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SUNDAY, MAY 19



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ORGAN PRELUDE	Donald L. Armitage University Organist
PROCESSIONAL <i>Phoenix Rising</i> by Dan Locklair	Dr. Armitage
INVOCATION	Reverend Timothy L. Auman University Chaplain
OPENING REMARKS	Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77) Dean, School of Law
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS	Dean Reynolds
INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SPEAKER.....	Dean Reynolds
FACULTY REMARKS	Professor Steve Virgil
INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE SPEAKER	Dean Reynolds
GRADUATE REMARKS.....	Mary Kate Gladstone (JD '19)
THE HOODING CEREMONY	
PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATES.....	Richard Schneider Associate Dean for International Affairs Jonathan Cardi Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Steve Garland (JD '80) Professor of Practice, Masters of Studies in Law
CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS.....	Dean Reynolds Professor Michael Green
CONCLUDING REMARKS	Dean Reynolds
SENDING FORTH	Reverend Auman
RECESSIONAL.....	Dr. Armitage
CARILLON POSTLUDE.....	Anthony M. Tang ('11) University Carillonneur

THE HOOD

Candidates for and holders of the master's and doctor's degree wear hoods over their robes. The hood symbolizes a heavy burden and identifies the level of the degree, the field of learning, and the institution that awards it. The color of the trimming declares the major field of learning; purple is for law. The colors that line the hood identify the university awarding the degree.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

Professor Steve Virgil and Mary Kate Gladstone (JD '19)

Professor Steve Virgil is the Executive Director of Experiential Education and serves as founding Director of the Law School's Community Law Clinic and Clinical Professor. He has practiced law for nearly 20 years with an emphasis on community economic development and the nonprofit sector. His clients include nonprofit organizations of all sizes and scope, from neighborhood associations to major private foundations and he maintains an active pro bono public interest litigation practice. He teaches courses on community economic development, poverty, and the nonprofit sector. Virgil also served as the founding Director of the Institute for Public Engagement at Wake Forest University; a university-wide institute that promotes community-based participatory research and engaged teaching across Wake Forest University.

Mary Kate Gladstone (JD '19) is from Winston-Salem, N.C. and a graduate of North Carolina State University where she majored in Political Science. At the School of Law, Gladstone served as senior notes and comments editor of *Wake Forest Law Review*, student development coordinator for the Pro Bono Board, research assistant to Dean Suzanne Reynolds, Student Bar Association class representative, philanthropy and recruitment marshal for Phi Alpha Delta, and teaching assistant for the 1L professional development course. Her work experience includes a number of firms across the Southeast where she focused on civil litigation. Following graduation, Gladstone will clerk in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

CANDIDATES FOR THE SCIENTIAE JURIDICAE DOCTOR DEGREE

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GRADUATION DISTINCTIONS

Summa Cum Laude

Jonathan Robert Hilliard

Magna Cum Laude

Timothy F. Day
Josephine Fina
Michael John Garrigan
Corri Ann Hopkins
Logan T. Judy

Camryn A. Keeter
Raquel Ayuso Macgregor
Jaclyn N. Malmel
Tyler Lewis Martin
Josey Lee-Ann Newman

Evan Robert Reid
Gilbert Tyler Smolenski
Jenna Steiner
Chase Hamilton Stevens
Matthew Michael Welch

Cum Laude

Jonah Nathan Bamel
Nicholas Bemberg
Lucas William Brown
Suzanne Victoria Cavanaugh
Ashley Kaye Collette
Michael Paul Diven
Matille Clark Gibbons
Mary Kate Gladstone

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Lawrence Teijido
Gregory Michael Volk
Sarah Rebekah Warren
Katherine Elizabeth Wenner

THE ORDER OF THE COIF

The Wake Forest University School of Law has been awarded a chapter of the Order of the Coif, a national membership society, honoring the academic excellence of our program, faculty, and students. An Order of the Coif chapter at a law school is akin to a Phi Beta Kappa chapter at a college. Student eligibility for membership in the Order of the Coif is restricted to those in the top ten percent of a graduating class.

Timothy F. Day
Josephine Fina
Michael John Garrigan
Jonathan Robert Hilliard
Corri Ann Hopkins
Logan T. Judy

Camryn A. Keeter
Raquel Ayuso Macgregor
Jaclyn N. Malmel
Tyler Lewis Martin
Josey Lee-Ann Newman
Evan Robert Reid

Gilbert Tyler Smolenski
Jenna Steiner
Chase Hamilton Stevens
Matthew Michael Welch

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER LAW STUDENT AWARD

The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers is an organization whose purpose is “to encourage the study, improve the practice, elevate the standards, and advance the cause of matrimonial law, to the end that the welfare of the family and society be protected.” Beginning in 2002, the North Carolina chapter of the AAML has presented an award each year at each law school in the state to a graduating student whose interests and high professional standards reflect the purpose of the AAML. A permanent plaque at the law school records the name of each year’s recipient.

