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WINTER COMMENCEMENT December 21, 2008



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 Graduation and Hooding Ceremony for the December 2008 Juris Doctor candidates. We are here to celebrate the accomplishments of these students and extend to them the congratulations of their friends and relatives, as well as those of the university faculty, staff and administration.

> ROSE AND ALFRED MINIACI PERFORMING ARTS CENTER Nova Southeastern University 3301 College Avenue Fort Lauderdale, Florida Sunday, December 21, 2008

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional Pomp and Circumstance March N	lo. 1Elgar
Presiding Officer	
	President, Nova Southeastern University
Dean's Remarks	Athornia Steele
	Dean, Shepard Broad Law Center
Introduction of Student Speaker	Athornia Steele
Student Speaker	Chad Thomas Van Horn
Introduction of Faculty/Commencement Speak	
Faculty Speaker	Angela Gilmore
	Professor of Law
Presentation of Candidates for Degree	Athornia Steele
Introduction of Degree Candidates	
Associate Dean, S	tudent Affairs, Shepard Broad Law Center
Conferring of Degrees	Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Closing Remarks	Athornia Steele
Recessional Empire March	\bigcirc

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

JURIS DOCTOR CANDIDATES NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SHEPARD BROAD LAW CENTER Presented by Dean Athornia Steele

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ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Nova Law Review

Nova Law Review members are distinguished by a blue/white tassel on the mortarboard.

Lenore M.Rosetto

ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS

Concentration in International Legal Practice

This student has completed a series of courses, lectures, clinical programs, and community service projects focusing on international law. Recipients are distinguished by a light blue cord on the academic robe.

Charles Barrett Bowers

ADVOCACY HONORS

Association of Trial Lawyers of America

Organization members advance students trial advocacy, client counseling, and negotiation skills. Association of Trial Lawyers of America members are distinguished by a red/white tassel on the mortarboard.

Coleen M. Crocco

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Ayley Maye

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Public Service Summer Fellowship :

Students are selected based on work with government and public service organizations.

Frances Johnson-Gillion

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.

Edna Estime

Hazel D. Solis

Florida Bar Foundation Public Service Fellowship

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

Lauren Michelle Freeman

Frances Johnson-Gillion

Pro Bono Honor Program

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

Bronze (50-124 hours):

Gold Level (300+ hours)

Edna Estime

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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 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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