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THE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY,
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 37th Annual Law Center Commencement, part of the 44th 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.

BB&T CENTER
SUNRISE, FLORIDA

*Saturday, the Eleventh of May, Two Thousand and Thirteen
Four O'clock in the Afternoon*

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

*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 arr. Zimmerman/Cavanaugh
Convening the 44th Commencement.....	Grand Marshal, Silvia Flores
Presiding Officer.....	George Hanbury <i>President and Chief Executive Officer, Nova Southeastern University</i>
* <i>Star Spangled Banner</i>	Key/Smith
Introductions.....	Frank A. DePiano <i>Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Opening Remarks.....	George Hanbury
Dean's Remarks.....	Athornia Steele <i>Dean, Shepard Broad Law Center</i>
Introduction of Student Speaker.....	Athornia Steele
Student Speaker.....	Andrew Sando
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.....	Eugene Pettis <i>President-Elect, Florida Bar</i>
Presentation of Degree Candidates.....	Janet Mosseri <i>Associate Dean, Student Affairs, Shepard Broad Law Center</i>
Conferring of Degrees.....	George Hanbury
Dean's Closing Remarks.....	Athornia Steele
Dismissal of the Commencement.....	George Hanbury
* <i>Nova Southeastern University Anthem</i>	Cavanaugh
*Recessional	
<i>La Rejoissance</i>	Handel <i>From Music for the Royal Fireworks</i>

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

JURIS DOCTOR CANDIDATES

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SHEPARD BROAD LAW CENTER

Presented by Athornia Steele, Dean

Faran Abbasi
Royal Palm Beach, Florida

Jason Abitbol
Boca Raton, Florida

Robert Adams
Coconut Creek, Florida

Jamie Adler
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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West Palm Beach, Florida

Ali Aliabadi
Plantation, Florida

Jeffrey Alterman
Cooper City, Florida

Ana Alvarez
Sunrise, Florida
*Summa Cum Laude**

Silvia Andrejuk
Sunrise, Florida

Vanessa Corzo Angulo
Miami, Florida

Alexander Annunziato
Miami Beach, Florida

Karl Bach
Palm City, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Lauren Bannigan
Parkland, Florida

Hope Baros
North Palm Beach, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Carlos Barrenechea
Boca Raton, Florida

Robyn Barrett
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Darlene Barron
Plantation, Florida
*Summa Cum Laude**

Matthew Barry
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Melanie Batdorf
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Rachel Bausch
Lake Worth, Florida
*Summa Cum Laude**

Travis Beal
Naples, Florida
*Magna Cum Laude**

Daniel Berke
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Joseph Berlin
Davie, Florida

Jennifer Betancourt
Miami, Florida

Kunal Bhatija
Sunrise, Florida

Nathalie Bigio
Key Biscayne, Florida
*Summa Cum Laude**

Chelsea Birman
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Tiffani Bishop
Melbourne, Florida

Lance Bitterman
Metuchen, New Jersey
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Orlando, Florida

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Davie, Florida

Natasha Borrero
San Antonio, Texas

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Wellington, Florida

Natalie Boukzam
Delray Beach, Florida

Alicia Braker
Boca Raton, Florida
*Magna Cum Laude**

Ryan Brenton
Davie, Florida

Chad Brocato
Coral Springs, Florida

Abigail Brown
North Liberty, Iowa

Brooke Bryant
Hollywood, Florida

Alixandra Buckelew
Oakhurst, New Jersey

Bryan Burkhardt
Wellington, Florida

Sylvia Cano
North Lauderdale, Florida

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Miami, Florida

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Plantation, Florida

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Jupiter, Florida

Ramon Chamy
Eustis, Florida

Pooneh Charkhian
Wellington, Florida

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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Tallahassee, Florida

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Aventura, Florida

Venetia Coffey
Dunlap, Tennessee

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Coconut Creek, Florida

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Wellington, Florida

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Atlanta, Georgia

Jason Deck
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Desiree Diaz
Miami Beach, Florida

William Dilley
Miami, Florida

Mark Dlugokienski
Naples, Florida

Karly Dreker
Boca Raton, Florida

Cash Eaton
West Palm Beach, Florida

Gretel Echarte Morales
Havana, Cuba
Licenciada en Derecho, 2012
*Summa Cum Laude**

