



# Hooding Ceremony 2018

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF LAW  
WAIT CHAPEL  
SUNDAY, MAY 20





# *Hooding Ceremony*

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SUNDAY, MAY 20

ORGAN PRELUDE .....Donald L. Armitage  
University Organist

PROCESSIONAL

*Phoenix Rising* 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 Ralph Peebles

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE SPEAKER .....Dean Reynolds

GRADUATE REMARKS .....Alexander Teixeira (JD '18)

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH .....Jonathan Cardi  
Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

THE HOODING CEREMONY

PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATES .....Richard Schneider  
Associate Dean for International Affairs

Executive Associate Dean Cardi

Steve Garland (JD '80)  
Professor of Practice, Master of Studies in Law

CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS .....Dean Reynolds

Ann Gibbs  
Associate Dean, Administrative & Student Services

CONCLUDING REMARKS .....Dean Reynolds

SENDING FORTH .....Reverend Auman

RECESSONAL .....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 Ralph Peeples and Alexander Teixeira (JD '18)**

Professor Ralph Peeples, who is retiring from the law school this year after 39 years as a professor and an administrator, has distinguished himself as teacher and scholar during his tenure. A four-time winner of the law school's excellence in teaching award, Professor Peeples is among a small group of scholars nationally that employ empirical methodologies to study and evaluate the legal system. Currently a Certified Mediator in the North Carolina Superior Court Mediated Settlement Conference program, he also has been a lecturer/manuscript author for various Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programs. Prior to entering teaching, Professor Peeples was an associate attorney with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey in Cleveland, Ohio.

Alexander Teixeira (JD '18) is from Mystic, Connecticut, and a graduate of St. Bonaventure University, where he earned a degree in journalism/mass communication. While in law school, Teixeira served as an executive editor for the Wake Forest Journal of Law and Policy and, as a third-year student, represented Wake Forest in the National Moot Court Competition. He also volunteered with the Pro Bono Project during all three years and founded a pro bono initiative focused on environmental advocacy. Following graduation, Teixeira will clerk for Judge Hunter Murphy on the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE SCIENTIAE JURIDICAE DOCTOR DEGREE

MAY 21, 2018

‡ Ahmed Ali Aldibasi.....	Buraydah, Saudi Arabia
‡ Ramy AbdulAziz Alshebl .....	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
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‡ Alaa S. Marghalani .....	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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* Ahmad Mohammed Ahmad Banaamah .....	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
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* Seokwoo Yoon.....	Seoul, South Korea

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Silu Liu .....	Wuhan, China
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Xinhui Pan.....	Korla, China
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* Meshal Methgl Alharbi .....	Alrass, Saudi Arabia
* Abdulrahman Malki.....	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

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Nicholas Bedo .....	Johns Creek, GA
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Mitchell Gene Davis.....	Morro Bay, CA
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Zhuo Diao.....	Beijing, China
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Colin Patrick Ferriter .....	Lockport, IL

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Huston Firment .....	West Chester, PA
James Bradley Fleming .....	Dacula, GA
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Hillary Elizabeth Frame.....	Hurricane, WV
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Vanessa Garrido.....	Miami, FL
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Doriyon Chante Glass.....	Youngstown, OH
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Xiaoyu Hao.....	Hohhot, China
Andrew Edward Hayhurst.....	Oakton, VA
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Jonathan Peter Hermes .....	La Valle, WI
Kyle Francis Heuser.....	Winston-Salem, NC
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§ Luke Ragan Hoopes .....	Tampa, FL
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Audrey Koncsol .....	Charlotte, NC
Emily Catherine Lagan .....	Albany, NY
David Michael Layman.....	Norwich, NY
Spencer Adam Lee.....	Des Moines, IA
Yinan Liu .....	Tangshan, China
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## CANDIDATES FOR THE JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE (continued)

