performance

Jessica Rhea Cox

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

Jason David Weaderhorn

National Association of Women Lawyers Award

Sarah Ashley Ferguson

Roger J. Miner Award for Outstanding Editorial Contribution to the New York Law School Law Review

Andrew J. Finan
Nicholas W. Turner
NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW AWARD FOR BEST NOTE
Katherine Lazarow

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION BEST ADVOCATE AWARD
Sarah Wooton Garrod

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM
Gaurav Dave
Sarah Wooton Garrod
Ian Gill Thomas
Joanna Denise Wine

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT AWARD FOR SERVING WITH DISTINCTION
Avraham Bakst
Christopher G. Binns
Daniel Robert Costello
Alexa Jordan Silverman

ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS
Christopher G. Binns
Daniel Robert Costello
Gaurav Dave
Sarah Wooton Garrod
Shannon Hagan
Joseph Mancino
Stephanie Scollo Aris
Harleigh S. Tensen
Ian Gill Thomas
Joanna Denise Wine

JOSEPH SOLOMON AWARD FOR EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND FITNESS
Marly V. Marcellus
Michelle Beverly Minarcik

ERNST C. STIEFEL WRITING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMPARATIVE-COMMON CIVIL LAW
Nicholas W. Turner, for his article, “Dodd-Frank and International Regulatory Convergence: The Case for Mutual Recognition”
**Commencement Prizes** (to be announced)

These prizes will be awarded after computation of final grades and will be announced on the Law School’s Web site.

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<td>Professor Henry Rothblatt Award for Criminal Advocacy</td>
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<td>Elsberg Prize for Proficiency in the Law of Contracts—Evening Division</td>
<td>Murray Stockman Memorial Award for the Highest Average in the Law of Evidence</td>
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<td>The Ruben S. Fogel Commencement Award for Excellence in Constitutional History and Death Penalty (Established in honor of Professor Robert Blecker)</td>
<td>Louis Susman Memorial Award for Excellence in the Study of the Law of Evidence</td>
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<td>Woodrow Wilson Award for Proficiency in Constitutional Law</td>
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<td>Henry J. Wolff Award for Proficiency During a Full Course of Study—Evening Division</td>
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<td>Ross Gnesin Award for Excellence in Workers’ Compensation Law</td>
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<td>Professor Albert Kalter Award for Excellence in Tax Law</td>
<td>Abraham Markhoff Writing Award (for Workers’ Compensation)</td>
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<td>Professor Vincent Lolordo Award for Excellence in Administration of Criminal Justice</td>
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<td>Dr. Max Reich Award for Excellence in Civil Trial Advocacy</td>
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<td>Professor Ivan Soubbotitch Award for Excellence in Poverty Law and Civil Rights</td>
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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 2012.

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James F. Simon is a nationally recognized scholar of constitutional law and award-winning author of eight books on American history, law, and politics. He made significant contributions to legal education during his extraordinarily productive tenure as Dean of New York Law School from 1983 to 1992. The success of his years as Dean can be measured in the many outstanding achievements of the Law School during that time: the gathering of the largest, most talented and productive faculty since the institution’s founding; the introduction of numerous academic initiatives resulting in distinguished special programs and innovative new curricula; the increasing diversity and quality of the student body; the substantial expansion and improvement of facilities; and the impressive and steadily growing participation by all members of the Law School community through its broad and diverse activities.

Dean Simon is the author of seven major works on the modern Supreme Court and its justices: In His Own Image: The Supreme Court in Richard Nixon’s America, winner of the American Bar Association’s Silver Gavel Award; Independent Journey: The Life of William O. Douglas, winner of the Scribes Award of the American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects; The Antagonists: Hugo Black, Felix Frankfurter, and Civil Liberties in Modern America; The Center Holds: The Power Struggle Inside the Rehnquist Court; What Kind of Nation: Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall, and the Epic Struggle to Create a United States, called “a major contribution” by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Joseph J. Ellis in The New York Times Book Review, and praised by historian Richard Norton Smith as “...graceful, gripping narrative...brilliantly told by a scholar at the peak of his powers”; Lincoln and Chief Justice Taney: Slavery, Secession, and the President’s War Powers, commended by Arthur Schlesinger Jr. as “exciting and notable” and by Lincoln scholar Harold Holzer as “a riveting, accessible, and ingenious study.” His most recent book, FDR and Chief Justice Hughes: The President, the Supreme Court, and the Epic Battle Over the New Deal, has been praised by historian Jean Edward Smith as a “marvelously written, meticulously researched study” and by Bob Woodward as “a spectacular book, brilliantly conceived and executed—an illuminating window into the question of the ages: Who has the power? The President, Congress, or the Supreme Court?”

