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A Message from the Dean



Dear Members of the Class of 2013:

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

The legal profession is rapidly changing and you are joining it at a time when there are great challenges, but also great opportunities. Please know that you are not alone as you step forward on this incredible journey.

New York Law School will be by your side as you make this critical transition from law student to lawyer and will continue to provide you the support and

motivation you need to realize your personal goals, to advance justice, and to build a better society now and in the future.

The study of law is not easy, nor is it supposed to be. It is not a luxury, but a privilege. And the responsibilities we are charged with as lawyers are often of great consequence to the personal liberties and livelihoods of those who entrust us.

From day one, all of you understood this, and rose to meet the demands of training for your chosen path. The study and practice of law requires the development of knowledge, leadership, perspective, professionalism and preparedness. And it requires the commitment, tenacity, and nimbleness to navigate the complexities and competitiveness of the systems that govern the judiciary, government regulators, and business.

Because of New York Law School, because of your drive, because of the support of our community and your friends and family, you are ready for this journey, and to undertake it proudly and successfully. The benefits of your labor will be realized over a rewarding lifelong career.

As you move ahead into new worlds, seize opportunities, build relationships, and begin to apply your knowledge and skills in your own creative ways, you must recognize that you are not leaving the New York Law School community, but becoming an even deeper part of it. Ours is a community unlike others. We have committed to be there for each other: as resources, as allies, and as champions, to ensure a collective well-being and growth.

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

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

Congratulations!

Sincerely.

Anthony W. Crowell

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PRELUDE Jubilate Deo—Gregor Aichinger

> Contrapunctus—J.S. Bach Quintet #1—Victor Ewald

MARSHALS Victoria Eastus, Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs

Oral Hope, Assistant Dean and Registrar

PROCESSIONAL Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1 Op. 39-Sir Edward Elgar

Triumphal March, Aida—Giuseppe Verdi

GREETINGS Anthony W. Crowell

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OLD GUARD

Anthony W. Crowell

AWARDING OF PRIZES

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

Faculty Awards

To be announced

Student Awards

Erin Piper Andrews For the article, "Avoiding the Technical Knockout: Tackling the Inadequacies of Youth Concussion Legislation"

David Alan Rosenberg

For the article, "The Slippery Slope of Search Warrant Law under Michigan v. Summers: A Proposed Spatial Limitation for Occupants"

*The Finalists for the Trustees' Prize for the Highest Average

Presentation by Dean Archer

Day Division Evening Division Erin Piper Andrews Matthew Alan Block Kimberly A. Braun Emma S. Blumer Matthew C. DeFrancesco Michael Lengel Jr. David Hunter McCallum Hanna Rubin Kelly Rose LeGrand Weiner Iodi Ziesemer

THE ALFRED L. ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE Presentation by Associate Dean Mariana Hogan Eberle Rae Schultz Matthew Alan Block

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

CLASS OF 2013 TEACHING AWARD Presentation by Chelsea D. Beshore, President, Student Bar Association Professor Tamara C. Belinfanti

^{*} Based on fifth semester grades for Day Division and seventh semester grades for Evening Division students. The final awards will be made after all grades are complete in June, to the student with the highest average in each division.

ORDER OF EXERCISES (continued)

Elizabeth D'Antonio STUDENT REMARKS

Kiiru Gichuru

CONFERRING OF DOCTOR OF LAWS (LL.D.)

