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Class of 2014

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SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2014

CARILLON PRELUDE	Anthony M. Tang ('11)
ORGAN PRELUDE	Susan Orgain
PROCESSIONAL.....	Mrs. Orgain
INVOCATION.....	Reverend Timothy L. Auman University Chaplain
OPENING REMARKS	Dean Blake D. Morant
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS.....	Dean Morant
INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST	Dean Morant
REMARKS	The Honorable Mr. Justice John L. Murray Former Chief Justice of Ireland
ADMINISTRATION OF OATH.....	Suzanne Reynolds ('77) Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
THE HOODING CEREMONY	
PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATES.....	Executive Associate Dean Reynolds Richard Schneider Associate Dean for International Affairs
CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS.....	Dean Morant, Professor Simone Rose
CONCLUDING REMARKS	Dean Morant
BENEDICTION	Reverend Auman
RECESSIONAL.....	Mrs. Orgain

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 GUEST

The Honorable Mr. Justice John L. Murray

Former Chief Justice of Ireland

The Honorable Mr. Justice John L. Murray is the senior ordinary member of the Irish Supreme Court. He served as chief justice from 2004 to 2011, having completed a fixed seven-year, non-renewable term. The Irish Constitution allows for judicial review of all legislation.

Born in Limerick, Murray received his education at Crescent College, Rockwell College, County Tipperary and University College of Dublin. Between 1966 and 1967, Murray led the Union of Students in Ireland. After he was admitted to practice at the bar of Ireland, Murray had a successful law practice, dealing with commercial, civil, and constitutional law. He also practiced before International courts.

Murray was Attorney General of Ireland to the then governments, first in 1982 for a period of six months, and subsequently from 1987 to 1991. Notably, he refused to allow Father Patrick Ryan extradition to Britain on explosives charges associated with the Provisional IRA in 1988. Due to excessive media coverage and comments by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in Parliament, Murray decided that Ryan could not receive a fair trial. Subsequently he was successful in establishing with the British attorney general procedures for effective extradition arrangements between the two countries.

In 1991, Justice Murray was appointed as a judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg. Eight years later he left that court on accepting an appointment to the Supreme Court of Ireland, and he was appointed Chief Justice of Ireland in 2004. He also acted as chairperson on the Anti-Fraud Committee of the European Central Bank and as chairperson on the Ethical Committee of the European Commission.

Murray is a noted jurist on constitutional law and European law matters, and apart from his judicial career has lectured at many venues and conferences in Europe and the United States. In February 2012, he was Adjunct Professor of Law in the University of Limerick until he received his current appointment as Chancellor, or honorary head, of the University. Murray is married to Gabriel Walsh, daughter of Brian Walsh, a former Supreme Court judge. They have two children, Catriona and Brian.

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May 19, 2014

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Danielle Louise Barsky.....	Amherst, New Hampshire
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Erin Bernay Blackwell.....	Owings Mills, Maryland
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	Brett Jared Chessin.....	Cincinnati, Ohio
	Lindsey M. Chessum.....	La Crescenta, California
	Bona Chung.....	Seoul, South Korea
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	Christine Donnelly.....	Longmeadow, Massachusetts
	Jaimie Layne Douglas.....	Fairfax Station, Virginia
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	Leslie Ann Evans.....	Winter Park, Florida
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	Ama Serwaa Frimpong.....	Accra, Ghana
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	Sean Patrick Gannaway.....	Winston-Salem, North Carolina
	Lucas David Garber.....	Charlotte, North Carolina
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	Kathryn Elizabeth Harvey.....	Nashville, Tennessee
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Lauren Alexandra Johnson	Potomac, Maryland
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Jasmine L. Kelly	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Victoria Therese Kepes	Aiken, South Carolina
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Nathan Karl Kupka.....	Amarillo, Texas
Elizabeth Alspaugh Kyser	Charlottesville, Virginia
Kamay Melissa Lafalaise	Boynton Beach, Florida
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Charles Kenneth Lane.....	Greensboro, North Carolina
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Justin Angel Lea.....	Yanceyville, North Carolina
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Justin Paul Philbeck.....	Shelby, North Carolina
Thomas David Pickering	Peru, New York
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	Adrainne Denise Roberts	Waterloo, Iowa
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	Myles Palmer Rogers.....	Raleigh, North Carolina
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	Lauren Timmons	Lexington, Kentucky
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	Laura Marie Twichell	Fayetteville, New York
	Zachary Michael Underwood.....	Springfield, Illinois
	Emily Ann Unnasch.....	Birmingham, Alabama
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	Taryn D. Walker.....	Marietta, Georgia
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	Christopher M. Wasson	Lexington, South Carolina
	Thomas Joseph Watkins.....	Marietta, Georgia
	Lindsay Alana Watson	Painesville, Ohio
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	Elaine Woo	Lakeland, Florida
	Erin Elizabeth Woodrum	Chesterland, Ohio
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	Chad Michael Vanderhoef.....	Fruit Cove, Florida

