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116TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

May 18, 2008

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The audience is requested to remain seated during the processional, to stand for the singing of the National Anthem, and to remain in place at the conclusion of the Commencement exercises until the recessional is concluded. Please refrain from using cell phones and pagers during the Commencement exercises.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dear Members of the Class of 2008:

Graduation always stirs emotions: Appreciation for the support of parents, family, and friends; elation at finishing school and the student phase of life; 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!); satisfaction in all that has been accomplished; and joy in the wonderful things you plan to do. 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 talent to make a difference for those needing your expertise.

When you began your career at New York Law School we started a conversation 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 fearless and ready to become innovators in your practice. We are confident that you will be consummate professionals with the 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 are certain to 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 2008. We salute your strength and dedication and welcome you to the ranks of our graduates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R.A. Matasar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Richard A. Matasar
Dean and President

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	Dean Richard A. Matasar, Presiding
PRELUDE	<i>Jubilate Deo</i> —Gregor Aichinger <i>Contrapunctus</i> —J.S. Bach <i>Quintet #1</i> —Victor Ewald
MARSHALLS	Victoria Eastus, Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs Kenneth Norz, Assistant Dean for Academic Planning and Programming
PROCESSIONAL	<i>Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1 Op. 39</i> —Sir Edward Elgar <i>Triumphal March, Aida</i> —Giuseppe Verdi
GREETINGS	Richard A. Matasar <i>Dean and President</i>
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	Charles Joseph Messina <i>Class of 2008</i>
INTRODUCTION OF OLD GUARD	Dean Matasar
REMARKS	Arthur N. Abbey '59 <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>
AWARDING OF PRIZES	OTTO L. WALTER DISTINGUISHED WRITING AWARDS <i>Presented by Associate Dean Stephen J. Ellmann</i> Faculty Awards <i>To be announced</i>

AWARDING OF PRIZES
(continued)

Student Awards

Erin E. Martin, Day Division
For the article, "The Intersection Between Finance & Intellectual Property: Trade Secrets, Hedge Funds, & Section 13(F) of the Exchange Act"

Martin Simon Krezalek, Evening Division
For the article, "How to Minimize the Risk of Violating Due Process Rights While Preserving the BIA's Ability to Affirm without Opinions"

*THE FINALISTS FOR THE TRUSTEES' PRIZE FOR THE HIGHEST AVERAGE
Presentation by Associate Dean Lenni B. Benson

<i>Day Division</i>	<i>Evening Division</i>
Winston Richmond Brownlow	Andrew Almonte
Andrew John DeByl Finn	Adam Joseph Fleischer
Ericka Fowler	Manoj Nair
Stephanie D. Sado	

THE ALFRED L. ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
Presentation by Associate Dean Lenni B. Benson

Andrew John DeByl Finn, Day Division
Stephanie D. Sado, Day Division
Manoj Nair, Evening Division

THE DEAN'S AWARD FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP
Presentation by Associate Dean Lenni B. Benson

Michael J. Harkey
Sharon Anne Sorkin
Kinanda Williams-Murray

CLASS OF 2008 TEACHING AWARD
Presentation by Associate Dean Stephen J. Ellmann

Professor Donald H. Zeigler

STUDENT REMARKS

Ericka Fowler, Day Division
Michael Francis O'Connell, 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

PRESIDENT’S MEDAL OF HONOR
Presentation by Arthur N. Abbey ’59, Chair, Board of Trustees
Awarded to the Honorable Ernst H. Rosenberger ’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

CONFERRING OF
HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF LAWS (LL.D.)
Presentation by Vincent Carbonell ’00
Dennis W. Archer, Esq.
Chairman, Dickinson Wright PLLC

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Mr. Archer

CONFERRING OF
STUDENT DEGREES

Introduction of Candidates
Professor Ann F. Thomas
Associate Dean Suzanne J.S. Davidson
Associate Dean Lenni B. Benson
Professor Elizabeth Chambliss
Professor Annette Gordon-Reed
Professor Michael L. Perlin
Professor Nadine Strossen