Introduction by Anthony W. Crowell HONORARY DEGREE

Presentation by Arthur N. Abbey '59

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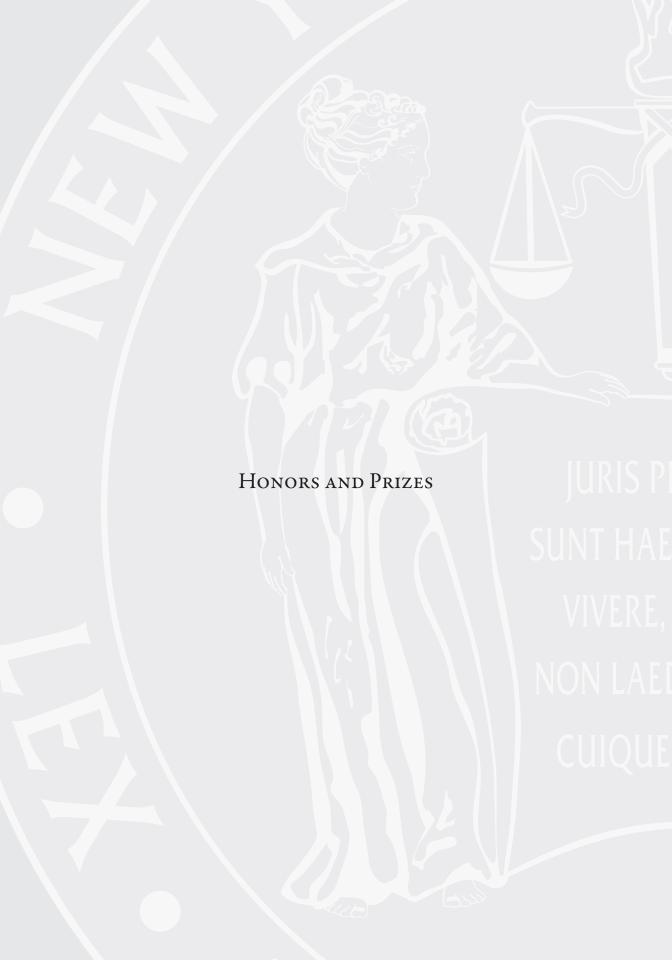
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Conferring of Degrees

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CLOSING REMARKS Dean Crowell

RECESSIONAL Two Voluntaries—Henry Purcell



Degrees with Honors

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February 1, 2013

Magna Cum Laude

Nat Guerriera Jonathan Marc Reinstein

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Helina Manesis Dana Leigh Capone Steve Cohen Alyssa Petrenko Stacy Ann Dasaro David Alan Rosenberg

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May 19, 2013

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AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (ALI-ABA) CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP & LEADERSHIP AWARD

Shantal D. Garibaldo Sparks

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

Kiiru Gichuru Petal Maharaj Hwang Lailah Hanit Pepe

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

Vanessa I. Craveiro

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Megan Crespo Amanda Leigh Davis

PROFESSOR STEPHEN J. ELLMANN CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION PRIZE

Annie Erin Causey

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

Timothy R. Johnson Joseph Thomas Kasper Rapice THE DANIEL FINKELSTEIN WRITING AWARD

Danielle Alexandra Ash, Jeffrey A. Kahn, Laura Tucker Schnaidt, and Katherine Voran, for their article, "Leasing Space in New York City: A Practical Guide for Technology Start-Ups"

THE RUBEN S. FOGEL COMMENCEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY AND DEATH PENALTY (ESTABLISHED IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR ROBERT BLECKER)

Elizabeth D'Antonio

ALEXANDER D. FORGER AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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MEDIA CENTER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

Jaclyn Tyndorf

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

Ryan Garrity Lewis

ROGER J. MINER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS AWARD

Eberle Rae Schultz

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW AWARD FOR BEST NOTE

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NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION BEST ADVOCATE AWARD

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René H. DuBois, for his article, "Understanding the Scope of the Foreign Trade Antitrust Improvement Act Using Tort Law Principles as a Guide"

COMMENCEMENT PRIZES (to be announced)

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

PROFESSOR HENRY ROTHBLATT AWARD FOR CRIMINAL ADVOCACY

CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY LAW FELLOWSHIP

MURRAY STOCKMAN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE HIGHEST AVERAGE IN THE LAW OF EVIDENCE

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

LOUIS SUSMAN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF THE LAW OF EVIDENCE

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PROFESSOR ALBERT KALTER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TAX LAW