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Porsha Winters.....Chicago, Illinois

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* Cameron David Tanner Royal Oak, Michigan

§ Dual degree Juris Doctor / Master of Business Administration * In absentia

GRADUATION DISTINCTIONS

Summa Cum Laude

Julian W. DuRant

Magna Cum Laude

Linda Elise Boss
David Vincent Brennan
Bethany Amanda Corbin
Jeremy Randall Demmitt
Christopher Scott Edwards
Kathryn Elizabeth Harvey
Matthew Francis Meyers
Alexander Paul Rothschild

Cum Laude

Ryan MacKenzie Arens	Jacob Adam Lopes
Brett Matthew Becker	Sean P. McGonigle
Brett Jared Chessin	Evan Andrew Mongiardo
Bona Chung	John Jefferson Nail
Justin David Cook	Pascal F. Naples III
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Victoria Therese Kepes	

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 10 percent of a graduating class.

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Brett Matthew Becker	Tammy Chen Hsu
Linda Elise Boss	Jacob Adam Lopes
David Vincent Brennan	Matthew Francis Meyers
Brett Jared Chessin	John Jefferson Nail
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Christopher Scott Edwards	Lauren Timmons
James Frederick Goodwin	

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.

**North Carolina Chapter
Law Student Award**
Sara Elizabeth White

AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE AWARD

The American Bankruptcy Institute awards a medal and certificate of excellence to the most outstanding student in Debtor-Creditor Law.

Lindsey M. Chessum

2012 – 2013

John Robert Sechrist II

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE BUREAU OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF HEALTH LAW

The American Bar Association’s Health Law Section and The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. award a certificate and a selected ABA/BNA treatise to the students who achieve the highest grade in this course.

2012 – 2013

Kathryn Elizabeth Harvey

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE BUREAU OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

The American Bar Association’s Section of Intellectual Property Law and The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. award a certificate and a selected ABA/BNA treatise to the student who achieves the highest grade among the courses of Intellectual Property, Copyrights and Trademarks.

Jeremy Randall Demmitt

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE BUREAU OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

The American Bar Association’s Section of Labor and Employment Law and The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. award a certificate and a selected ABA/BNA treatise to the students who achieve the highest grades in these courses.

*Employment Law, Lucas David Garber
Labor Law, Christina Michele Dennis*

THE DEAN'S AWARD

The Dean's Award was established to honor the extraordinary contributions of a student leader. It is a special award. It is given only in years in which a candidate for Juris Doctor degree has demonstrated, over the course of his or her law school career, uncommon qualities of leadership that deserve special recognition.

Lee Dillon Denton

E. McGRUDER FARIS MEMORIAL AWARD

This award was established to honor the late Professor "Mac" Faris, a former member of the law school faculty. The \$200 cash award and a plaque are given to the student exhibiting the highest standards of character, leadership and scholarship.

Nathan Graham Harrill

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 \$100 cash award.

Laura Marie Twichell

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 in the amount of \$500 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.

Allison Rebecca Levene

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. It is an annual cash award in the amount of \$3,000 given to the student showing the highest aptitude and ethics in trial advocacy.