* Joshua Maley .....	Poughkeepsie, NY
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Zachary L. McCamey .....	Mohawk, TN
Daniel Drew McClurg .....	Clemmons, NC
Kyle J. McConnell .....	New Orleans, LA
John McCool .....	Birmingham, AL
Hannah Ijames McGee .....	Wilmington, NC
Courtney Rebecca McGinness .....	Wilmington, NC
Kelsey Marie Mellan .....	Mitchell, SD
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Kyle R. Mirabelli .....	Phillipsburg, NJ
Yawara Ng .....	Kenner, LA
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Jason Michael Novak .....	Scituate, MA
Patrick Abely O'Connor .....	Raleigh, NC
Briana Antoinette O'Neil .....	Brandon, MS
Derek J. Padilla .....	Jacksonville, FL
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John Allen Riggins .....	Little Rock, AR
Katherine Lane Ririe .....	Winston-Salem, NC
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Garrett Daniel Rogers .....	Plano, TX
MaKenna Ellyce Rogers .....	Kiowa, OK
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Hannah Elizabeth Smith .....	Winston-Salem, NC
Joseph Alexander Speight .....	Pinehurst, NC
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Earl Robert Storrs III .....	Rochester, NY

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Kristina Syrigos.....	Corinth, Greece
Min Tang.....	Ningxia, China
Alexander Teixeira .....	Mystic, CT
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Dylan Tucker.....	Canandaigua, NY
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Brittany Michelle Wages.....	Winter Park, FL
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Benjamin Ross Westcott.....	Chelmsford, MA
Steven W. Williams.....	Wellborn, FL
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§§ Logan Matthew Wyont .....	Cherryville, NC
Nathan R. Young.....	Asheville, NC

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Kari Colter Reece.....	Mocksville, NC
* Bryan Carlton Thompson.....	Advance, NC
Dana Noell Williams.....	Fort Mill, SC

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## GRADUATION DISTINCTIONS

### **Summa Cum Laude**

Michael Henry Herman  
Benjamin Ross Westcott

### **Magna Cum Laude**

Catherine Mary Baiocchi	Huston Firment
Ashley Erica Barton	Kyle Francis Heuser
Malcolm Sayres Boyd	Zachary L. McCamey
Mary A. Clayton	Daniel Drew McClurg
Alexandra Marie Fenno	Patrick Abely O'Connor

Kevin S. Rice
John Allen Riggins
Michael Jacob Stephens

### **Cum Laude**

Luis Fernando Benavides	Matthew Brian Hoyt
Sophia Blair	Emily Catherine Lagan
Melanie Carolyn Cormier	Spencer Adam Lee
Andrew Alan Dinwiddie	Morgan Keehner-Jones Mayes
Raymond Earl Dunn III	Kelsey Marie Mellan
Anna-Bryce Flowe	Amanda Carpenter Perez
Joshua Scott Garrett	Samantha Poon
Ryan Thomas Holt	Katherine K. Riddle

Sabrina Cristina-Gomes Rodrigues
Amanda Kay Romenesko
Joseph Alexander Speight
Alexander Teixeira
John Russell Van Swearingen
Kristina Wilson

## 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.*

Catherine Mary Baiocchi	Huston Firment	Patrick Abely O'Connor
Ashley Erica Barton	Michael Henry Herman	Kevin S. Rice
Malcolm Sayres Boyd	Kyle Francis Heuser	John Allen Riggins
Mary A. Clayton	Zachary L. McCamey	Michael Jacob Stephens
Alexandra Marie Fenno	Daniel Drew McClurg	Benjamin Ross Westcott

## 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.*

Catherine Mary Baiocchi

## **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**

Michael Henry Herman

### **State and Local Government**

John Russell Van Swearingen

## **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND BLOOMBERG BNA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF HEALTH LAW**

*The American Bar Association's Health Law Section and Bloomberg BNA award a certificate and a selected ABA/Bloomberg BNA treatise to the student who achieves the highest grade in this course.*

Patrick Abely O'Connor

## **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND BLOOMBERG BNA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW**

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

MaKenna Ellyce Rogers  
Brittany Michelle Wages

## **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND BLOOMBERG BNA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW**

*The American Bar Association's Section of Labor and Employment Law and Bloomberg BNA award a certificate and a selected ABA/Bloomberg BNA treatise to the student who achieves the highest grade.*

Andrew Alan Dinwiddie

## **THE DEAN'S AWARD**

*The Dean's Award was established to honor the extraordinary contributions of a student leader. 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.*

Seth Taylor Williford

## 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.*

Michael Henry Herman

## 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.*

Katherine Lane Ririe

## 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.*

Samantha Poon

## 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

Zachary L. McCamey

### AAJ Team

Anna-Bryce Flowe

## 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. An annual cash award is given to the student or students in the law school exhibiting the greatest proficiency in the study of Constitutional Law.*