ABRAHAM MARKHOFF WRITING AWARD (FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

PROFESSOR JAMES P. KIBBEY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMERCIAL LAW

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Professor Vincent Lolordo Award for Excellence in Administration of Criminal Justice

D. GEORGE LEVINE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE HIGHEST GRADE IN THE LAW OF REAL PROPERTY

Dr. Max Reich Award for Excellence in Civil Trial Advocacy

PROFESSOR ROBERT R. ROSENTHAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NEW YORK PRACTICE

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 selected students the opportunity to pursue focused study in a field of law, including directed curricula, scholarship, and other academic projects, through affiliation with one of the Law School's academic centers. We are pleased to acknowledge the Harlan Scholars of the Class of 2013.

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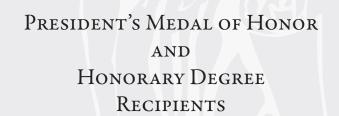
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1961	Robert Moses		John E. Scileppi
1962	Stanley Howells Fund	1972	Maurice R. Greenberg '50
	Sylvester Comstock Smith Jr. '18		Samuel Rabin
	Murray Stockman '15		The Honorable Whitney North Seymour Jr.
1963	Sydney E. Foster	1973	The Honorable Paul J. Curran
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1964	George J. Beldock		Harry B. Helmsley
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	Marvin R. Dye		The Honorable Joseph Weintraub
	Alfred Gross		3 1
		1974	The Honorable Brendan T. Byrne
1965	Edwin L. Weisel		Walter M. Jeffords Jr.
	The Honorable David T. Wilentz '17		Samuel J. LeFrak
			The Honorable Owen McGivern

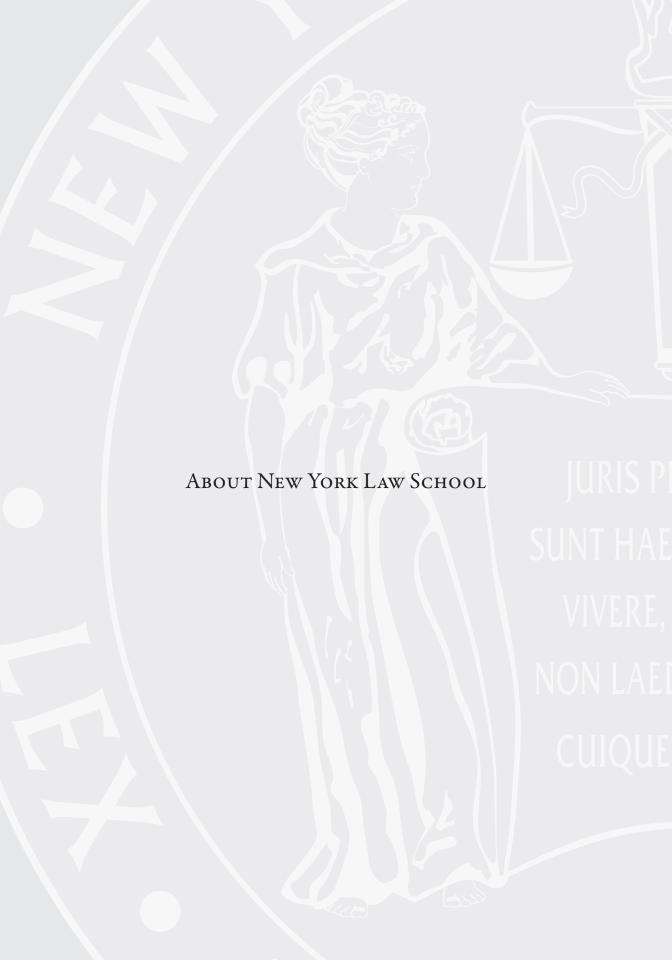
- 1975 The Honorable Charles D. Breitel William J. Curran Gen. John Einar Murray The Honorable Peter W. Rodino Jr. Stefan Treschel The Honorable Robert F. Wagner 1900 William Weary
- 1976 The Honorable Warren E. Burger Milton Helpern Mary Gardiner Jones Gen. Rowland F. Kirks Harry Ostrov '25 The Honorable 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