*AAJ Team, Philip Sean Baetjer, Matthew Francis Meyers
National Team, Erik Edward Hawkins, J. Austen Irrobali*

I. BEVERLY LAKE AWARD

This award was established in honor of I. Beverly Lake Sr., professor of law at Wake Forest University, practicing attorney, assistant attorney general of North Carolina 1951-1955 and retired Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. The annual cash award in the amount of \$500 is given to the student or students in the law school exhibiting the greatest proficiency in the study of Constitutional Law.

Brett Jared Chessin

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS

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.

Linda Elise Boss

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.

Juliana Rose O'Neill

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.

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Destin Chase Hall
Justin Michael Moore Jenkins
Daniel Kosh Keeney
Kamay Melissa Lafalaise
Justin Angel Lea
Adrainne Denise Roberts

2012 – 2013

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Jasmine L. Kelly
Sean P. McGonigle

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.

Philip Sean Baetjer
Erin Bernay Blackwell
Nathan Graham Harrill
J. Austen Irrobali
Justin Garrett May
Matthew Francis Meyers
Pascal F. Naples III
Laura Marie Twichell
Patrick Matthew Wallace
Lindsay Alana Watson

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.*

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014

<i>Admiralty and Maritime Law</i>	Nathan Karl Kupka
<i>Advanced Family Law: Case Study</i>	Sara Elizabeth White
<i>Advanced Legal Research</i>	Elaine Woo
<i>Advanced Trial Practice</i>	J. Austen Irroballi
<i>Agency</i>	Sara Elizabeth White
<i>Animal Law</i>	Lauren Alexandra Johnson
<i>Animal Law</i>	Juliana Rose O'Neill
<i>Animal Law</i>	Erica Brittany Smith
<i>Antitrust</i>	Pascal F. Naples III
<i>Appellate Advocacy</i>	Erin Bernay Blackwell
<i>Appellate Advocacy</i>	Linda Elise Boss
<i>Appellate Advocacy</i>	David Vincent Brennan
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<i>Appellate Advocacy</i>	Christina Michele Dennis
<i>Appellate Advocacy</i>	Craig Gardner Harasimowicz
<i>Appellate Advocacy</i>	Nathan Graham Harrill
<i>Appellate Advocacy</i>	Emily Ann Unnasch
<i>Appellate Advocacy</i>	Taryn D. Walker
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<i>Art and Cultural Property Law</i>	James Frederick Goodwin
<i>Banking Law</i>	David H. Denninger
<i>Broker-Dealer Regulation</i>	Bethany Amanda Corbin
<i>Broker-Dealer Regulation</i>	Michael Devaney Lewis
<i>Business Drafting</i>	Linda Elise Boss
<i>Business Drafting</i>	Justin David Cook
<i>Business Drafting</i>	Nathan Graham Harrill
<i>Business Drafting</i>	Lauren C. Karp
<i>Business Drafting</i>	Jeremy Randall Demmitt
<i>Business Drafting</i>	Jason Trevor Roebuck
<i>Business Drafting</i>	Adam Leonard Stoddard
<i>Business Organizations</i>	Ryan MacKenzie Arens
<i>Business Organizations</i>	Stephen Caleb Pritchard
<i>Business Planning</i>	Lindsey M. Chessum
<i>Business Planning</i>	Jason Trevor Roebuck
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<i>Child Advocacy Clinic</i>	Jasmine L. Kelly
<i>Child Advocacy Clinic</i>	Obed Benjamin Morales
<i>Civil and Criminal Externship Clinic</i>	Ryan MacKenzie Arens
<i>Civil and Criminal Externship Clinic</i>	Matthew Francis Meyers
<i>Civil Procedure I</i>	Justin David Cook
<i>Civil Procedure I</i>	Jeremy Randall Demmitt
<i>Civil Procedure I</i>	Julian W. DuRant
<i>Civil Procedure I</i>	Pascal F. Naples III
<i>Civil Procedure II</i>	Bona Chung
<i>Civil Procedure II</i>	Jeremy Randall Demmitt
<i>Civil Procedure II</i>	Julian W. DuRant
<i>Civil Procedure II</i>	Juliana Rose O'Neill
<i>Classical Rhetoric for Lawyers</i>	Erik Edward Hawkins
<i>Commercial Drafting</i>	Michael James Glotzbach

