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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 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 28th Annual Law Center Commencement, part of the 35th 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.

**OFFICE DEPOT CENTER
2555 Northwest 137th Way
Sunrise, Florida
Saturday, the Eighth of May
Two Thousand Four**

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional: <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> March No. 1.....	Elgar
Convening the 35th Commencement	David H. Rush Member, Board of Trustees
Presiding Officer.....	Ray Ferrero, Jr. President, Nova Southeastern University
The National Anthem.....	Key/Smith
Welcome.....	Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Dean's Remarks.....	Joseph D. Harbaugh Dean, Shepard Broad Law Center
Introduction of Student Speaker.....	Joseph D. Harbaugh
Student Speaker.....	Tattiana Brenes-Stahl
Introduction of Faculty Speaker.....	Joseph D. Harbaugh
Faculty Speaker.....	Mark Dobson Professor of Law
Introduction of the Commencement Speaker and Conferring of Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws on Diana Wasserman-Rubin.....	Ray Ferrero, Jr. and Joseph D. Harbaugh
Commencement Address	Diana Wasserman-Rubin Commissioner, 8th District, Broward
Conferring of Degrees.....	Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Introduction of Degree Candidates.....	Patricia C. Jason Associate Dean, Student and Administrative Affairs, Shepard Broad Law Center
Hooding Committee.....	The Honorable Rex J Ford, United States Immigration Court, and Elizabeth Welch, Director, Alumni Relations and Development, Shepard Broad Law Center
Welcome from Alumni Association.....	Ari Abraham Porth, Law '95
Recessional: March.....	Holst

We request that the audience stand during the Processional and Recessional.

JURIS DOCTOR CANDIDATES

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SHEPARD BROAD LAW CENTER

Presented by Dean Joseph D. Harbaugh

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2004 Graduation Honors

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Scholarship.....Tamara Regina Kulyk
Awarded to a student exhibiting outstanding academic abilities in the area of matrimonial and family law

American Bankruptcy Institute Award.....Steven Douglas Reiss
Awarded to a student exhibiting outstanding academic ability in the area of bankruptcy law

Florida Bar City, County, and Local Government Section Scholarship.....James Boyt Abril
Awarded to a student exhibiting outstanding academic ability in the area of city, county, and local government law

Florida Bar Labor and Employment Law Scholarship.....Jurate Schwartz
Awarded to a student exhibiting outstanding academic ability in the area of labor and employment law

Florida Bar Tax Section Scholarship.....Christine M. Di Fiore
Awarded to a student exhibiting outstanding academic ability in the area of tax law

Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Award.....Steven Kenneth Bell
Awarded to a student who has demonstrated exceptional ability, interest, and dedication in the defense of those accused of crimes

The National Association of Women Lawyers Award.....Andrea Ruth Zigelsky
Awarded to a student who has exhibited academic achievement and a potential to contribute to the advancement of women in society

Krupnick & Campbell Award.....Jared Richard Spingarn
Awarded to a student who has demonstrated exceptional skills in the area of trial advocacy

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Nova Southeastern University Student of the Year.....Kathryn Mary Blanco
Selected by representatives from throughout the campus as the student who made the greatest positive contribution to the university community

Nova Southeastern University Distinguished Law Student Achievement Award.....Kathryn Mary Blanco
Awarded to a law student demonstrating outstanding academic achievement and a commitment to the Law Center community

ADVOCACY HONORS

Order of the Barrister

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

Antoinette Ruth Appel
Brooke Mara Barnett
Steven Kenneth Bell
Kathryn Mary Blanco
Tattiana Brenes-Stahl

Alexander Daniel Brown
Raymond Phillip Gentile
Sasha Noel Rutizer
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Moot Court Society

Students are chosen to become members based upon their skills in appellate advocacy. Moot Court Society members are distinguished by a purple/silver tassel on their mortarboards.

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ACADEMIC NOTES

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 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, and 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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