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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 SUCH SHOULD BE DULY  
NOTED AND PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED. ■ MAY ALL YOUR  
DREAMS AND WISHES BRING FORTH A PROSPEROUS  
FUTURE. ■ CONGRATULATIONS!

## WELCOME

Nova Southeastern University extends a cordial welcome to each person attending this 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Law Center Commencement, part of the 30<sup>th</sup> 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, staff, friends, and supporters.

SUNRISE MUSICAL THEATRE  
5555 Northwest 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Sunrise, Florida  
Sunday, the Sixteenth of May  
Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Nine

## **THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION**

**Marshal**  
**Members of the Faculty**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Trustees**  
**Distinguished Guests**  
**Commencement Officials**  
**Candidates for the Juris Doctor Degree**

## ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional: Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 .....	Elgar
Convening the Thirtieth Commencement .....	David H. Rush Member, Board of Trustees
Presiding Officer .....	Ray Ferrero, Jr. President, Nova Southeastern University
America, the Beautiful .....	Bates/Ward
O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties 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!
Welcome .....	Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Dean's Remarks .....	Joseph D. Harbaugh Dean, Shepard Broad Law Center
Introduction of Student Speaker .....	Joseph D. Harbaugh
Student Speaker's Address .....	Roderick Chavez
Introduction of Faculty Speaker .....	Joseph D. Harbaugh
Faculty Speaker .....	Steven L. Friedland, Professor of Law
Introduction of the Commencement Speaker .....	Joseph D. Harbaugh
Commencement Address .....	Chief Judge Gregory W. Carman United States Court of International Trade, New York
Conferring of Degrees .....	Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Introduction of Degree Candidates .....	Ann Setien Gibbs Associate Dean for Student and Administrative Affairs, Shepard Broad Law Center
Hooding Committee .....	The Honorable Rex J. Ford Immigration Judge, Executive Office for Immigration Review U.S. Department of Justice Lisa Welch Director of Alumni Affairs and Development, Shepard Broad Law Center
Conferring of Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws .....	Ray Ferrero, Jr. on Chief Judge Gregory W. Carman
Welcome from Alumni Association .....	Jamie Finizio-Bascombe
Recessional: Florentiner March .....	Julius Fucik

We request that the audience stand during the Processional and Recessional

**JURIS DOCTOR**  
**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SHEPARD BROAD LAW CENTER**  
Presented by Dean Joseph D. Harbaugh

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*Cum Laude\**

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Tampa, Florida

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Baltimore, Maryland

WILLIAM JAMES ANDERSON  
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KATHLEEN ELAINE SPALDING  
ANGIONE  
Pompano Beach, Florida  
*Magna Cum Laude\**

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Tampa, Florida

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Smyrna, Georgia

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\* Potential honors based upon grade point average after completion of five academic semesters.

## 1999 Graduation Honors

### Achievement Awards

<b>American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Scholarship</b> .....	Mindy Francine Stein
<i>Awarded to the student exhibiting outstanding academic abilities in the area of matrimonial and family law</i>	
<b>American Bankruptcy Institute Scholarship</b> .....	Lori Louis Cooney
<i>Awarded to the student exhibiting outstanding academic abilities in the area of bankruptcy law</i>	
<b>Florida Bar Labor and Employment Law Scholarship</b> .....	Wayne Scott Kramer
<i>Awarded to the student exhibiting outstanding academic abilities in the area of labor and employment law</i>	
<b>Florida Bar Tax Section Scholarship</b> .....	Samantha Jean Fitzgerald Joan Gershen Marek Rodney P. Rawls
<i>Awarded to the students exhibiting outstanding academic abilities in the area of tax law</i>	
<b>Krupnick &amp; Campbell Award</b> .....	Kristina Marie Candido Tonja Haddad Jonathan Daniel Wald
<i>Awarded to the student demonstrating exceptional skills in the area of trial advocacy</i>	
<b>The National Association of Women Lawyers Award</b> .....	Tammy Beth Saltzman
<i>Awarded to the student who has exhibited academic achievement and a potential to contribute to the advancement of women in society</i>	
<b>West Publishing Company Award</b> .....	Margerite Mogul Cruz Jeffrey L. Cox Julie Kristie Little Giuseppina Miranda
<i>Awarded to the students who have made the most significant contributions to overall legal scholarship</i>	

## Advocacy Honors

### Order of the Barrister

*Awarded to students displaying excellence in advocacy while participating in intramural and interscholastic trial or moot court competitions*

Kristina Marie Candido  
Beth Gilleland  
Tonja Haddad  
Wayne Kramer  
Julie Kristie Little

H. Michael Muñiz  
Olivia Suzanne Robbins  
Jose Luis Rodriguez  
Chuck Thomas  
John Wald

### Moot Court Society

*Students are chosen to become members based upon their skills in appellate advocacy – Distinguished by purple/silver tassels on mortarboard.*

Julie Kristie Little            Chief Advocate  
Nectaria M. Chakas        Teams Coordinator  
Beth Gilleland            Competitions Coordinator  
Olivia Suzanne Robbins    Teams Coordinator  
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   Editor

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Christopher Fairfax Perkins  
Susan Dasa Pesel

Kelly Ann Reynolds  
Gina Anitra Rosado  
Marc David Seitles  
Sally Helen Seltzer  
Marla Shomer  
Grace Ferraro Solomon  
Debi Faye Weissberg  
John Robert Whittles  
Rikki Hope Winters

### Moot Court Competition Finalists

Freshman Moot Court Competition 1996-1997  
Feinrider Competition            1997-1998  
Evidence Team                    1998-1999

Julie K. Little  
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The caps, gowns, and hoods 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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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