Dean Simon credits three professors at Yale, where he earned both a bachelor’s and a law degree, with stimulating his interest in American history and constitutional law. Professor John Morton Blum’s undergraduate course on twentieth-century American history first drew him to the study of history. At Yale Law School, he was pulled toward constitutional law by two professors with very different interpretative approaches to the U.S. Constitution: Alexander Bickel and Fred Rodell.

Apart from his Yale degrees, Dean Simon’s academic credentials include a Ford Foundation Africa-Asia Fellowship to work and study in India; a year as a Harvard Fellow in Law and the Humanities; and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from New York Law School in 1992.
While a correspondent and contributing editor of *Time* magazine, specializing in legal affairs, Dean Simon analyzed U.S. Supreme Court cases, wrote profiles of outstanding legal educators, lawyers, and judges, and covered major trials. He began teaching as a visiting lecturer in American Studies at Yale University and has since lectured widely both in the United States and abroad.

Dean Simon has been a member of the Board of Trustees of New York Law School and of Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York. He joined the faculty of New York Law School in 1975, and has taught courses in Constitutional Law, Legal Journalism, and the Modern Supreme Court. In 1993, he was named Martin Professor of Law.

As author, scholar, educator, and Dean, James F. Simon has demonstrated qualities of leadership, scholarship, and integrity reflecting the highest standards of New York Law School, and in so doing he has contributed immeasurably to the excellence of this institution.

*New York Law School honors James F. Simon for his leadership, his teaching excellence and dedication to the law and to legal education, and for his noteworthy achievements in scholarship and writing.*
Judge Roger J. Miner ’56 was a widely respected senior judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. His name twice appeared on presidential short-lists for possible nomination to the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Miner’s deep and long-standing commitment to the Law School was wide-ranging. He was a recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Alumni Association, where he served as an honorary director. He was also a recipient of the Dean’s Medal for Distinguished Professional Service as well as the Charles W. Froessell Award for Valuable Contribution to Law. Judge Miner was an adjunct professor of law from 1986 to 1996 and a member of the Law School's Board of Trustees from 1991 to 1996. In 1988, Judge Miner and other members of the Miner family established the Abram Miner Scholarship Fund to honor Judge Miner’s father Abram, a member of the Law School’s Class of 1926. Also among Judge Miner’s lasting contributions to the Law School was the generous donation of his papers, creating a rich and permanent archive for students, faculty, scholars, historians, and other researchers of all disciplines.

Born in 1934 in Hudson, New York, Judge Miner attended Columbia College and received his undergraduate degree from the State University of New York and his LL.B. degree cum laude from New York Law School in 1956. He served as the first Managing Editor of the Law Review and received the Law Forum Prize in 1955 for his outstanding contributions to the Review. Judge Miner received honorary LL.D. degrees from New York Law School, Albany Law School, and Syracuse University.

The New York Law School Law Review honored Judge Miner in 1986, dedicating its 30th anniversary volume to him. In describing Judge Miner’s judicial opinions, the Law Review wrote that they “reflect[ed] his sophisticated understanding of modern social and legal problems, as well as a welcome sense of pragmatism. The body of his work is characterized by remarkable scholarship and perception, and a sense of justice and fairness that has become Judge Miner’s hallmark.” In 2012, the Law Review's Award for Outstanding Editorial Contribution was renamed for Judge Miner.

After graduation and admission to practice in New York, he joined his father Abram in private practice. Judge Miner was also admitted to practice in the United States Court of Military Appeals. He served on active military duty from 1956 to 1959, and later with the Army Reserve, obtaining the rank of captain in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps. Judge Miner was awarded the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for his work on the revision of the Manual for Courts-Martial. He was admitted to the Bar of the Republic of Korea in 1958, a rare honor for an American.