Presentation of Candidates
Dean Matasar

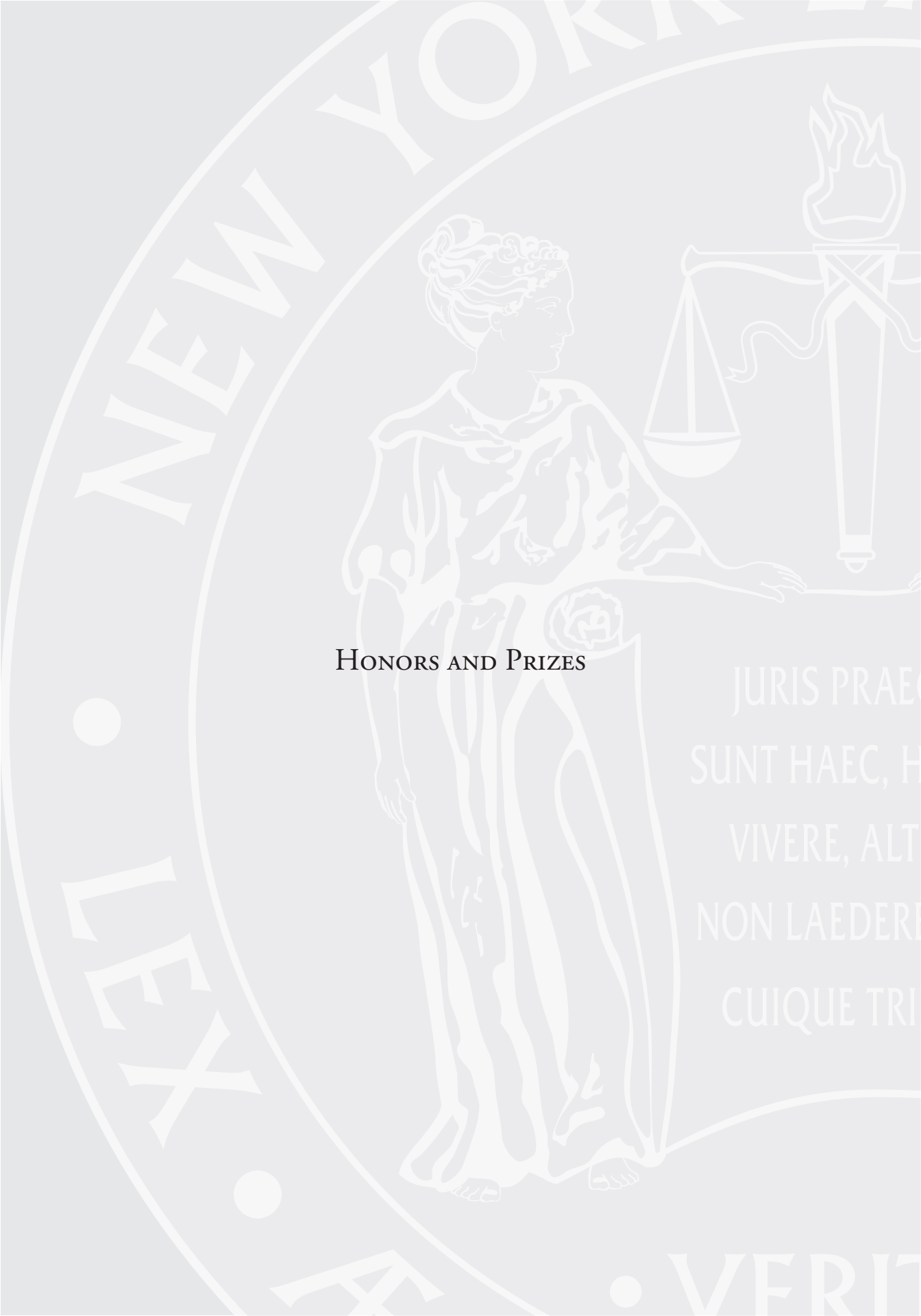
Conferring of Degrees
Chairman Abbey

CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Matasar

RECESSIONAL

Two Voluntaries—Henry Purcell



HONORS AND PRIZES

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DEGREES WITH HONORS

February 1, 2008

Magna Cum Laude

Shayna R. Akkerman

Jennifer Virginia Rogers

Cum Laude

Volodymyr Basok

Phillip Kin-Keung Eng

Irina Kushel

Danielle T. Paré

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Summa Cum Laude

Andrew Almonte

Winston Richmond Brownlow

Matthew Kelly-Killeen Cullen

Andrew John DeByl Finn

Ericka Fowler

Christy Monier

Stephanie D. Sado

Magna Cum Laude

Justin Pierce Berutich

Lucas T. Charleston

Erin Rose Efland

Noelle Valantene Fiorentino

Adam Joseph Fleischner

Lindsay K. Flora

Adam B. Hahn

Ashley N. Hanson

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Ian England Young

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Cum Laude

Claude Thomas Aiken IV
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Elizabeth Lawson
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Arielle G. Lenza
Mark Lesniak

Nicholas Evan Lewis
Stuart Ethan Leyton
Victoria L. Loughery
Erin E. Martin
Jamie McAleavey
Russell J. McBrearty
Francis McConville
Chloe M. McRae
Anna Mikhaleva
Katherine Ann Mikk
Josephine (Chung Joo) Moon
Leni P. Morrison
Tracey Nicole Pall
Magdalena M. Perlman
Stephen J. Reich
Lisa M. Ruff
Joseph Schifano
Peter Aaron Schikler
Anna Smushkovich
Jaime L. St. Peter
Mark D. Stenseth
Michael T. Strouse
Shane M. Tattan
Michael Treybich
Ruth S. Uselton
Elizabeth Anne Veit
James Vinocur
Melissa Wagner
Caitlin J. Walsh
Kinanda Williams-Murray
Michelle Witten
Jane Joohyun Yoo

COMMENCEMENT PRIZES

CHIEF JUSTICE ROSE E. BIRD AWARD
FOR MOTIVATION IN PURSUING
PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

Kiera Flad
Rebecca J. Mayberg
Aysha Edythe Schomburg

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CITY LAW FELLOWSHIP

Natalie Amar
Peter Aaron Schikler

PROFESSOR LUNG-CHU CHEN AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELD
OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Michael Nathan Giacomelli
Eric Ryan Grossmann
Chloe M. McRae

HELEN & ANDREW DOKAS MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT

Sharon Anne Sorkin

PROFESSOR STEPHEN J. ELLMANN
CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION PRIZE

Diep Nguyen

FACULTY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE
TO THE *NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW*

Andrew John Debyl Finn
Stephanie D. Sado

THE RUBEN S. FOGEL COMMENCEMENT
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSTITUTIONAL
HISTORY AND DEATH PENALTY
(Established in honor of Professor Robert Blecker)

Andrew Almonte

ALEXANDER D. FORGER AWARD FOR
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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Desiree C. Hernandez Sanchez

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OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Katherine Ann Mikk

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OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

Mark Lesniak

THE ABRAHAM "AVI" MUND PRIZE
FOR EXCELLENCE IN INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW

Alicia L. Glaser

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW AWARD FOR
OUTSTANDING EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTION

Lindsay K. Flora

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW AWARD
FOR BEST NOTE

Ruth S. Uselton
"Critical Mass: Restricting Advocates' Rights
Under the Community Reinvestment Act"

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT
ASSOCIATION BEST ADVOCATE AWARD

Stephanie Irene Kudrle

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL NATIONAL
MOOT COURT TEAM

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Stephanie Irene Kudrle
Devra Michelle Nemrow
Sharon Anne Sorkin

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT AWARD
FOR SERVING WITH DISTINCTION

Michelle Marie Benedetto
Allyson Anne Cannistra
Anna Mikhaleva
Joseph Anthony Niemczyk

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
WOMEN LAWYERS AWARD

Trisha Olson

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Lauren Angelo
Vicki S. Becker
Alyssa Lauren Gunther
Stephanie Irene Kudrle
Christopher Chance Miller
Devra Michelle Nemrow
Joseph Anthony Niemczyk
Sharon Anne Sorkin
Lindsay A. Zufacht

JOSEPH SOLOMON AWARD FOR EXCELLENT
CHARACTER AND FITNESS

Jennifer Virginia Rogers

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

Jason Summerfield
For the Article, "A Constitutional Inquiry
into Participation within South Africa's
Criminal Justice System"

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.

