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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 36th Annual Law Center Commencement, part of the 43rd 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 Twelfth of May, Two Thousand and Twelve
Eleven O'clock in the Morning*

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

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CANDIDATES FOR THE JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

ORDER OF EXERCISES

*Procession <i>Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 in D</i>	Elgar
The Candidates for the Degree <i>Festival Procession on the National Hymn</i>	Warren <i>arr. Zimmerman/Cavanaugh</i>
Convening the 43rd Commencement.....	Grand Marshal, Silvia Flores
Presiding Officer.....	George L. Hanbury II <i>President and Chief Executive Officer, Nova Southeastern University</i>
*Star Spangled Banner.....	Key/Smith
Introductions.....	Frank A. DePiano <i>Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Opening Remarks	George L. Hanbury II
Dean's Remarks	Athornia Steele <i>Dean, Shepard Broad Law Center</i>
Introduction of Student Speaker.....	Athornia Steele
Student Speaker	Harold Pryor
Introduction of Faculty Speaker.....	Athornia Steele
Faculty Speaker	Michael Flynn <i>Professor of Law, Shepard Broad Law Center</i>
Introduction of the Commencement Speaker	Athornia Steele
Commencement Address	Alan S. Gold <i>Justice, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida</i>
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Janet Mosseri <i>Associate Dean, Student Affairs, Shepard Broad Law Center</i>
Conferring of Degrees.....	George L. Hanbury II
Dean's Closing Remarks.....	Athornia Steele
Dismissal of the Commencement	George L. Hanbury II
*Nova Southeastern University Anthem.....	Cavanaugh
*Recessional <i>La Rejouissance</i>	Handel <i>From Music for the Royal Fireworks</i>

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

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This organization fosters the study of international commercial law and arbitration for the resolution of international business disputes in a competition in Vienna, Austria.

Adam Diaz

Nova Trial Association

Organization members advance students' trial advocacy, client counseling, and negotiation skills. Members are distinguished by a red/white tassel.

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PUBLIC SERVICE AND BAR FELLOWSHIPS

The Rebecca Knox Public Interest Law Summer Fellowship

Students are selected based on service to the public interest law community.

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Students are selected based on volunteer work with government agencies.

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Feinrider Summer Fellowship for International Human Rights

Students are selected based on service to a human rights organization.

Ethel Moreno

The Tracey McPharlin Children's Rights Fellowship

Students are selected based on their commitment to child advocacy.

Kandia Batchelor

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.

Evan Fish	Jacob Saka	Kate Vazzana
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Erin Rogozinski		

Florida Bar Foundation Public Service Fellowship

These students have provided 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.

Martavis Clarke	Jany Martinez	Vanessa Solano
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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.

Ekateryna Drozd

Pro Bono Honor Program

Students are honored for performing pro bono legal work 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)

Lee Ballard	Ekateryna Drozd	Kyle Mixson
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Silver (125–299 hours)

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Gold (300+ hours)

Alette Abdallah	Shannon-Jo Hamilton	Sharhonda Robinson-Edwards
Kandia Batchelor	Erica Harder	Erin Rogozinski
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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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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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Dean's Awards and Recognition

These awards are presented in recognition of students who have demonstrated leadership and service to the Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center and to the community.

Eric Arckey..... Dean's Award for Leadership and Service to the Law Center

Martavis Clarke..... Dean's Award for Leadership and Service to the Community

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Alan S. Gold, J.D., Justice of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

In acknowledgement of his commitment and contributions to the legal profession, the Nova Southeastern University Board of Trustees and the Shepard Broad Law Center are proud to award to the Honorable Alan S. Gold the degree, Doctor of Laws Honoris Causa.

Alan S. Gold, J.D., has dedicated his life to the honorable practice of law.

In 1966, he received his B.A. degree from the University of Florida. He received his J.D. degree from Duke University School of Law in 1969. In 1974, he received an LL.M. from the University of Miami.

