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THE CHANCELLOR, THE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
ADMINISTRATION, AND STAFF 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 OF YOUR DREAMS AND WISHES BRING  
FORTH A PROSPEROUS FUTURE. CONGRATULATIONS!



## WELCOME

Nova Southeastern University extends a cordial welcome to each person attending this 35th Annual Law Center Commencement, part of the 42nd annual commencement exercises of the university. We are here to celebrate the accomplishments of the degree candidates and to extend to them the congratulations of their friends and relatives, as well as those of the university's students, faculty and staff members, and supporters.

BANKATLANTIC CENTER  
SUNRISE, FLORIDA

*Saturday, the Fourteenth of May, Two Thousand and Eleven  
Four O'clock in the Afternoon*

# THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

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CANDIDATES FOR THE JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

*Procession	
The Faculty Members	
<i>Fanfare and Flourishes (for a Festive Occasion)</i> .....	Curnow
The Candidates for the Degree	
<i>Festival Procession on the National Hymn</i> .....	Warren arr. Zimmerman/Cavanaugh
Convening the 42nd Commencement .....	Grand Marshall, Silvia Flores
Presiding Officer .....	Ray Ferrero, Jr. Chancellor, Nova Southeastern University
* <i>America, the Beautiful</i> .....	Bates/Ward
Welcome .....	Frank A. DePiano Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Opening Remarks .....	Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Dean's Remarks .....	Athornia Steele Dean, Shepard Broad Law Center
Introduction of Student Speaker .....	Athornia Steele
Student Speaker .....	Jeremy R. Singer
Introduction of Faculty Speaker .....	Athornia Steele
Faculty Speaker .....	Randolph Braccialarghe Professor of Law, Shepard Broad Law Center
Introduction of the Commencement Speaker .....	Athornia Steele
Commencement Address .....	Peggy A. Quince Justice, Florida Supreme Court
Presentation of Degree Candidates .....	Janet Mosseri Associate Dean, Student Affairs, Shepard Broad Law Center
Conferring of Degrees .....	Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Dean's Closing Remarks .....	Athornia Steele
Dismissal of the Commencement .....	George L. Hanbury II President, Nova Southeastern University
* <i>Nova Southeastern University Anthem</i> .....	Cavanaugh
*Recessional	
<i>La Rejouissance</i> .....	Handel From <i>Music for the Royal Fireworks</i>

\*Denotes that the audience should stand during this part of the ceremony

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*Awarded to a student exhibiting outstanding academic ability in the area of bankruptcy law*

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# PUBLIC SERVICE AND BAR FELLOWSHIPS

## The Rebecca Knox Public Interest Law Summer Fellowship

*Students are selected based on 200 hours of volunteer service to the public interest law community.*

Alexander Boswell-Ebersole  
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Amy Shenstone  
Gabriela Urbina

## Public Service Summer Fellowship

*Students are selected based on 200 hours of volunteer service with government and public sector organizations.*

Morgan Hillary Geller  
Ariella Gutman

Lesley Lue Yen  
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## Florida Bar Foundation Mediation Public Service Fellowship

*These students have provided mediation and related services to benefit families, communities, and the court system. They have completed a mediation course and provided a minimum of 100 hours of technical legal assistance and mediation services to the Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center and court mediation programs.*

Stephanie Fenstersheib  
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## Florida Bar Foundation Public Service Fellowship

*These students have provided at least 100 hours of technical legal assistance to local, nonprofit agencies. They have also completed a required public interest-related course or have participated in the law center's Pro Bono Honor Program.*

Vanessa Coe  
Tara Jean Hopper  
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## Florida Bar Foundation Legal Services Summer Fellowship

*Students are awarded this statewide fellowship based on their commitment to serving the public during law school.*

Stephen Breuer

Joshua Higgins

## Equal Justice Works Postgraduate Fellowship

*This national two-year fellowship is awarded to a student who plans to pursue a career in public interest law.*

Vanessa Coe

## Pro Bono Honor Program

Students are honored for working pro bono at public service agencies while enrolled at the NSU Law Center. Pro Bono Honor Program students are distinguished by a gold cord on the academic robe.

### Bronze (50–124 hours)

Kyle Baccus Horsley	Sean Fine	Alan Reinfeld
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### Silver (125–299 hours)

Lauren Adler	Lauren Friedman	Alexis Sophia Read
Shana Altman	Omar Giraldo	Nicole Saqui
Krista Bennett	Amanda-Leigh Graham	Suzanne Sasser
Arshia Bozai	Cynthia Hatch	Corey Kathleen Setterlund
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Paul Cannella	Bernadine Innocent	Erik Silevitch
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Lauren Feffer	Pavithra Raj	
Jennifer Louise Fitch	Anthony Randazzo	

### Gold (300+ hours)

David Bradley Andrew	Richard Ervin	Janelle Polzer
Belinda Arevalo	Nicole Rachelle Grassi	Rebecca Radosevich
Andrew Carter	Ariella Gutman	Traci Scheinman
Vanessa Coe	Andrew Frank Lanius	Christina Marie Schneider
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Aaron Draizin	Rima Patel	

## ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS

### Concentration in Health Law

*These students have completed a series of courses, lectures, clinical programs, and community service projects focusing on health law. Recipients are distinguished by a red cord on the academic robe.*

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Lisa Goldberg

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Nathaniel Jaye

### Concentration in International Legal Practice

*These students have completed a series of courses, lectures, clinical programs, and community service projects focusing on international law. The recipients are distinguished by a light blue cord on the academic robe.*

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*In acknowledgement of her commitment and contributions to the practice of law, the Nova Southeastern University Board of Trustees and the Shepard Broad Law Center are proud to award Peggy A. Quince an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.*

### **BIOGRAPHY**

**Peggy A. Quince, J.D.**, has dedicated her life to the honorary practice of law.

She was the first African American female to be appointed to one of the district courts of appeal. On December 8, 1998, she was appointed to the Florida Supreme Court.

In 1970, she received her B.S. degree from Howard University and her J.D. degree from the Catholic University of America in 1975. Since then, she has received honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from Stetson University College of Law and St. Thomas University School of Law. As a law student, she was active in Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and the Black American Law Students Association. She received an award for her work with Catholic's Neighborhood Legal Services Clinic.

She began her legal career in Washington, D.C., as a hearing officer with the Rental Accommodations Office administering that city's new rent control law. In 1977, she entered private practice in Norfolk, Virginia, with special emphasis in real estate and domestic relations.

In 1978, she opened a law office in Bradenton, Florida. Later, in 1980, she began her tenure with the Attorney General's Office, Criminal Division. She handled numerous appeals in the Second District Court of Appeal, the Florida Supreme Court, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. Her tenure at that office lasted more than a decade and included five years as the Tampa Bureau Chief and three years handling death penalty cases exclusively.

She is a member of The Florida Bar, the Virginia State Bar, the National Bar Association, the Tallahassee Women Lawyers, and the William H. Stafford Inn of Court. She is an active member of the Government Lawyers Section, the Criminal Law Section, and the Equal Opportunity Section of The Florida Bar. In addition to this involvement, she has been active in many other auxiliary bar organizations and efforts related to justice issues.

She is on the executive council of the Appellate Section of The Florida Bar and is the Supreme Court liaison to the Workers' Compensation Committee, the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee, and the Supreme Court's Family Court Steering Committee.

She is also a member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Her civic and community activities include membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; the Urban League; the NAACP; and The Links, Inc. Her service to the profession and the community has been acknowledged in the receipt of numerous honors and awards.



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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. The hood is the key to the costume. With a tassel of the same material as the gown, it is lined in silk with a color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. The length of the hood indicates the degree: four feet for the doctor; three-and-a-half feet for the master; and three feet for the bachelor. The hood is sometimes omitted on the bachelor's gown. The width of the velvet border also indicates the degree. The widest border belongs to the doctor's gown.

The color of the hood's border indicates the field of learning to which the degree pertains. The doctor's hood may bear a single chevron on the lining. Two narrow chevrons indicate a bachelor, while the master's hood may have a single chevron or be divided equally in two colors.

The various fields of learning are indicated by color as follows: arts, letters, humanities—white; commerce and accountancy—drab; economics—copper; education or pedagogy—light blue; engineering—orange; fine arts, including architecture—brown; law—purple; library science—lemon; medicine—green; philosophy—dark blue; science—golden yellow.

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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For purple mountains' majesty  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years,  
Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control  
Thy liberty in law!*

## NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY ANTHEM

*Hail thee, Nova Southeastern!  
Bright sun shining new;  
Radiant star of our morning,  
Ever rising, true;*

*May thy wisdom serve as our constant guide  
and thy love a beacon strong,  
as throughout the world we praise thy name  
joining voice in grateful song;*

*Nova Southeastern, Alma Mater,  
By thy light imbue,  
Service, honor, loyalty,  
'til our days are through.*

*Love thee, Gray and Blue!*

# MACE

During the Middle Ages, the mace was an effective weapon in battle and also was displayed as a symbol to command order during royal gatherings, religious ceremonies, and university classes. As newer and more powerful military arms were created, however, the mace progressed into a symbol of authority and today is frequently used to lead religious and academic processions.

The mace was originally a wooden staff carried by royal messengers as a symbol to preserve order and usher royal functions. The early wooden staff of such royal messengers or lead ushers of ceremonial processions was transformed in the 14th century into an elaborate sterling silver mace. Eventually in the 15th century it evolved into a symbol of academic excellence and dignity.

## THE NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MACE

Before its merger in 1994 with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences, Nova University's mace bore a sterling silver "nova star" symbolizing the university's name and mission. Symbolically, Nova University's "nova star" burned brightly, providing educational enlightenment to the world. Today, a new sterling silver mace highlights the past, present, and future through the inclusion of the original "nova star" representing the university's past, surrounding the NSU seal. When not in official use, the mace is displayed in the rotunda of the William and Norma Horvitz Administration Building.

In Latin, *nova* means new or innovative. Nova Southeastern University was created to be an innovative educational institution—to take the best of traditional education from the past and mold it to fit the needs of students for today and tomorrow.



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