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



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



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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

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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*



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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 top students the opportunity to pursue in-depth study in a field of law through affiliation with one of the Law School's seven academic centers. We are pleased to acknowledge the Harlan Scholars of the Class of 2008.

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He received a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Western Michigan University and taught learning disabled students in the Detroit Public Schools. Archer earned his Juris Doctor from Detroit College of Law in 1970. He began practicing law thereafter, working as a trial lawyer and a partner in several Detroit firms, serving as Associate Professor of the Detroit College of Law and Adjunct Professor at Wayne State University Law School.

In 1985, Governor James Blanchard appointed Archer an Associate Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. He was elected to an eight-year term the following year. In his final year on the bench in 1990, Archer was named the most respected judge in Michigan by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*.

Archer has long been active in the organized bar. He was the first person of color elected president of the American Bar Association (2003–2004) as well as the State Bar of Michigan. He has also served as president of the Wolverine Bar Association and the National Bar Association. Archer is a Life Member of the Fellows of The American Bar Foundation and the National Bar Association, a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers, a Fellow of the College of Law Office Management and Life Member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference.

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Born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1931, Ernst H. Rosenberger emigrated to New York City with his parents and sister in order to escape Nazi persecution. He began working to support his family at age 12, after suffering the loss of his father two years earlier. He attended Stuyvesant High School, and enlisted in the U.S. Army at 18—less than one year before the start of the Korean War. He was later discharged, having attained the rank of Corporal in the 101st Airborne Division. Justice Rosenberger then began study at City College of New York, graduating in 1955, and subsequently enrolling at New York Law School.

During law school, Justice Rosenberger lived and worked at the St. Barnabas House, an emergency shelter for children in Manhattan. He excelled in law school, serving as Associate Editor and Editor in Chief of the *Law Review*, and as a member of the National Moot Court team. After graduation, Justice Rosenberger worked at a small firm for a year before starting his own practice.

Justice Rosenberger has made a lifelong commitment to defending the rights of the disenfranchised. He acted as pro bono defense attorney on several Freedom Ride cases in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1961, and voluntarily served on many similar cases throughout the South in the years that followed—never accepting fees or compensation.

Justice Rosenberger became a New York City Criminal Court Judge in 1972, and was named Acting Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York beginning in 1973. In 1975, he was one of two U.S. judges invited by the West German government to observe and study youth laws and the courts. Justice Rosenberger was appointed to the Supreme Court of the State of New York in 1977, and served as Presiding Justice of the Court's Extraordinary Special and Trial Term for investigation of corruption in the criminal justice system. He became an Associate Justice of the New York Supreme Court Appellate Division, First Department, in 1985, and sat on more than 15,000 criminal and civil appeals from the highest trial courts of New York, before his retirement from the bench in 2004.

Currently, Justice Rosenberger is Of Counsel to Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, where he focuses on domestic and international litigation, as well as arbitration, alternative and international dispute resolution, and mediation. He is Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for New York Law School, where he has taught part-time continuously since 1976.

Justice Rosenberger has received many honors and awards for his service in the legal profession, including the New York State Bar Association Award for Outstanding Work in the Field of Criminal Justice Education in 1980, awarded for the Criminal Justice Seminar he teaches at New York Law School. He has received the New York Law School Faculty Distinguished Service Certificate five times, and was the New York County Lawyers' Association's inaugural recipient of the Jack Newton Lerner Distinguished CLE Lecturer Award in 1998. Justice Rosenberger received the Benjamin Nathan Cardozo Award from the Jewish Lawyers' Guild in 2000, and the William J. Brennan Award from the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in 2001. He was named one of New York's best judges by both *New York Magazine* and the *Village Voice*.