In 1976, at the age of 41, Judge Miner became one of the youngest justices of the New York State Supreme Court. He served there until 1981, when President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York. Of Judge Miner’s 80 District Court decisions that were appealed to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, only two were reversed. In July 1985, President Reagan nominated Judge Miner to fill one of two new judgeships in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. The nomination was unanimously confirmed by the Senate, and Judge Miner was sworn in on September 14, 1985.
A prolific writer, Judge Miner authored more than 30 law journal and law review articles, and more than 700 published appellate opinions. He sat on Second Circuit panels in well over 2,000 matters. A Washington Post obituary noted that Judge Miner had “built a reputation for measured rulings and courtroom conduct and as a judge who showed little tolerance for the intrusions of politics into judicial chambers.”

Throughout his life Judge Miner manifested a profound commitment to public service. From 1961 to 1964, he served as Corporation Counsel for the City of Hudson and as the Assistant District Attorney for Columbia County from 1964 to 1968. He served as the District Attorney for Columbia County from 1968 to 1975. Among the many professional and community organizations to which he devoted his time were the American Law Institute; the American, New York State, and Columbia County Bar Associations; the American Judicature Society; the American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects (Scribes); the Federal Judges Association; the Federal Bar Council; the Association of the Bar of the City of New York; the New York Supreme Court Justices Association; the Association of Trial Judges, Third Judicial District; the National and the New York District Attorneys Associations; the Albany Law School American Inn of Court; the Practising Law Institute; the Columbia County Historical Society; the Columbia County Association; and the Isaiah Lodge B’nai B’rith.

Judge Miner was also a dedicated teacher who tirelessly advocated for the importance of training lawyers for the practice of law. In addition to his 10 years as an adjunct professor of law at NYLS, Judge Miner was an adjunct professor of law at Albany Law School from 1997–2002 and a faculty associate at the Arizona State University College of Law in 2004. He was a lecturer in the State University of New York at Albany Graduate Program in Court Systems Management and an adjunct associate professor of criminal law at Columbia-Greene Community College. He was also a lecturer at the American, New York State, and local Bar Associations and at the U.S. Attorney General’s Advocacy Institute.

Judge Miner was an unparalleled mentor to dozens of former law clerks, many of whom are NYLS alumni. In formal remarks appearing in the February 28, 2012 Congressional Record, New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a former law clerk for Judge Miner, remembered him as a “truly brilliant and dedicated jurist who served New York and the nation as a public servant his entire life. . . . He inspired me with his integrity, fairness, and great love of public service. I will always remember his generosity, kindness, and great intellect that taught me so much.”

New York Law School posthumously awards the President’s Medal of Honor, the highest honor it can bestow, to Judge Roger J. Miner for his distinguished and devoted service to the Law School and for his unfailing commitment to the principles of law and justice.
Mr. Feinberg was designated by the Obama Administration and British Petroleum (BP) to serve as Administrator, Gulf Coast Claims Facility in 2010.

He was appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury in 2009 to serve as the Special Master for TARP Executive Compensation. In this capacity, he was responsible for determining annual compensation packages for senior corporate officials at companies that received the most taxpayer financial assistance.

He was also appointed by the Attorney General of the United States to serve as the Special Master of the Federal September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001. In this capacity, he developed and promulgated the regulations governing the administration of the fund and administered all aspects of the program, including evaluating applications, determining appropriate compensation, and disseminating awards.

Mr. Feinberg was the Fund Administrator responsible for the design, implementation, and administration of the claims process for the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund following the tragic shootings at Virginia Tech University.

Mr. Feinberg was also retained by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and Zurich Insurance Company to design, implement and administer an Alternative Dispute Resolution Program for resolving insurance claims arising out of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes in the Gulf region.

Mr. Feinberg was appointed as Receiver in New York State Common Retirement Fund v. 711 Third Avenue Associates (New York Supreme Court Index No. 114250/97) to collect and receive all rents and profits of the mortgaged property and to enter into leases and terminate or continue any contracts necessary to protect the mortgaged properties.