Caitlin Davis Bush

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SECTION OF URBAN, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW

*The American Bar Association Section of Urban, State, and Local Government Law awards
a certificate to the student who achieves the highest grade in the course.*

Land Use Regulation and Planning

Katherine Elizabeth Wenner

State and Local Government

Holly Rachel Ingram

THE DEAN'S AWARD

The Dean's Award honors the student in each law school program who demonstrates extraordinary contributions to the community through leadership, engagement, intellectual curiosity, and dedication to the Wake Forest University Pro Humanitate mission.

Michael John Garrigan (JD '19)

Tonia Maglione (LLM '19)

Sean Rogers (MSL '19)

E. MCGRUDER FARIS MEMORIAL AWARD

This award was established to honor the late Professor "Mac" Faris, a former member of the law school faculty. A cash award and a plaque are given to the student exhibiting the highest standards of character, leadership, and scholarship.

Gilbert Tyler Smolenski

FORSYTH COUNTY WOMEN ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION AWARD

This award is presented annually to an outstanding female graduate based upon her academic achievements, leadership, service to community, professionalism, and commitment to the legal profession. The selected graduate receives a cash award.

Frances Jean Sullivan

THE LAURA J. GENDY AWARD

The Laura J. Gendy Award was established by alumni, family, and friends of Laura J. Gendy (JD '00) to provide an annual cash award to a graduating law student who exemplifies integrity, compassion for others, and strength of character that were the hallmarks of Laura J. Gendy. Laura died in August 2008.

Niti Kala Parthasarathy

ROBERT GOLDBERG AWARD IN TRIAL ADVOCACY

This award honors the memory of Robert Goldberg, a student at the School of Law who was killed in World War II. An annual cash award is given to the student showing the highest aptitude and ethics in trial advocacy.

National Team

Tracea Lachelle Rice

AAJ Team

Ashley Victoria DiMuzio

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

This award is presented annually to an outstanding law graduate at each American Bar Association-approved law school. Selection criteria includes demonstrated academic achievement, motivation, tenacity, and drive, as well as the promise of future contributions to the advancement of women in society and the presentation of a personable and professional image.

Tracea Lachelle Rice

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR STUDENT PRO BONO SERVICE AWARD

This award is presented annually to a student who has contributed time and talent to law-related service. The objective is to inculcate the need for pro bono service in aspiring lawyers while they are in law school so they may be inclined to make pro bono work a part of their law careers.

Ashley Kaye Collette

NORTH CAROLINA ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE AWARD

The North Carolina Advocates for Justice award a commemorative certificate and a one-year complimentary membership into the NCAJ along with a complimentary section membership to the student recognized as the “most outstanding advocate” in each section of Trial Practice.

2018 – 2019

Caitlin Davis Bush

Ashley Kaye Collette

Alexia Virginia Martin

Benjamin Rafte

Juliana Vergara

2017 – 2018

Ashley Victoria DiMuzio

Paige Norris Tucker

ORDER OF BARRISTERS

The Order of Barristers is a national honor society recognizing excellence in student trial and appellate advocacy. Each year a faculty committee selects third-year students who have made outstanding contributions to advocacy.

Shawna Marie Abbatiello
Ashley Elise Bouchez
Caitlin Davis Bush
Ashley Victoria DiMuzio

Darius L. Lamonte
Mark Taylor Parent
Jonathan David Patton
Tracea Lachelle Rice

Virginia Lee Stanton
Katherine Elizabeth Wenner

SMITH ANDERSON PRO BONO AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

This award is presented to an outstanding law graduate who is a Pro Bono Honor Society member. The recipient must have 100 or more pro bono hours with three years or 75 hours or more within one year. An annual cash award is given to the student who exhibits passion, creativity, dedication, and commitment to serving those in need. The pro bono service must have resulted in a demonstrated impact on increasing access to legal information to the underserved population.

Briana Marie Whalin

PRO BONO HONOR SOCIETY

Pro Bono Honor Society members have contributed 75 hours of pro bono service over a three-year period or 50 hours in one year. The objective is to inculcate the need for pro bono service in aspiring lawyers while they are in law school so they may be inclined to make pro bono work a part of their law careers.

