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Master's Degree in Health Law Commencement Ceremony

Class of 2006

July 15, 2006

Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center  
Fort Lauderdale-Davie, Florida

## NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Nova Southeastern University is the largest fully accredited independent institution of higher education in the Southeast. The university's 15 academic centers serve more than 22,000 full-time and part-time students. NSU's 300-acre main campus is located in suburban Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Other locations include its Oceanographic Center adjacent to Port Everglades, its East Campus near downtown Fort Lauderdale, housing the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services in North Miami Beach. The university also serves students in off-site locations in 22 states and in the Bahamas, Jamaica, Panama, Germany, Canada, Venezuela, Greece, England, and the Dominican Republic. NSU provides an academic setting conducive to higher learning while using the latest technology and innovative techniques to facilitate the learning process. It has been a longtime leader in distance education for students, especially working professionals, who seek to improve their expertise without interrupting their careers.

Nova Southeastern University, now in its fifth decade, maintains its commitment to the adult learner. Its strong record of academic excellence, fiscal stability, and excellence in teaching and research strengthens its position as an international leader in field-based education.

The president, board of trustees, administration, and faculty and staff members congratulate you on this very special day. Today's commencement exercise is the culmination of your hard work and intellectual effort, which should be duly noted and publicly recognized. May all your dreams and wishes bring forth a prosperous future. Congratulations!

## WELCOME

Nova Southeastern University cordially welcomes you to the fourth annual commencement ceremony celebrating the accomplishments of candidates for the master's degree in health law from the Shepard Broad Law Center. We are here to extend to the degree candidates the congratulations of their friends and relatives, as well as those of the university's students, faculty, staff members, and supporters.

## *Order of Exercises*

- Processional ..... *Pomp & Circumstance* March No. 1 – Elgar
- Presiding Officer ..... Ray Ferrero, Jr.  
*President, Nova Southeastern University*
- Welcome and Dean's Remarks. .... Joseph D. Harbaugh  
*Dean, Shepard Broad Law Center and Professor*
- Introduction of Student Speaker..... Stephanie Aleong  
*Associate Professor and M.H.L. Program Director*
- Student Speaker..... Virginia Ann Schettler
- Introduction of Commencement Speaker..... Stephanie Aleong
- Commencement Address..... Ani Satz  
*Assistant Professor, Emory University School of Law*
- Presentation of Degrees..... Stephanie Aleong
- Closing Remarks..... Stephanie Aleong
- Recessional ..... March – Holst

We request that the audience stand during the processional and recessional.



# Degree Candidates

Presented by M.H.L. Program Director Stephanie Aleong  
*Concentration and honors noted where applicable*

**Brenda Andersen**

**Vilma L. Aponte**

*Cum Laude\**

**Mark G. Bearss**

*Magna Cum Laude\**

**Sherry Martin Beck**

*Magna Cum Laude\**

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*Magna Cum Laude\**

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**Diane M. Drake, R.N., B.S.**

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**Annette Ellis**

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**Kimberly Stuart Harmon**

**Carol Houston**

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**Stacy Jennings**

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**Desserine S. Primus**  
*Magna Cum Laude\**

**Natalie Kim Rodriguez**  
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*Risk Management*

**Rona Wolfson Saunders**

**Virginia Ann Schettler**  
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**Laura Sira-Jimenez**

**Elizabeth Skorey**

**Evelyn Marie Smith**

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**\*Potential honors based upon cumulative grade point average after Fall 2005 term**

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## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

### Ani Satz

Ani B. Satz was a Fulbright postgraduate research scholar at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, after graduating Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Tulsa. Professor Satz holds a J.D. from the University of Michigan School of Law and a Ph.D. in philosophy from Monash University, which she completed while a fellow at Princeton University.

Before coming to Emory, Professor Satz lectured at Yale University in the philosophy department and the ethics, politics, and economics program as well as at Monash University Medical School. She also clerked for the Honorable Jane R. Roth of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Professor Satz has teaching and research interests in health, disability, tort, and animal law as well as law and philosophy. She is the author of more than a half-dozen publications at the intersection of law and philosophy.

## ACADEMIC NOTES

The caps and gowns of the academic procession date back to the Middle Ages, when they were common dress for scholars. Monks and students wore them to keep warm in the damp and drafty 12th-century castles and halls of learning.

The bachelor's gown has a pleated front and long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown, which may be worn open, is distinguished by its long, square sleeves, closed at the end and slit near the elbow to permit the forearms to come through. The doctor's gown, which also may be worn open, is trimmed with velvet panels down the front, with three velvet bars on its bell-shaped sleeves.

During the processional, candidates for the bachelor's degree wear the tassels of their mortarboard on their right. Upon receiving the diplomas, they move the tassels to the left. Candidates for all other degrees wear the tassels on the left.

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