Michael Elkins
Delray Beach, Florida
*Magna Cum Laude**

Brian Elstein
Davie, Florida

Lindsay Ervin
Boca Raton, Florida
*Magna Cum Laude**

Leilah Escalera
Wellington, Florida

Maria Del Mar Estrach Ventura
Davie, Florida
Licenciada en Derecho, 2011

Alana Faintuch
Highland Beach, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Rina Feld
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Ashley Fernald
Miami Lakes, Florida

Gerardo Fernandez-Davila
Parkland, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Patricia Fisher
Pompano Beach, Florida

Sean Foo
Weston, Florida

Chad Friend
Plantation, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Amanda Frischer
River Edge, New Jersey

Ycnaduy Gangi
Margate, Florida

Jared Gasman
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Frank Gonzalez
Miami, Florida

Jaclyn Gonzalez
Plantation, Florida

Chad Gordon
Southampton, Pennsylvania

Michael Greenberg
Hallandale, Florida

Max Greenstone
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Jared Guberman
Boca Raton, Florida

Alexa Hackmeier
Bay Harbor, Florida

Mackenzie Hager
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Chelsea Hair
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Jeanette Hallak
West Palm Beach, Florida
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Weston, Florida

Evan Heffner
Boca Raton, Florida

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Plantation, Florida

Heriberto Hernandez
Boynton Beach, Florida

Jamal Hinkson
Coral Springs, Florida

Matthew Horton
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Alexia Hudson
Miramar, Florida

Drew Jacobs
Coral Springs, Florida

Kyle Jacobs
Boynton Beach, Florida

Elizabeth Jimenez
Miami, Florida

Liana Johnson
Plantation, Florida

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Frankfort, Kentucky
*Magna Cum Laude**

Shannon Jones
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Thasaian Jordan
Miami Shores, Florida

Drew Kapneck
Boca Raton, Florida

Laura Kelk Phillips
Wellington, Florida

Daniel Kerness
Cooper City, Florida

Mark Kieslor
Brick, New Jersey

Joshua Kobasky
Pembroke Pines, Florida

Isha Kochhar
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Alexander Kochman
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Kyle Konhauzer
Cooper City, Florida

Aaron Konstam
Hollywood, Florida
*Summa Cum Laude**

Stacy Konstam
Hollywood, Florida
*Magna Cum Laude**

Jillian Kratish
Plantation, Florida

Jenna Kulbersh
Bradenton, Florida

Gordon Langer
Wilton Manors, Florida

Christina Lapidula
Miami, Florida

Brooke Latta
Weston, Florida

Ilana Lazarus
Weston, Florida

Ryan LeMontang
Hollywood, Florida

Grant Levine
Wellington, Florida
*Summa Cum Laude**

Caroline Lewis
Davie, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Steven Liberty
Miami, Florida

Monica Loaiza
Aventura, Florida

Michael Lotto
Sayville, New York
*Magna Cum Laude**

Kenneth Louie
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Emmanuela Louis
Miami, Florida

Elizabeth Lutz
Holmes Beach, Florida

Patrick Magnier
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

John Marcus
Homestead, Florida

Efrain Marimon
Miami Lakes, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Jonathan May
Pembroke Pines, Florida

Katherine McGovern
Boca Raton, Florida

Donna McMillan
Stuart, Florida
*Summa Cum Laude**

Monica McWilliams
Weston, Florida

Viraj Mehta
Davie, Florida

Stephen Mervis
Winter Haven, Florida

Danielle Michaels
Pompano Beach, Florida
*Cum Laude**

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Sander Miller
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Weston, Florida

Saeid Mirzadeh
Wellington, Florida

Fabian Moiguer
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Christopher Monaco
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John Moore
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Davie, Florida
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Armand Murach
Sunny Isles Beach, Florida

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Delray Beach, Florida

Matthew Napier
Pembroke Pines, Florida

Maryse Nelson
Nassau, Bahamas

Nicole Netti
Boynton Beach, Florida

Alyssa Neufeld
North Miami Beach, Florida

Katherine Newcomer
West Palm Beach, Florida
*Summa Cum Laude**

Mai Nguyen
Miramar, Florida

Jonathan Nunn
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Jerrad Ohr
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin
*Cum Laude**

Jose Orochena
Bronx, New York

Justin Orosz
Miami Lakes, Florida

Cosima Ortiz
Davie, Florida

Jennifer Palacio
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Victor Palacios
Miami, Florida