Mohammad Ahmad Alhajjahjeh
Alina Elizabeth Bosanac
Jasmine Ryan Burgess
Michael Christopher Callahan
Lasley Ann Cash
Emily Hope Cline
Ashley Kaye Collette
Ashley Victoria DiMuzio
Joseph MacDonald Dougherty II
Vyacheslav Drobot
Matille Clark Gibbons
Zachary Irvine

Darius L. Lamonte
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Kelly Nicole Loftin
Raquel Ayuso Macgregor
Tonia Maglione
Jaclyn N. Malmed
Lauren A. Martin
Tyler Lewis Martin
Niti Kala Parthasarathy
Benjamin Lawrence Pence
Benjamin Rafte

Sarah Jo Spangenburg
Virginia Lee Stanton
Heather E. Stinson
Samantha Tracy
Robert Wesley Thayer Tucci
Juliana Vergara
Briana Marie Whalin
Rebecca Rae Wolfe
Mercedes Wujciak

DEAN SUZANNE REYNOLDS AWARD

The Dean Suzanne Reynolds Award recognizes the student achieving the highest grade in each course.

Agency	Logan T. Judy
Animal Law	Ashley Kaye Collette
Banking Law.....	Niti Kala Parthasarathy
Conflict of Laws.....	Whitney Leigh Hosey
Constitutional Law II	Jordan Taylor Artrip
Constitutional Law II	Shawn Namet
Constitutional Law II	Sarah Rebekah Warren
Corporate Finance.....	Michael A. Johnson, Jr.
Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy	Jonathan Robert Hilliard
Cross-Border Business Transactions	Adam Blake McCoy
Employment Law.....	Raquel Ayuso Macgregor
Food Law and Policy.....	Katherine Elizabeth Wenner
Freedom of Religion.....	Suzanne Victoria Cavanaugh
Freedom of Religion.....	Mark Taylor Parent
Funeral and Cemetery Law	Shellie Lianne Bryant
Innocence and Justice Clinic.....	Alina Elizabeth Bosanac
Innocence and Justice Clinic II.....	Juliana Vergara
International Human Rights	Katherine Elizabeth Wenner
International Trade Law	Cara Ann Katrinak
Jurisprudence	Niti Kala Parthasarathy
Jurisprudence	Katherine Elizabeth Wenner
Law and Medicine	Meghan Marlene Capps
Mass Media Law	Robert Wesley Thayer Tucci
National Security Law.....	Tyler Lewis Martin
Negotiation.....	Lucas William Brown
Professional Responsibility	Evan Robert Reid
Professional Responsibility	Patrick D. Soundy
Professional Responsibility	Matthew Michael Welch
Real Estate Finance.....	Alina Elizabeth Bosanac
Secured Transactions	Erica Gisela Litvak
Secured Transactions	Tyler Lewis Martin
Secured Transactions	Morgan Nancy McPherson
State and Local Government.....	Emily Marie Melvin
Sustainable Corporations	Emily Marie Melvin
Taxation: Federal Income	Josey Lee-Ann Newman
Technology In The Modern Law Practice	Shaytonna V. Bullock
Trademarks.....	Michael John Garrigan
Trademarks.....	Justine Parry Welch
Veterans Legal Clinic	Niti Kala Parthasarathy

CALI EXCELLENCE FOR THE FUTURE AWARDS

The Center for Computer-assisted Legal Instruction awards a certificate to the student achieving the highest grade in each course.