Mr. Feinberg was appointed in June of 2007 as the Distribution Agent In Re: United States Securities and Exchange Commission v. American International Group, Inc., responsible for the preparation and implementation of a plan for the distribution of a Fair Fund of $800 million to eligible claimants. He has also served as Fund Administrator in other prominent settlements including: In Re: United States of America v. Computer Associates International, Inc. (responsible for the design and implementation of a restitution fund of $275 million); In Re: International Air Transportation Surcharge Antitrust Litigation (responsible for the design and administration of a $200 million fund); In Re: Zyprexa Product Liability Litigation (a $700 million settlement fund); In Re: Latino Officers Association City of New York, Inc., et al., v. The City of New York, et al. (a $17 million settlement fund).

Mr. Feinberg is an attorney and one of the nation’s leading experts in mediation and alternative dispute resolution. He is the Managing Partner of Feinberg Rozen, LLP. Mr. Feinberg received his B.A. cum laude from the University of Massachusetts in 1967 and his J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1970, where he was Articles Editor of the Law Review. He was a law clerk for Chief Judge Stanley H. Fuld, New York State Court of Appeals from 1970 to 1972; Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District
of New York from 1972 to 1975; Special Counsel, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary from 1975 to 1980; Administrative Assistant to Senator Edward M. Kennedy from 1977 to 1979; Partner at Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler from 1980 to 1993; and founded The Feinberg Group, LLP in 1993.

Mr. Feinberg has also been a Court-Appointed Special Settlement Master, mediator, and arbitrator in thousands of disputes. He was also one of three arbitrators selected to determine the fair market value of the original Zapruder film of the Kennedy assassination and was one of two arbitrators selected to determine the allocation of legal fees in the Holocaust slave labor litigation.

Mr. Feinberg was a member of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Human Radiation Experiments from 1994 to 1998; the Presidential Commission on Catastrophic Nuclear Accidents from 1989 to 1990; and the Carnegie Commission Task Force on Science and Technology in Judicial and Regulatory Decision Making from 1989 to 1993. He is currently a member of the National Judicial Panel, Center for Public Resources, and previously chaired the American Bar Association Special Committee on Mass Torts from 1988 to 1989. He is also a national arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association.

Mr. Feinberg is currently Chairman Elect of the Board of the RAND Institute of Civil Justice, is Vice-Chairman of the Board of Human Rights First, and is a member of the Board of the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law.

Mr. Feinberg has had a distinguished teaching career as Adjunct Professor of Law at the Georgetown University Law Center, University of Pennsylvania Law School, New York University School of Law, the University of Virginia Law School, and Columbia Law School. He has also taught as a visiting lecturer at UCLA Law School, Vanderbilt Law School, New York Law School, and Duke Law School.

Mr. Feinberg is currently President of the Washington National Opera.

Mr. Feinberg was designated “Lawyer of the Year” by The National Law Journal (December, 2004). He is listed in “Profiles in Power: The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America” (The National Law Journal, May 2, 1988; March 25, 1991; April 4, 1994; June 12, 2000; June 19, 2006). He is the author of numerous articles and essays on mediation, mass torts, and other matters and is the author of What Is Life Worth? The Unprecedented Effort to Compensate the Victims of 9/11 (Public Affairs 2005).

For your outstanding accomplishments and influence in the field of law, New York Law School takes great pride in awarding you, Kenneth R. Feinberg, the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereunto appertaining.
President’s Medal of Honor Recipients
2002 to the Present

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

2002  Awarded posthumously to
BERNARD H. MENDIK ’58
Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
President, Bernard H. Mendik Company, LLC
Benefactor, The Mendik Law Library

2003  Awarded posthumously to
SHEPARD BROAD ’27
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
Founder, Broad and Cassel
Benefactor, Shepard Broad Scholarship Fund
Benefactor, The Shepard and Ruth K. Broad Student Center

2004  J. BRUCE LLEWELLYN ’60
Former Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
Chairman and CEO of Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Inc.
Founder of “100 Black Men”

2005  LAWRENCE S. HUNTINGTON ’64
Former Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
Chairman Emeritus of the Board,
Fiduciary Trust Company International
Generous Benefactor

2006  Awarded posthumously to
PHILIP M. DAMASHEK
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
Managing Partner, Schneider, Kleinick, Weitz, Damashek & Shoot
President, New York State Trial Lawyers Association (1990–91)