He serves as a United States District Court judge for the Southern District of Florida. Prior to his nomination by President William J. Clinton and confirmation in 1997, he served as a judge in the family division of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida. He was appointed to the bench by Governor Lawton Chiles in 1992. From 1992–1995, he served in the family division and from 1995–1996, he served in the criminal division. As United States District Court judge, he presided over a number of high-profile civil and criminal cases of importance to our society and the state of Florida.

He began his legal career in Miami, as a law clerk for Chief Judge Charles Carroll on Florida's Third District Court of Appeal. Following his two-year clerkship, he served as an assistant attorney for Miami-Dade County from 1971 to 1975. During his years as a county attorney, he litigated on a wide range of cases, from land use and tax matters to civil rights. When prominent attorney William Kunstler filed a civil rights case against the government, he was tapped to represent Miami-Dade County, and he resolved the case favorably.

Following his work at the county attorney's office in 1975, he was a principal shareholder at the law firm of Greenber, Traurig, Hoffman, Lipoff, Rosen and Quentel, P.A., for 17 years, specializing in the areas of land use, environmental, and administrative law and litigation.

As a private practitioner, he was elected a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. He was also listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, 1989–1990 and 1991–1992, under the designation for Natural Resources and Environmental Law, and is included in Marquis' *Who's Who in America and Who's Who in American Law*, Seventh Edition 1992–1993.

He holds an AV rating from Martindale and Hubbell. In 1990, he was selected by the Florida State Law School's *Journal of Environmental and Land Use Law* as its Distinguished Scholar/Lecturer. He also served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Miami School of Law in the field of environmental, land use, and administrative law. He was a frequent lecturer for The Florida

Bar and the national planning associations, has several published articles, and has served on the Executive Council of the Environmental and Land Use Section of The Florida Bar. In addition to this involvement, he has been active in many other auxiliary bar organizations and efforts related to justice issues.

In 2003, he was the recipient of the Twentieth Annual American Jewish Federation's Outstanding Jurist of the Year Award. The Greater Miami Region of ORT honored him as the recipient of the 2010 Jurisprudence Award. In 2011, he was the recipient of the Shofer Tzedek Award presented by the Miami Jewish Legal Aid Society and the Unsung Hero Award presented by the Spellman-Hoeveler Chapter of the American Inn of Court. The Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Attorney Division, presented him with the Lifetime Achievement Award. His service to the profession and the community has been acknowledged in the receipt of numerous additional 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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By 2020, through excellence and innovations in teaching, research, service, and learning, Nova Southeastern University will be recognized by accrediting agencies, the academic community, and the general public as a premier, private, not-for-profit university of quality and distinction that engages all students and produces alumni who serve with integrity in their lives, fields of study, and resulting careers.

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The mission of Nova Southeastern University, a private, not-for-profit institution, is to offer a diverse array of innovative academic programs that complement on-campus educational opportunities and resources with accessible, distance-learning programs to foster academic excellence, intellectual inquiry, leadership, research, and commitment to community through engagement of students and faculty members in a dynamic, lifelong learning environment.

CORE VALUES

Academic Excellence
Student Centered
Integrity
Innovation

Opportunity
Scholarship/Research
Diversity
Community

LAW CENTER MISSION AND VALUES

To ensure that students develop the knowledge, skills, and values that are at the heart of becoming trusted, highly adept, professional lawyers who are respected for serving their clients, their communities, and justice.

We believe in and model...

Respect for the law and the importance of lawyers in a free society

Equitable access to education

Diversity of background and viewpoint

Excellence in teaching that serves the students and their learning needs

High standards of ethics and professionalism

Evolution of the competencies lawyers need in an ever changing world

Support of successful entry and advancement in the bar and other profession

Assumption of leadership roles and service to the community

NOTE

The appearance of a name in this program should not be interpreted as evidence of graduation. The student's permanent record, on file in the University Registrar's Office, remains the official testimony of the possession of a Nova Southeastern University degree.

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

*O! say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O! say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

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.

AUTOGRAPHS



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