Advanced Legal Research.....	Gilbert Tyler Smolenski
Advanced Legal Research.....	Matthew Michael Welch
Animal Law	Katherine Elizabeth Wenner
Antitrust	James Rothgeb Sipe III
Appellate Advocacy.....	France Phillips Beard
Appellate Advocacy.....	Olivia Carolina Ozga Bonner
Appellate Advocacy.....	Hanna Elizabeth Monson
Appellate Advocacy.....	Tracea Lachelle Rice
Appellate Advocacy.....	William Cole Shannon
Appellate Advocacy.....	Brittney Elise Willis
Appellate Advocacy.....	Justine Marie Wright
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Broker-Dealer Regulation	Brent A. Plummer
Business Drafting.....	Camryn A. Keeter
Business Drafting.....	Christopher Lee Lewis
Business Drafting.....	Rebecca Rae Wolfe
Business Drafting.....	Brent A. Plummer
Business Drafting.....	James Rothgeb Sipe III
Business Organizations.....	Timothy F. Day
Business Organizations.....	Josephine Fina
Business Organizations.....	Kyle Andrew Huggins
Business Organizations.....	Tyler Lewis Martin
Business Organizations.....	Josey Lee-Ann Newman
Child Advocacy Clinic.....	Caitlin Davis Bush
Child Advocacy Clinic.....	Erica Gisela Litvak
Child Advocacy Clinic.....	Kaylen Rae Loflin
Church, Law, and Ethics	Jonathan Robert Hilliard
Civil Procedure I.....	Jonah Nathan Bamel
Civil Procedure I.....	Nicholas Bemberg
Civil Procedure I.....	Shawn Namet
Civil Procedure I.....	Niti Kala Parthasarathy
Civil Procedure I.....	Jenna Steiner
Civil Procedure I.....	Robert Wesley Thayer Tucci
Civil Procedure II.....	Jasmine Ryan Burgess
Civil Procedure II.....	Timothy F. Day
Civil Procedure II.....	Mary Kate Gladstone
Civil Procedure II.....	Jonathan Robert Hilliard
Civil Procedure II.....	Gilbert Tyler Smolenski
Civil Rights Remedies.....	Mark Taylor Parent
Classical Rhetoric for Lawyers.....	Raquel Ayuso Macgregor
Classical Rhetoric for Lawyers.....	Mark Taylor Parent
Conflict of Laws.....	Sarah Jo Spangenburg
Constitutional Law I	Daniel James Becker
Constitutional Law I	Zachary Irvine

Constitutional Law I	Logan T. Judy
Constitutional Law I	Adam Blake McCoy
Constitutional Law I	Emily Marie Melvin
Constitutional Law II	Jonah Nathan Bamel
Constitutional Law II	Jonathan Robert Hilliard
Constitutional Law II	Robert Wesley Thayer Tucci
Construction Law	James Andrew Howe
Contracts I	Daniel Bilsker
Contracts I	Corri Ann Hopkins
Contracts I	Logan T. Judy
Contracts I	Christopher Lee Lewis
Contracts I	Gilbert Tyler Smolenski
Contracts I	Jenna Steiner
Contracts I	Justine Marie Wright
Contracts II	Timothy F. Day
Contracts II	Josephine Fina
Contracts II	Adam Blake McCoy
Contracts II	Gilbert Tyler Smolenski
Contracts II	Gregory Michael Volk
Contracts and Commercial Transactions	Emma Kimbrough Tisdale
Contracts and Commercial Transactions	Matthew Michael Welch
Contracts and Commercial Transactions	Justine Marie Wright
Criminal Law	Josephine Fina
Criminal Law	Matille Clark Gibbons
Criminal Law	Grant Kim Hancock
Criminal Law	Sarah Jo Spangenburg
Criminal Law	Jenna Steiner
Criminal Law	Aaron Douglas Vodicka
Criminal Litigation Drafting	Jonathan David Patton
Criminal Procedure: Investigation	Leah Elaine Gillespie
Criminal Procedure: Investigation	Camryn A. Keeter
Criminal Procedure: Investigation	Nicholas William Masters
Critical Race Theory	Jonathan David Patton
Critical Race Theory	Sarah Jo Spangenburg
Decedents' Estates and Trusts	Jenna Steiner
Elder Law Clinic	Sarah Rebekah Warren
Election Law: Gerrymanders	Nicholas William Masters
Employee Benefits and Pension Law	Shawn Namet
Employment Discrimination	Sarah Jo Spangenburg
Employment Law	Kara Elizabeth Stangl
Entertainment Law	Gregory Michael Volk
Environmental Law	Corri Ann Hopkins
European Union Law	Josephine Fina
European Union Law	Benjamin Lawrence Pence

CALI EXCELLENCE FOR THE FUTURE AWARDS (continued)

Evidence.....	Colin Hayton
Evidence.....	Chase Hamilton Stevens
Freedom of Religion.....	Heather E. Stinson
Freedom of Speech Press and Petition: Selected Topics.....	Jonah Nathan Bamel
Immigration Law.....	Hanna Elizabeth Monson
Immigration Law: Selected Topics.....	Hanna Elizabeth Monson
Immigration Law: Selected Topics.....	Frances Jean Sullivan
Innocence and Justice Clinic.....	Jasmine Ryan Burgess
Innocence and Justice Clinic.....	Juliana Vergara
Intellectual Property.....	Matthew Adam Freeze
Intellectual Property.....	Michael John Garrigan
International Human Rights.....	Ashley Kaye Collette
Jurisprudence.....	Michael John Garrigan
Juvenile Law.....	Hanna Elizabeth Monson
Labor Law.....	Dylan James Cruthers
Law and Medicine.....	Rebecca Rae Wolfe
Law, Literature, and Culture.....	Ashley Victoria DiMuzio
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Caitlin Davis Bush
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Timothy F. Day
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Josephine Fina
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Jonathan Robert Hilliard
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Corri Ann Hopkins
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Juliana Styron Inman
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Jaclyn N. Malmed
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Josey Lee-Ann Newman
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Robert Wesley Thayer Tucci
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Gregory Michael Volk
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Matthew Michael Welch
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Katherine Elizabeth Wenner
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Justine Marie Wright
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II.....	Ashley Elise Bouchez
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II.....	Andrew Winston Homer
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II.....	Corri Ann Hopkins
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II.....	Elizabeth Carson Lane
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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