Mary A. Clayton  
Zachary L. McCamey  
John Allen Riggins

## 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.*

Melanie Carolyn Cormier

## 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.*

Jasmine Hazelton Gregory

## 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.*

### 2017 – 2018

Raven Ash  
Sophia Blair  
Mary Grace Carey  
Kyle Francis Heuser  
Matthew Brian Hoyt  
David Michael Layman  
Briana Antoinette O’Neil  
Michael Jacob Stephens  
Evan William Weltge

### 2016 – 2017

Hannah Ijames McGee  
Katherine Lane Ririe

## 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.*

Elizabeth A. Casale	Emily Catherine Lagan	Jonathan Salmons
Stephanie Anne Criscione	Zachary L. McCamey	Alexander Teixeira
Anna-Bryce Flowe	Kelsey Marie Mellan	
Joseph Karam	Katherine Lane Ririe	

## 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.*

Emily Elizabeth Scotton

## 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.*

Catherine Mary Baiocchi	Vanessa Garrido	Katherine Lane Ririe
Ashley Erica Barton	Jasmine Hazelton Gregory	Emily Elizabeth Scotton
Emily Brooke Boutwell	Kimberly Hayes Harris	Marisa D. Stern
Mary A. Clayton	Nan Hu	Kristina Syrigos
Staci Coble	Mark Gregory Huffman	Courtney Marie Wachal
Melanie Carolyn Cormier	Yinan Liu	Evan Darryl Walton
Lane Russel DeBellis	Hannah Ijames McGee	Steven W. Williams
Raymond Earl Dunn III	Kyle R. Mirabelli	Zachary David Young
James Bradley Fleming	Dallas S. Pastirik	
Hillary Elizabeth Frame	Samantha Poon	

## 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 2018

Advanced Legal Research.....	Harry Edward Hill IV
Agency .....	Spencer Adam Lee
Animal Law .....	Anna-Bryce Flowe
Animal Law.....	Joshua Scott Garrett
Antitrust .....	Zachary L. McCamey
Appellate Advocacy.....	Ashley Erica Barton
Appellate Advocacy.....	Michael Henry Herman
Appellate Advocacy.....	Samantha Poon
Appellate Advocacy.....	Emily Elizabeth Scotton
Banking Law.....	Samer A. Roshdy
Bioethics .....	Catherine Mary Baiocchi
Bioethics .....	John Allen Riggins
Business and Commercial Torts.....	Kyle Francis Heuser
Business Drafting.....	Spencer Adam Lee
Business Drafting .....	Lucas David Basha
Business Drafting .....	Andrew Alan Dinwiddie
Business Drafting .....	Christopher Doerring
Business Drafting .....	Raymond Earl Dunn III
Business Drafting .....	Huston Firment
Business Drafting .....	David Newkirk Giesel
Business Organizations.....	Luis Fernando Benavides
Business Organizations.....	Andrew Alan Dinwiddie
Business Organizations.....	Matthew Brian Hoyt
Business Organizations.....	Daniel Drew McClurg
Business Planning.....	Jonathan Peter Hermes
Business Planning.....	Zachary David Young
Child Advocacy Clinic.....	Kristina Syrigos
Civil Procedure I.....	Catherine Mary Baiocchi
Civil Procedure I.....	Nicholas Bedo
Civil Procedure I.....	Ryan Thomas Holt
Civil Procedure I.....	Patrick Abely O'Connor
Civil Procedure I.....	Benjamin Ross Westcott
Civil Procedure II .....	Nicholas Bedo
Civil Procedure II .....	Robert M. Botkin
Civil Procedure II .....	Alexandra Marie Fenno
Civil Procedure II .....	Kyle Francis Heuser
Civil Procedure II .....	Kyle R. Mirabelli
Civil Procedure II .....	Kevin S. Rice
Collaborative Law and Practice .....	Patrick Abely O'Connor
Collaborative Law and Practice .....	Catherine Mary Baiocchi
Community Law and Business Clinic I.....	Evan Darryl Walton
Community Law and Business Clinic I.....	Benjamin Ross Westcott
Community Law and Business Clinic I.....	Zachary David Young