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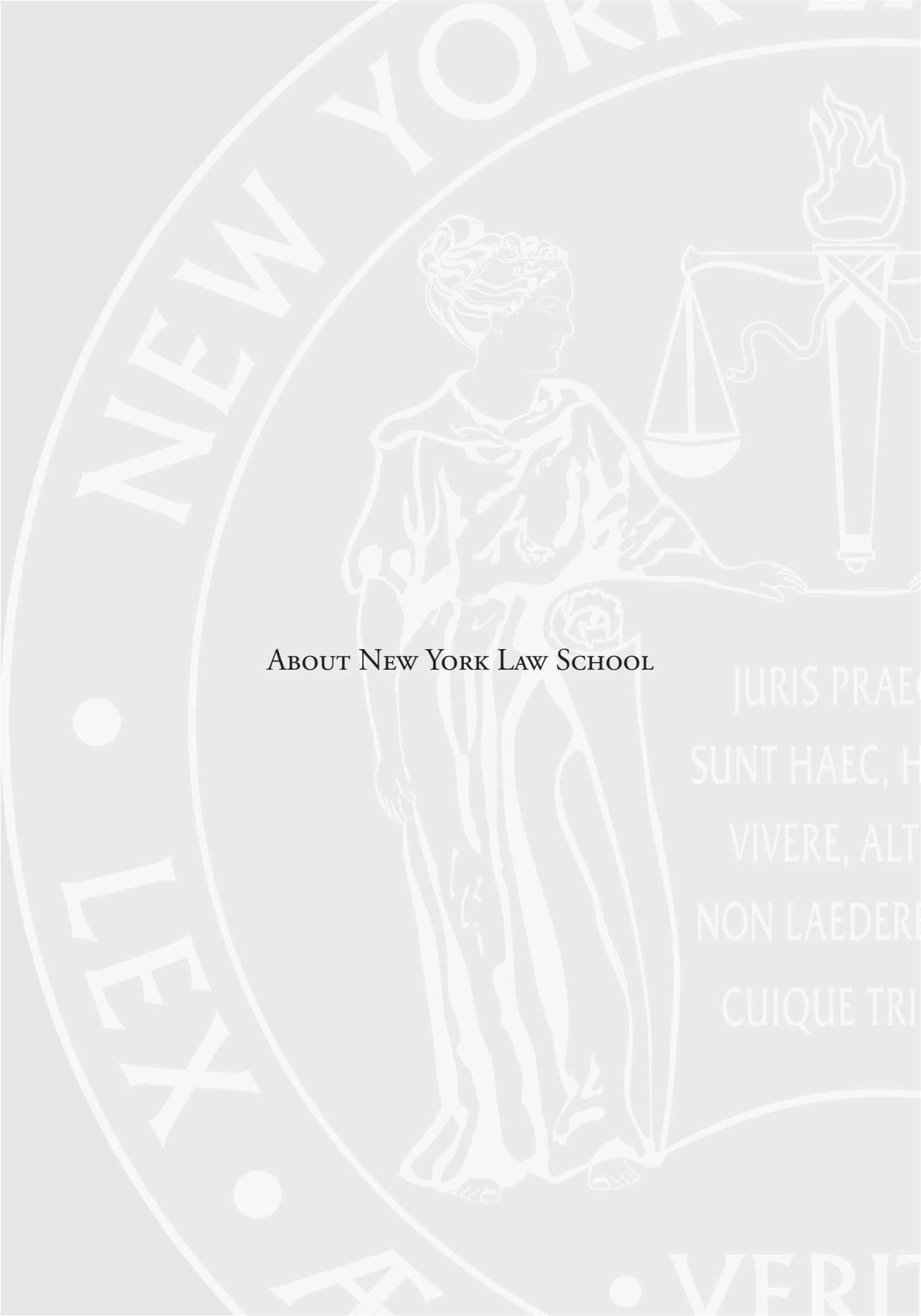
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FOUNDING

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 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 the twentieth century became founders or name partners of leading law firms, including Henry Hurlbut Abbott of Breed, Abbott & Morgan; Edwin Sunderland of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Sunderland & Kiendel; and Thomas Debevoise of Debevoise & Plimpton.

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; Alfred Rose, a founding partner of Proskauer, Rose, Goetz & Mendelsohn; 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.

Many graduates, now prominent in the bar, the judiciary, and business, were students during these

years. They include the Honorable Roger J. Miner '56, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Presiding Justice Francis T. Murphy '52, New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division; Administrative Law Judge Mary E. Cerbone '59; Judge Judith B. Sheindlin '65, supervising judge of the New York City Family Court; Lawrence S. Huntington '64, Chairman Emeritus of the Board, Fiduciary Trust International and former chairman of the Law School's Board of Trustees; the late Otto L. Walter '54, founding partner, Walter, Conston, Alexander & Green; and the late Bernard H. Mendik '58, real estate industry leader and former chairman of the Law School's Board of Trustees.