2007  SYBIL SHAINWALD ’76
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
President, Law Offices of Sybil Shainwald

2008  THE HONORABLE ERNST H. ROSEMBERGER ’58
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
Adjunct Professor of Law, New York Law School
Of Counsel, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

2009  ZYGMENT 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  HARRY H. WELLINGTON
Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus,
New York Law School

2012  Awarded posthumously to
THE HONORABLE ROGER J. MINER ’56
Senior United States Circuit Judge
Trustee Emeritus and Former Adjunct Professor of Law, New York Law School

JAMES F. SIMON
Martin Professor of Law Emeritus and Dean Emeritus, New York Law School
# Honorary Degree Recipients

1955 to the Present

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| 1955 | The Honorable Charles William Froessel ’13  
The Honorable John Marshall Harlan ’24  
Archibald Robinson Watson |
| 1956 | Albert Cohn 1908  
Albert Conway  
Denis O'Leary |
| 1957 | Nathaniel L. Goldstein ’18  
Charles H. Griffiths ’10  
David W. Peck |
| 1958 | The Honorable Joseph A. Cox  
James Thomas Hallinan II  
Gerald Nolan  
Ferdinand Pecora |
| 1959 | Bernard Botein  
Theodore Granik  
Philip M. Kleinfield ’16  
Edward J. Neary ’15 |
| 1960 | Charles Stewart Desmond |
| 1961 | Robert Moses |
| 1962 | Stanley Howells Fund  
Sylvester Comstock Smith Jr. ’18  
Murray Stockman ’15 |
| 1963 | Sydney E. Foster |
| 1964 | George J. Beldock  
Hunter Labatut Delatour 1906  
Marvin R. Dye  
Alfred Gross |
| 1965 | Edwin L. Weisel  
The Honorable David T. Wilentz ’17 |
| 1966 | Daniel Gutman  
John Van Voorhis |
| 1967 | Alfred J. Bohlinger ’24  
Leo M. Cherne ’34  
The Honorable W. Averell Harriman |
| 1968 | The Honorable Ramsey Clark  
Tom C. Clark  
David Finkelstein  
Orison S. Marden  
Robert Morris Morgenthau  
Edward Joseph Mortola |
| 1969 | Jerry Finkelstein ’38  
John-Seward Johnson  
John Vincent Thornton |
| 1970 | Adrian P. Burke  
Joseph I. Lubin ’30  
Joseph Edward Lumbard Jr.  
Samuel Miller ’26 |
| 1971 | Willard Heckel  
John E. Scileppi |
| 1972 | Maurice R. Greenberg ’50  
Samuel Rabin  
The Honorable Whitney North Seymour Jr. |
| 1973 | The Honorable Paul J. Curran  
Charles H. Dyson  
Harry B. Helmsley  
E. Donald Shapiro  
The Honorable Joseph Weintraub |
| 1974 | The Honorable Brendan T. Byrne  
Walter M. Jeffords Jr.  
Samuel J. LeFrak  
The Honorable Owen McGivern |
Honorary Degree Recipients (continued)
1955 to the Present

1975  The Honorable Charles D. Breitel
      William J. Curran
      Gen. John Einar Murray
      The Honorable Peter W. Rodino Jr.
      Stefan Treschel
      The Honorable Robert F. Wagner 1900
      William Weary

1976  The Honorable Warren E. Burger
      Milton Helpern
      Mary Gardiner Jones
      Gen. Rowland F. Kirks
      Harry Ostrov ’25
      The Honorable Edward D. Re
      Joseph Solomon ’27

1977  The Honorable Dennis DeConcini
      Elizabeth Hughes Gossett
      The Honorable Howard T. Markey
      The Honorable Daniel Patrick Moynihan
      Albert M. Sacks

1978  The Honorable Griffen B. Bell
      The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
      The Honorable Erwin N. Griswold
      The Honorable Damon J. Keith
      Rabbi Emmanuel Rackman

1979  The Honorable Benjamin R. Civiletti
      The Honorable Lawrence H. Cooke
      Barbara Knowles Debs
      Abraham S. Goldstein
      The Honorable Jacob K. Javits
      The Honorable Wade H. McCree Jr.
      The Honorable Francis T. Murphy ’52
      The Honorable Potter Stewart

1980  The Honorable Richard Reeve Baxter
      The Most Reverend Terence Cardinal Cooke
      The Honorable Richard N. Gardner
      A. Leo Levin
      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

1982  The Honorable Mary S. Coleman
      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
      Albert Parker ’21
      The Honorable Lowell P. Weicker Jr.