## CALI EXCELLENCE FOR THE FUTURE AWARDS (continued)

Comparative Criminal Procedure.....	Mary A. Clayton
Constitutional Law I .....	Joshua Scott Garrett
Constitutional Law I .....	Derek J. Padilla
Constitutional Law I .....	Kevin S. Rice
Constitutional Law I .....	Katherine K. Riddle
Constitutional Law I .....	John Allen Riggins
Constitutional Law I .....	Benjamin Ross Westcott
Constitutional Law II.....	Mary A. Clayton
Constitutional Law II.....	Jonathan Peter Hermes
Constitutional Law II.....	Daniel Drew McClurg
Construction Law.....	Anna-Bryce Flowe
Contracts and Commercial Transactions.....	Ashley Erica Barton
Contracts I.....	Catherine Mary Baiocchi
Contracts I.....	Mary A. Clayton
Contracts I.....	Alexandra Marie Fenno
Contracts II .....	Sophia Blair
Contracts II .....	Malcolm Sayres Boyd
Contracts II .....	Daniel Drew McClurg
Contracts II .....	Joseph Alexander Speight
Corporate Finance.....	Yinan Liu
Criminal Law .....	Catherine Mary Baiocchi
Criminal Law .....	Kyle Francis Heuser
Criminal Law .....	Emily Catherine Lagan
Criminal Law .....	Benjamin Ross Westcott
Criminal Law .....	Kristina Wilson
Criminal Procedure: Adjudication.....	Mary A. Clayton
Criminal Procedure: Investigation.....	Lucas David Basha
Criminal Procedure: Investigation.....	Dallas S. Pastirik
Criminal Procedure: Selected Topics.....	Kyle R. Mirabelli
Cross-Border Business Transactions .....	Sabrina Cristina-Gomes Rodrigues
Debtor-Creditor Law .....	Kyle Francis Heuser
Debtor-Creditor Law .....	Patrick Abely O'Connor
Decedents' Estates and Trusts.....	Michael Henry Herman
Dispute Resolution.....	David Michael Layman
Education Law .....	Mary Grace Carey
Education Law .....	Staci Coble
Election Law: Gerrymanders.....	Emily Carson Burke
Employee Benefits and Pension Law .....	Raymond Earl Dunn III
Employee Benefits and Pension Law .....	Joshua Scott Garrett
Employment Discrimination.....	Kelsey Marie Mellan
Employment Law.....	Andrew Alan Dinwiddie
Energy Law.....	John Allen Riggins
Environmental Law .....	Yawara Ng
Equitable and Legal Remedies.....	Melanie Carolyn Cormier

Essential Business Concepts .....	David Michael Layman
Essential Business Concepts .....	Kevin S. Rice
Evidence.....	Huston Firment
Evidence.....	Michael Henry Herman
Evidence.....	Kevin S. Rice
Evidence.....	Joseph Alexander Speight
Family Law .....	David Newkirk Giesel
Family Law .....	Daniel Drew McClurg
Federal Courts .....	Donald Lee Haley III
Food Law and Policy.....	John Allen Riggins
Funeral and Cemetery Law.....	Emily Catherine Lagan
Gender and the Law .....	Joshua Scott Garrett
Great Jurists Seminar .....	Joshua Scott Garrett
Health Care Law and Policy.....	Patrick Abely O'Connor
Human Reproduction and the Law .....	Staci Coble
Immigration Law.....	Raymond Earl Dunn III
Immigration Law: Selected Topics.....	Raymond Earl Dunn III
Immigration Law: Selected Topics.....	Samantha Poon
Innocence and Justice Clinic.....	Alexander Teixeira
Innocence and Justice Clinic II.....	Kimberly Hayes Harris
Intellectual Property Licensing.....	Elizabeth A. Casale
Intellectual Property Licensing.....	Colin Patrick Ferriter
International Environmental Law.....	Nan Hu
International Environmental Law .....	Audrey Koncsol
International Environmental Law .....	Yawara Ng
International Human Rights.....	Audrey Koncsol
International Law .....	Teresa Julia Herran
International Law .....	Yinan Liu
International Law .....	Samantha Poon
International Trade Law .....	John Allen Riggins
Internet Law .....	Raymond Earl Dunn III
Jurisprudence .....	Joshua Scott Garrett
Jurisprudence .....	Kelsey McHugh Hyde
Juvenile Law .....	Katherine Lane Ririe
Law and Economics .....	Lucas David Basha
Law and Medicine .....	Derek J. Padilla
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Catherine Mary Baiocchi
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Ashley Erica Barton
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Nicholas Bedo
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Michael Henry Herman
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Harry Edward Hill IV
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Morgan Keehner-Jones Mayes
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Zachary L. McCamey
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Daniel Drew McClurg