Some academicians and others have wondered why law schools all over the United States have changed the nomenclature of the first university degree in law from the long used LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws) to the J.D. (Juris Doctor). What is the basis for this change and its significance? Where does it rank in the legal academic hierarchy?

The doctorate or title of “Doctor” actually originated in connection with lawyers and not with other academic disciplines. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* states that the title of “Doctor” was conferred as early as the 12th century in the faculty of law in the famed University of Bologna. It was later conferred in France and England in the faculty of divinity. For many years the term “Doctor” was confined to the faculties of law and divinity. It was not until the 14th century that the doctor’s degree began to be conferred in medicine. Thereafter the term came to apply to other disciplines in European universities.

The term “Doctor” and its use in connection with graduates in law is therefore in keeping with ancient traditions of the legal profession. There is evidence of its use in connection with lawyers as early as Biblical times. See Acts 5:34, where it is stated: “Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law ...”

The term “Doctor” was not employed in colonial America in connection with lawyers because at the time of the settlement of this country there were no law schools to grant degrees. Legal education was compelled to take the form of the guild system whereby persons interested in studying law had to accept apprenticeship or clerkship. Lawyers “read” law from treatises such as Blackstone’s *Commentaries*, listened to and observed their elders, studied statutes and digests, and after a period of years were recommended by committees to be licensed to practice law.

The first “law school” connected with a college or university was probably established at the College of William and Mary by Thomas Jefferson when, as Governor of Virginia, he arranged for the appointment of a “professor of law and police” at that school. The first independent law school was established at Litchfield, Connecticut. Harvard University named its first part-time law professor in 1815. But as a university discipline, legal education did not start as “graduate education” in the university, but as simply a part of the undergraduate curriculum of liberal arts departments of the universities, like philosophy or economics. Since the teaching of law started as an adjunct of the regular curriculum of colleges and universities, when a degree was given to those who completed legal studies, it was natural to call it a “bachelor’s” degree. The LL.B. was widely adopted.

Modern legal education did not begin in the United States as presently known until about 1870 when Christopher Columbus Langdell was named “Dean of the Law School” at Harvard University, connoting the evolution of legal education’s rise to graduate school status. Since the LL.B. degree had become so well established, that degree continued to be awarded by university law schools until recently, notwithstanding that the initial law degree is not generally the first academic degree conferred upon law graduates.

With the development of increasingly high standards and the prerequisite of a prior college or university degree before one can be admitted to law school and the requirement of three years of post-baccalaureate study in law, or the equivalent of seven years of formal higher education, most law schools have now replaced the LL.B. degree with the degree of “Juris Doctor.” The J.D. degree is now generally conferred as the first degree in law for those graduating from law schools in the United States. The “Juris Doctor” degree is designed to indicate post-baccalaureate achievement not previously accomplished by awarding a second “bachelor’s degree” in the form of the LL.B.

With respect to degrees awarded in law today by most law schools in America, the following hierarchy of degrees has been established:

1. Juris Doctor (J.D.) – The first earned law degree indicating graduation from a law school with three years of post-baccalaureate study, or the equivalent of seven years of formal higher education, at least three years of which are in law.
2. Master of Laws (LL.M.) – An earned postgraduate degree in law indicating the successful completion of one additional year of specialized legal study after receipt of the first degree in law. The Wake Forest LL.M. degree is for those whose first degree in law is from a university of a foreign country.
3. Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) – An earned postgraduate degree in law indicating generally the successful completion of two years of formal legal study beyond receipt of the first degree in law plus the writing of a major original research thesis or dissertation.
4. Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) – An “honorary” degree established by universities and colleges, not necessarily those having law schools, and conferred on an individual who makes a significant contribution to society in a learned pursuit. The Doctor of Laws is not an earned academic degree.

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