Honorary Degree Recipients (continued)

1955 to the Present

1987	Fred W. Friendly	1998	Joseph T. Arenson
	The Honorable Thomas Howard Kean		Lawrence S. Huntington '64
	Frederick A.O. Schwarz Jr. Ellen V. Futter		Vernon E. Jordan Jr.
	Lifeii V. I uttei	1999	The Honorable Guido Calabresi
1988	The Honorable Patricia McGowan Wald	1)))	The Frontiable Guido Galabiesi
1,00	Archibald R. Murray	2000	Sybil Shainwald '76
	Ernst C. Stiefel		Harry H. Wellington
			The Honorable Ralph K. Winter
1989	J. William Campo		1
	The Honorable Roger J. Miner '56	2001	Taylor R. Briggs (posthumously)
			Ira Glasser
1990	Alvin J. Bronstein '51		The Honorable Judith B. Sheindlin '65
	Linda A. Fairstein		
	The Honorable Milton L. Williams '63	2002	The Honorable Pierre N. Leval, LL.D.
			The Honorable Charles E. Schumer, LL.D.
1991	The Honorable David N. Dinkins		
	The Honorable John H. Sununu	2003	The Honorable Jack B. Weinstein, LL.D.
1992	The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor	2004	The Honorable Alexis M. Herman, LL.D.
	James F. Simon		Anthony Lewis, LL.D.
1993	Shepard Broad '27	2005	The Honorable Bob Kerrey, LL.D.
	Drew S. Days III		
	The Honorable Judith S. Kaye	2006	The Honorable Joel I. Klein, LL.D.
1994	The Honorable Rudolph W. Giuliani	2007	David Boies
	Bernard H. Mendik '58		
		2008	Dennis W. Archer
1995	The Honorable José A. Cabranes		
	Alexander D. Forger	2009	Gregory H. Williams
1996	The Honorable Sidney H. Asch	2010	The Honorable Jonathan Lippman
	Boris Leavitt '26		
	The Honorable Jon O. Newman	2011	The Honorable Cory A. Booker
1997	The Honorable Harry T. Edwards		
	Dr. Raymond D. Horton	2012	Kenneth R. Feinberg
	Lewis M. Steel '63		16 L LD DL - L
		2013	Michael R. Bloomberg



ABOUT NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

We are New York's Law School.

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.

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

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

Many of those attending at the beginning of this century became founders or name partners of leading law firms, including Alfred Rose of Proskauer, Rose, Goetz & Mendelsohn; Henry Hurlbut Abbott of Breed, Abbott & Morgan; Edwin Sunderland of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Sunderland & 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 Law School's first center for specialized study, the Communications Media Center (now the Media Center), opened in 1977.

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

RECENT LEADERSHIP AND GROWTH

Dramatic growth and revitalization continued under the leadership of James F. Simon, Dean from 1983 until 1992. A series of major facility renovations were begun, highlighted by the opening of the Mendik Library in 1990 and the construction of the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. During Dean Simon's tenure, the Rita and Joseph Solomon Professorship of Wills, Trusts, and Estates was added, and the Law School introduced the innovative Lawyering Skills Program into the curriculum.

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

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

"NEW YORK'S LAW SCHOOL" AND THE FUTURE

In spring 2012, New York Law School, continuing its tradition of bold and innovative leadership, named Anthony W. Crowell, former Counselor to New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, the 16th Dean and President of the Law School. He joined the Law School in May 2012, after having been a member of the adjunct faculty for nearly a decade. Under Dean Crowell, the Law School is poised to maximize its strengths, develop new ones, and bring it recognition as a leader in legal education. In his early months, he aggressively restructured leadership in key areas of the Law School and launched a strategic planning process that addresses areas of strategic priority including fostering academic excellence and innovation; supporting the career success of students and alumni; creating a vibrant intellectual community that supports research and scholarship; strengthening engagement among students, alumni, faculty, and other constituents; and driving operational efficiencies and institution-building. The Law School is setting its sights on the high-growth fields of tomorrow: intellectual property; technology and applied sciences; business and financial services; and government and public interest—all of which encompass what will be the major areas of employment and growth over the next 10 to 20 years.