Steady growth marked the next 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.

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 an 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 fourteenth 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.

In addition to the Media Center, two new centers for specialized study opened. The Center for New York City Law was established in 1993 to focus on the study of New York City government. Founded in 1996, the Center for International Law supports teaching and research in all areas of international law but concentrates on the law of international trade and finance.

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 fifteenth president and dean of New York Law School on July 1, 2000.

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:

- to embrace innovation;
- to foster integrity and professionalism;
- to 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 change 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 new 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 which together comprise The Right Program for Each Student:

- The John Marshall Harlan Scholars Program, a new honors program 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 top students the opportunity to pursue in-depth study in a field of law through affiliation with one of five academic centers;
- The Individual Program provides a curricular focus for students in the middle of the class who are likely to pursue careers as general practitioners and advocates;

- The Comprehensive Curriculum addresses the needs of students who require a special course of study to enhance mastery of fundamental aspects of legal analysis and writing; and
- The Professional Development Project helps students develop their professional portfolio—volunteer opportunities, extracurricular programs, solid legal skills—and a strong sense of professionalism and legal ethics.

In 2002, the Law School also introduced an innovative admissions option, the Wallace Stevens Scholars Program, under which a small group of professionals with postgraduate degrees and significant work experience will be admitted without having taken the LSAT, but with the requirement that they take it after admission to the Law School. The program honors the great American poet and New York Law School alumnus, Wallace Stevens Class of 1903.

In 2003, following a review by the American Bar Association and the New York State Board of Regents, the Law School established a new degree program, a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation. The program is open to graduates of U.S. and foreign law schools and offers advanced tax training for attorneys who seek to acquire a thorough grounding in U.S. tax law and to master the skills needed to work at the most challenging levels of tax practice. New York Law School is now one of only two law schools in the New York City metropolitan area to offer this advanced training for tax lawyers.

ACADEMIC CENTERS

The School’s academic centers, programs, and projects 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 and projects complement course work in civil rights, international human rights, international trade and finance, constitutional law, urban legal studies, information law and policy, tax law, labor and employment law, real estate law, and professional

values and practice. Seven academic centers, described below, play an integral role in the Harlan Scholars Honors Program.

Center for International Law

In mid-1996, New York Law School, aided by a grant from the C.V. Starr Foundation, created the 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 organizes symposia events to engage students and faculty in discussions of important and timely issues with experts and practitioners in the field. For professional development, the Center offers extensive resources for studying and 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's bimonthly publication, *CityLaw*, tracks New York City's rules and regulations, how they are enforced, and court challenges to them. Its Web site, www.citylaw.org, contains a searchable library of more than 5,000 administrative decisions of New York City agencies. In 2004, the Center launched a second publication, *CityLand*, a monthly newsletter reporting the actions and decisions by New York City's primary land use agencies.

Center for Professional Values and Practice

The School's 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 the

development of lawyering skills and reflective professionalism, including consideration of how these have evolved over the decades, even as business and ethical pressures have intensified and become more complex, and the roles of lawyers in society have multiplied.

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. Leveraging the School's location in the prime real estate market of New York City, the Center enables students to gain practical experience in the real estate community and make contacts for future employment. 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. The Center for Real Estate Studies aims to help bridge the existing gap between the private practice and academic study of real estate, and will become one of the premier research centers in the country for the study of real estate.

Center on Business Law & Policy

The Center on Business Law & Policy was established in academic year 2005–06. The Center is designed to provide its Harlan Scholars an enriched educational experience in the business, securities, and commercial law areas. The Center's goal is to prepare a motivated, hard-working corps of students 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, and will be exposed to the areas of law that are relevant to these types of practices.

Institute for Information Law and Policy

Established in 2003, the Institute for Information Law and Policy is New York Law School's home for the study of law, technology, and civil liberties. Participants in the Institute aim not only to understand the interplay of law and technology but to influence its development. The Institute develops and applies theories of information and communication to analyze law and policy. It also seeks to design new technologies and systems that will best serve democratic values in the digital age. The Institute is, above all, a "do tank," where lawyers innovate, harnessing the new tools of information and communications to the goals of social justice. In 2005, the Institute began the Certificate in the Mastery of Law Practice Technology. The program is intended 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.