1984  The Honorable Geraldine A. Ferraro
      The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham Jr.
      Eugene V. Rostow
      Robert B. Stevens
      Otto L. Walter ’54

1985  The Honorable Mario M. Cuomo
      Robert B. McKay
      Bill Moyers
      The Honorable Ellen Ash Peters
      Donna E. Shalala
1986  Barbara Aronstein Black  
The Honorable William Joseph Brennan Jr.  
The Honorable Edward I. Koch  
Myres Smith McDougal  
The Honorable Spottswood W. Robinson III

1987  Fred W. Friendly  
The Honorable Thomas Howard Kean  
Frederick A.O. Schwarz Jr.  
Ellen V. Futter

1988  The Honorable Patricia McGowan Wald  
Archibald R. Murray  
Ernst C. Stiefel

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  
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. Atenson  
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
About New York Law School
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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.

The Early Years
Almost immediately, New York Law School attained a formidable reputation due to the excellence of its students and faculty.

From its beginning, New York Law School has been 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 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 & Kiendel; 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 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 Nuñez, 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.

Post-War Rebuilding
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 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 Rodd & Abrams, 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 for Administration and Finance, New York City Department of Education.

GROWTH AND REVITALIZATION
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. This was followed by the construction of the Samuel and Ethel LeFrak Moot Court Room, the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room, and the Shepard and Ruth K. Broad Student Center. An extensive remodeling and modernization program transformed the Law School’s classrooms, offices, and specialty training areas. 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 dynamic 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. Dean Wellington broadened the Law School’s curriculum to increase emphasis on the development of professional skills.

During Dean Wellington’s tenure, the Ernst C. Stiefel Professorship of Comparative Law was created.

THE PRESENT AND OUR SHARED FUTURE
Richard A. Matasar, a nationally recognized scholar in civil procedure and federal jurisdiction, was named the 15th President and Dean of New York Law School in 2000, serving until December 2011.

Almost immediately, Dean Matasar led a comprehensive, collegial self-evaluation process involving all members of the New York Law School community in an exercise that sharpened the definition of its goals. The School articulated a mission statement centered on three goals that focus its approach to legal education:

- Embrace innovation.
- Foster integrity and professionalism.
- Advance justice for a diverse society.

On this principled foundation, the Law School created a plan for its future to strengthen skills and values education for its students. The words “Learn law. Take action.” express the Law School’s commitment to teach students to use the skills and knowledge they acquire as lawyers to do something valuable for others. By fostering an internal culture that embraces innovation and creativity, the Law School encourages students to develop the ability to adapt to new situations as they arise, to modify their behavior when change requires it, and to graduate with a commitment to a lifetime of learning. Through an extensive program for professional development, with an emphasis on integrity and professionalism, the faculty and staff engage students in the ongoing improvement of the legal profession.
REINVIGORATING THE CURRICULUM
The faculty has adopted a new curricular approach, grounded on a strong J.D. curriculum, to provide students with different avenues for academic success. Dubbed “The Right Program for Each Student,” this approach acknowledges that different practice settings require differing levels of training. For example, students working in larger organizations with extensive in-house training programs have less need for hands-on training than those who will open a solo practice. Those in larger organizations may need training in a specialized area, while those in general practice settings may need more breadth and less specialized expertise.

The faculty approved and implemented several new initiatives that together comprise The Right Program for Each Student:

• The John Marshall Harlan Scholars Program, a world-class academic honors program named after New York Law School’s alumnus and the United States Supreme Court justice who served on the Court from 1955 to 1971. The program is geared toward students who perform in the top 15 percent of their law school class. Eligible students affiliate with one of the School’s nine academic centers, create sophisticated capstone projects, and upon graduation, write their own tickets for the careers of their dreams.