<i>Community Law and Business Clinic</i>	Julian W. DuRant
<i>Community Law and Business Clinic</i>	Adam Leonard Stoddard
<i>Comparative Constitutional Law</i>	Brett Jared Chessin
<i>Comparative Tort Law</i>	Samuel Rafael Varrichione Garland
<i>Complex Civil Litigation</i>	Pascal F. Naples III
<i>Constitutional Law I</i>	Justin David Cook
<i>Constitutional Law I</i>	Julian W. DuRant
<i>Constitutional Law I</i>	Christopher Scott Edwards
<i>Constitutional Law I</i>	William Douglas Winn, III
<i>Constitutional Law I</i>	Ebrahim Sana Yazdani-Zonoz
<i>Constitutional Law II</i>	Samuel Rafael Varrichione Garland
<i>Constitutional Law II</i>	Matthew Francis Meyers
<i>Construction Law</i>	Brett Matthew Becker
<i>Construction Law</i>	Bethany Amanda Corbin
<i>Construction Law</i>	Nathan Graham Harrill
<i>Construction Law</i>	John Robert Sechrist II
<i>Contracts I</i>	Linda Elise Boss
<i>Contracts I</i>	David Vincent Brennan
<i>Contracts I</i>	Christopher R. DiGirolamo
<i>Contracts I</i>	Julian W. DuRant
<i>Contracts I</i>	John Robert Sechrist II
<i>Contracts I</i>	William Douglas Winn, III
<i>Contracts II</i>	Linda Elise Boss
<i>Contracts II</i>	Sean Patrick Gannaway
<i>Contracts II</i>	Juliana Rose O'Neill
<i>Contracts II</i>	Ryan James Radford
<i>Contracts II</i>	Alexander Paul Rothschild
<i>Copyrights</i>	Jeremy Randall Demmitt
<i>Corporations: Advanced Topics</i>	Tammy Chen Hsu
<i>Criminal Law</i>	David Vincent Brennan
<i>Criminal Law</i>	Julian W. DuRant
<i>Criminal Law</i>	Christopher Scott Edwards
<i>Criminal Law</i>	Alexander Paul Rothschild
<i>Criminal Procedure: Adjudication</i>	Matthew Francis Meyers
<i>Criminal Procedure: Investigation</i>	Seth Richard Bullard
<i>Criminal Procedure: Investigation</i>	Matthew Francis Meyers
<i>Criminal Procedure: Selected Topics</i>	Kathryn Elizabeth Harvey
<i>Criminal Procedure: Selected Topics</i>	Jasmine L. Kelly
<i>Criminal Procedure: Selected Topics</i>	Erin Elizabeth Woodrum
<i>Criminal Procedure Survey</i>	Cameron Brewbaker Stanton
<i>Cross Disciplinary Professional Development</i>	Nathan Graham Harrill
<i>Cross Disciplinary Professional Development</i>	Jennifer Ann Skinner
<i>Debtor-Creditor Law</i>	Lindsey M. Chessum
<i>Debtor-Creditor Law</i>	John Robert Sechrist II
<i>Decedents' Estates and Trusts</i>	Jeremy Randall Demmitt
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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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I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT UPON BEING DULY
LICENSED TO PRACTICE THE PROFESSION OF LAW:

I will support the Constitution of the United States;

I will maintain the respect due to Courts of Justice and
judicial officers;

I will honor and uphold the rule of law;

I will be faithful to the ethical standards that govern
my profession;

I will discharge conscientiously the obligations of
citizenship;

I will not reject for personal reasons, the cause of the
defenseless or oppressed, or delay any person's cause for
personal gain or malice, **SO HELP ME GOD.**



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