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Welcoming Remarks

John E. Murray**

As President of the University and Professor of Law at the Duquesne University School of Law, I bring you greetings from the entire Duquesne University Community on this historic occasion. This auspicious educational event marks the first collaboration between the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and a law school in the Commonwealth.

The breathtaking pace of technological change affects every citizen in our society. As in the past, judges must react effectively to those monumental changes in all areas of the law. A judicial conference dealing with Science and the Law is particularly important. We are delighted to have such a distinguished group of presenters who will bring their expertise and rich experience to one of the great judicial bodies in the United States and the world.

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For many years, university presidents have made commencement addresses urging graduates to be perpetual students. What had been a desideratum is now an absolute necessity in any discipline.

I take this opportunity to commend the Honorable Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for its vision in continuing education for the lawyers of the Commonwealth. And now, through this historic judicial conference, you are exemplars for all members of the bar in recognizing the critical challenges of the law that can only be met through continuing education for judges as well as for those who appear before the courts of this Commonwealth.