To strengthen the Law School's connection to our great City, Dean Crowell introduced the "We are New York's law school" campaign, which has now become the Law Schools' motto. Initiatives already underway as New York's law school include the establishment of a new Public Service Scholarship Program for uniformed services personnel and other dedicated public servants working in New York City at the local, state, and/or federal level.

The Scholarship celebrates the Law School's rich history of enrolling students coming from these professional areas to advance their careers and be the most impactful leaders in this great city and beyond.

In fall 2012, New York Law School was the first law school to announce an initiative to identify and create new experiential learning opportunities for students that would help provide the community with access to justice and help students satisfy the 50 hour pro bono requirement for admission into the bar. Dean Crowell worked with the Law School faculty to expand the school's experiential and clinical learning programs to encourage each of our students to bridge their classroom learning to practical legal training. In spring 2013, the Law School announced a historic expansion of clinical and experiential learning programs, doubling the number of clinics from 13 to 26 in one year. New clinics include: Administrative Enforcement Clinic; Child Welfare Clinic; Civil Justice through the Courts; Clinical Year; the Criminal Prosecution Clinic; the Legislative Advocacy Clinic; the Municipal Litigation Defense Clinic; the Post-Conviction Innocence Project; the Suspension Representation Clinic; the Transactional Law Clinic; the Taxpayer Assistance Clinic; the Tax Planning Clinic; and Disability Rights Information Center.

These and other initiatives are garnering greater visibility than the Law School has had in recent years, including media attention in legal and popular media outlets. The Law School recently earned Presidential honors when it was named to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service. NYLS was one of only three law schools in the country and the only law school in New York State to be named.

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

ACADEMIC CENTERS

The Law School's academic centers, led by members of the faculty, continue to maximize the effectiveness of faculty research and scholarly endeavors, teaching, and activism, and to increase opportunities for students to engage in important policy issues. Eight academic centers, described below, play an integral role in the Harlan Scholars honors program.

Center for Business and Financial Law

The Center for Business and Financial Law (CBFL) provides students with an unparalleled, rigorous, and integrated approach to academic study and skills training in all aspects of corporate, commercial, and financial law. Through cutting-edge courses, events, projects, and research, the CBFL brings together academics, practitioners, and students to address the challenges that animate business and finance.

Center for International Law

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

Center for New York City Law

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

Center for Professional Values and Practice

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

Center for Real Estate Studies

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

Diane Abbey Law Center for Children and Families

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

Institute for Information Law and Policy

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

Justice Action Center

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

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Legal Practice Program

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

Media Center

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

Program in Law and Journalism

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

ADDITIONAL DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation

In 2003, the Law School began offering the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation, becoming one of the only law schools in the New York City area to offer this advanced training to tax attorneys. The program enables students to increase their mastery of tax law and refine their practice skills in order to better serve clients and communities.

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Real Estate

In January 2009, the Law School began offering the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Real Estate. The program provides students with a thorough grounding in the law, business, and regulation of real estate transactions, finance, and development.

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Financial Services Law

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

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in American Business Law

In 2012, the Law School began offering the LL.M. in American Business Law. The program provides foreigntrained lawyers with a thorough grounding in the basic principles of American business and commercial law.

Online Mental Disability Law Program

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

Patent Law Program

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

Certificate of Mastery in Law Practice Technology

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

Public Service Certificate

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

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.







Bachelor

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

Hoods



Light Blu

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

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

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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