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Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Katherine K. Riddle
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Patrick Southern
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Michael Jacob Stephens
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Luis Fernando Benavides
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Ashley Erica Barton
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Sophia Blair
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Huston Firment
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Vanessa Garrido
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Michael Henry Herman
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Harry Edward Hill IV
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Emily Catherine Lagan
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Daniel Drew McClurg
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Patrick Abely O'Connor
Legal History-American.....	John McCool
Legislation and Administrative Law .....	Huston Firment
Legislation and Administrative Law .....	Michael Henry Herman
Legislation and Administrative Law .....	Daniel Drew McClurg
Legislation and Administrative Law .....	John Russell Van Swearingen
Litigation Drafting.....	Katherine Lane Ririe
Litigation Drafting .....	Catherine Mary Baiocchi
Litigation Drafting .....	Joshua Scott Garrett
Litigation Drafting .....	Derek J. Padilla
Litigation Externship Clinic.....	Anna-Bryce Flowe
Lobbying Theory and Practice.....	Morgan Keehner-Jones Mayes
Mass Media Law .....	Ashley Erica Barton
Microtrade Development Clinic.....	Luis Fernando Benavides
Microtrade Development Clinic.....	Benjamin Ross Westcott
Natural Resources.....	Katherine K. Riddle
Natural Resources.....	John Russell Van Swearingen
NCAA Rules Compliance and Enforcement .....	Katherine K. Riddle
Negotiation.....	Luis Fernando Benavides
Planning and Drafting of Wills and Trusts .....	Megan Elizabeth Dyer
Planning and Drafting of Wills and Trusts .....	Jonathan Peter Hermes
Poverty Law.....	Mark Gregory Huffman
Pre-Trial Practice and Procedure .....	Ashley Erica Barton
Professional Responsibility .....	Jonathan Peter Hermes
Professional Responsibility .....	Daniel Drew McClurg
Property .....	Malcolm Sayres Boyd
Property .....	Michael Henry Herman
Property .....	Derek J. Padilla
Property .....	Benjamin Ross Westcott
Prosecution Seminar.....	Steven W. Williams
Race and the Law.....	John J. Dunn
Real Estate Finance.....	Joseph Alexander Speight

Sales.....	Benjamin James Corcoran
Sales.....	Alexandra Marie Fenno
Sales and Secured Transactions.....	Patrick Southern
Secured Transactions .....	Colin Patrick Ferriter
Securities Litigation .....	Robert M. Botkin
Social Science, Race and the Law .....	Mary A. Clayton
Social Science, Race and the Law .....	Yawara Ng
Social Science, Race and the Law .....	Dylan Tucker
Sports Law .....	Daniel Drew McClurg
State and Local Government.....	John Russell Van Swearingen
Taxation: Corporations and Shareholders .....	Amanda Carpenter Perez
Taxation: Federal Income.....	Sabrina Cristina-Gomes Rodrigues
Technology in the Modern Law Practice .....	Mark Gregory Huffman
The Elder Law Clinic.....	Malcolm Sayres Boyd
The Elder Law Clinic.....	James Bradley Fleming
Torts .....	Michael Henry Herman
Torts .....	Kevin S. Rice
Torts .....	Alexander Teixeira
Torts .....	Benjamin Ross Westcott
Toxic Torts.....	Kevin S. Rice
Toxic Torts.....	Michael Jacob Stephens
Trademarks.....	Ashley Erica Barton
Trademarks.....	Sabrina Cristina-Gomes Rodrigues
Trademarks.....	MaKenna Ellyce Rogers
Trademarks.....	Brittany Michelle Wages
Veterans Legal Clinic .....	Marisa D. Stern
Wealth Transfer Tax and Fiduciary Income Tax .....	Raymond Earl Dunn III
Wealth Transfer Tax and Fiduciary Income Tax .....	Kelsey McHugh Hyde

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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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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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## OATH

*Oath taken by the Candidates for the Juris Doctor Degree at the  
Wake Forest University School of Law Hooding Ceremony*

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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