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.

PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Graduate Tax Program

The Graduate Tax Program embodies a unique, measured approach to graduate tax study to enable students to increase their mastery of tax law and refine their practice skills in order to better serve their clients and communities. All students complete a rigorous core curriculum and also choose an area of concentration. The core curriculum provides a

solid foundation in the fundamentals of substantive tax law and basic tax research and writing skills, while keeping the highest standards of professional responsibility always in focus. The wide range of elective courses allows each student to fully prepare for a capstone research and writing seminar in his or her chosen area of concentration. The capstone seminars give students an opportunity to tackle sophisticated problems at the forefront of current tax practice under the guidance of practicing lawyers who are leaders in the field.

Labor & Employment Law Program

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 Wagner, 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.

Lawyering Skills Center

Experiential learning is an integral part of the New York Law School curriculum. Beginning with the first-year required course called Lawyering, every student is given the opportunity to apply her or his legal reasoning and analysis skills in the context of a simulated interview of a client, then in an interview of a witness and finally in a session in which they counsel a client. This course is a ground-breaking and innovative way to introduce students to the tasks that lawyers are asked to perform. Building on the Lawyering course, the Lawyering Skills Center offers advanced simulation courses, an extensive Externship Program, and a rich array of clinics.

Media Center

The Media Center, one of the oldest and most extensive programs of its kind, was established in 1977 in response to the explosive growth of communication technologies. The Center continues to promote education, discussion, research, and

writing about mass-communications law. The faculty offers a substantial number of related courses and extracurricular programs dealing with issues such as cable television franchising procedures, direct broadcast satellites, videotext services, racial discrimination in television, and the future of public broadcasting.

Mental Disability Law

Another unique program, New York Law School's Online Course in Mental Disability Law, is offered to professionals who work with, or on behalf of, persons with mental disabilities. The fourteen-week course is delivered directly to students through the convenience of distance education.

Program in Law & Journalism

The Program in Law & Journalism, established in 2005, is New York Law School's home for 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 and Policy, the Law School's center for innovation in information technology, and the Center for Professional Values and Practice. The Program provides a forum for working journalists to learn about legal issues, for lawyers to learn about the work of journalists, for students who are interested in legal careers at the intersection of law and journalism, and for academics whose scholarly interests may encompass both arenas.

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. Student enrollment has remained at a level of almost 1,400 students in the Day and Evening Divisions.

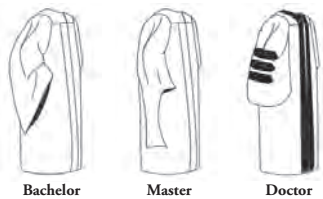
Government leaders and judges from the United States and abroad often speak at or visit the Law School. These have included former President Jimmy Carter; Justices of the Supreme Court Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Harry A. Blackmun, William J. Brennan Jr., Stephen G. Breyer, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, and Clarence Thomas; 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; U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy; U.S. Solicitor General Drew S. Days III; former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Thomas Pickering; 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, currently under construction. In August 2006, New York Law School broke ground on a \$190 million expansion and renovation program that will transform its TriBeCa campus into a cohesive architectural complex nearly double its current size. The centerpiece of the expansion will be a new glass-enclosed, 235,000-square-foot, nine-level building—five stories above ground and four below—which will integrate 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. Completion of the two-phase building program is slated for 2010.

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.

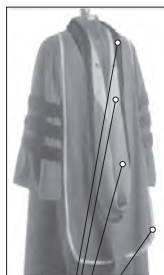
Faculty members, staff, and guests in today's procession are robed in the gowns appropriate to their highest degrees earned, and their hoods carry the distinctive colors of the institutions from which they received those degrees. Differences in the doctoral, master's, and baccalaureate gowns are illustrated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

Hoods



Purple
Grey
Light Blue

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.

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. When worn with baccalaureate and master's gowns, the caps generally have black tassels. Our students process with the Cambridge caps made of velvet and with gold tassels, as befits the doctoral degree.

Braided Cords



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

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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