• The Comprehensive Curriculum Program provides intensive support for students who perform in the bottom quarter of their class after the first year, helping them turn a weak start into a powerful finish. The first three groups to complete CCP have given the Law School its highest bar passage rates for first-time takers on record—hitting 93.6 percent in 2008, placing the School in the top five of all law schools in New York state.

• Starting with the first-year curriculum, the School’s overall program has been revised to more accurately reflect the knowledge and skills students need to succeed in today’s marketplace. Our approach is based on collaborative learning and provides students with opportunities to work directly with professors on real-world projects.

GROWTH AND STRENGTH OF ACADEMIC CENTERS
The School’s academic centers, led by members of the faculty, continue to be developed 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. The centers complement course work in civil rights, international human rights, international trade and finance, constitutional law, urban legal, information law and policy, real estate, finance, and professional values and practice. Nine academic centers, described below, play an integral role in the Harlan Scholars honors program.

Center on Business Law & Policy
Established in 2005, the Center on Business Law & Policy is designed to provide an enriched educational experience in the business, securities, and commercial law areas. Students are trained to excel as planners and counselors in general advising, litigation, and especially deal-making situations where businesses and other commercial entities are clients. Center graduates will have a firm grounding in the fundamentals needed to enter business-oriented law firms, law departments in corporations, investment banks, financial services and brokerage firms, institutional investors, as well as regulators and other commercially oriented governmental offices.

Center on Financial Services Law
The Center on Financial Services Law began offering programs in fall 2008. The Center’s long-range plan includes developing job opportunities in the financial services industry for students and alumni, providing a forum for discussing regulatory reforms, and creating new educational programs for industry legal and business professionals.

C.V. Starr 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 combines a comprehensive curriculum aimed at creating excellent practitioners able to represent children and families in all aspects of family law. The Center 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 & Policy**
Established in 2003, the Institute for Information Law & 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.

In 2006, the School’s **Labor & Employment Law Program** became part of the Justice Action Center. Ever since New York Law School alumnus Senator Robert F. Wagner—the “legislative pilot of the New Deal”—wrote
and led the fight to enact the National Labor Relations Act, New York Law School has remained on the cutting edge of labor and employment law and public policy. In the tradition of Senator Wagn er, New York Law School’s Labor & Employment Law Program seeks to advance and influence law and public policy with an action-oriented, public-interested agenda.

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 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 is affiliated with the Institute for Information Law & Policy. 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 will begin 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 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
Government leaders and judges from the United States and abroad often speak at or visit the Law School. These have included former President Jimmy Carter; Justices of the Supreme Court Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Harry A. Blackmun, William J. Brennan Jr., Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, and Sandra Day O’Connor; former New York State Governor Mario Cuomo; former New York City Mayors Edward I. Koch, David N. Dinkins, Rudolph W. Giuliani and current Mayor Michael Bloomberg; Drew S. Days III, U.S. Solicitor General; Thomas Pickering, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; and Chief Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo of the International Criminal Court.

The School’s success as a center for intellectual and cultural exchange will continue to grow with its new state-of-the-art academic building, which opened in spring 2009. In August 2006, New York Law School broke ground on a $190 million expansion and renovation program that has transformed its TriBeCa campus into a cohesive architectural complex nearly double its former size. The centerpiece of the expansion is a new glass-enclosed, 235,000-square-foot, nine-level building—five stories above ground and four below—that integrates with the School’s existing three buildings. The new facility will allow New York Law School to enhance student support, expand the faculty, and deepen its extraordinary program.

In 2012, New York Law School, continuing its tradition of bold and innovative leadership, named Anthony W. Crowell, Counselor to New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Board Chair of the Brooklyn Public Library, the 16th Dean and President of the Law School. Joining the School in spring 2012, Dean Crowell is poised to maximize New York Law School’s strengths and bring it recognition as a leader in legal education.

POISED FOR SUCCESS

New York Law School is poised for continued success. Its vitality springs from the dedication of its stellar faculty, the talent and energy of its students, and the strong support and commitment of its graduates.

The Law School’s distinguished full-time faculty comprises productive scholars who are dedicated educators. Some of the nation’s most prominent scholars from other law schools also have served as visiting professors.
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 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, and 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.)
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