Steven Papadonikolakis
Brooklyn, New York

Jennifer Petrovitch
Boca Raton, Florida

Charlotte Petty
Burke, Virginia

Zachary Phillips
Wellington, Florida
*Magna Cum Laude**

Jonathan Picard
West Palm Beach, Florida
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Danielle Pizzo
Clinton, New York
*Cum Laude**

Alberto Polimeni
Rome, Italy
Laurea in Giurisprudenza, 2012

Rachel Popper
Wellington, Florida

Rodrigo Prichard
Lakeland, Florida

Jessie Pulitzer
West Palm Beach, Florida

Patrick Pumphrey
Boca Raton, Florida

Christie Quintero
Hollywood, Florida

Kavita Ramkissoon
North Miami Beach, Florida

John-Christian Ramos
Weston, Florida

Joshua Rasco
Miami, Florida

Niccolo Reid
Bronx, New York

John Reis
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Joslyn Restivo
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Daniel Ricciulli
Miami, Florida

David Rios
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Vanessa Romero
Hialeah, Florida

Hillary Rosenzweig
Boca Raton, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Cory Roth
Houston, Texas

Aron Rudman
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Carlos Saad, Jr.
Coral Springs, Florida
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Nicole Sanchez
Weston, Florida

Andrew Sando
Boynton Beach, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Suzanne Schachter
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Stuart Schneider
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Timothy Scolaro
West Palm Beach, Florida

Yuna Scott
Cooper City, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Michael Segall
Key Biscayne, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Joshua Seiden
Boca Raton, Florida

Amanda Sejba
Pembroke Pines, Florida

Kelly Selig
Miami, Florida
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Craig Shandler
Parkland, Florida

Courtney Shapiro
Potomac, Maryland

Evan Sheres
Montreal, Canada
*Magna Cum Laude**

David Sholl
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Brandon Silver
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
*Magna Cum Laude**

Aaron Silvers
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Nirvani Singh
Coconut Creek, Florida

Rachel Slone
Clearwater, Florida

Andrew Smith
Weston, Florida

Jenna Sobelman
Coconut Creek, Florida
*Cum Laude**

William Soler
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Anthony Spano III
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Kathrine Speaker
Hobe Sound, Florida

Sasha Stauffer
Lititz, Pennsylvania
*Cum Laude**

Kimberly Stephenson
St. Petersburg, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Andreas Study
Winter Park, Florida

Michelle Suarez
Davie, Florida

Elizabeth Suttle
Coral Gables, Florida

Asra Syed
Deerfield Beach, Florida

Aron Szabo
Weston, Florida

Shelby Tatum
Sarasota, Florida

Michael Toback
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Louis Tosches
Sutton, Massachusetts

Jonathan Trabitz
Woodbridge, New Jersey

Raymond Traendly
Lighthouse Point, Florida

Oscar Trinidad
Davie, Florida

Danielle Turner
Bronx, New York

Ryan Tyre
Tampa, Florida

Elcy Valdez
Greenacres, Florida

Raul Valero
West Palm Beach, Florida
*Summa Cum Laude**

Kit Van Pelt
Plantation, Florida
*Magna Cum Laude**

Sophia Vassilopoulos
North Palm Beach, Florida
*Magna Cum Laude**

Marina Vaysman
Fembroke Pines, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Christine Venezia
New Port Richey, Florida

Amber Viladesau
Sunrise, Florida

Sabrina Visram
Windermere, Florida

Ryan Wagner
Davie, Florida

Chafic Wahab
Miami, Florida

Matthew Walker
Coral Springs, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Jordan Walsh
Jacksonville, Florida

Erika Wasserstein
Miami Beach, Florida

Abbie Waxman
Miami, Florida

Brandon Weitzman
Dix Hills, New York

Jeffrey Widelitz
Boca Raton, Florida
*Magna Cum Laude**

Chris Wiesman
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Jayson Wiggill
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
*Summa Cum Laude**

Jeremy Williams
Plantation, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Jessica Williams
Vidalia, Georgia
*Magna Cum Laude**

Michelle Wilson
Boynton Beach, Florida

Phoebe Wise
Naples, Florida
*Cum Laude**

Todd Wise
Aventura, Florida

Brett Wishna
Boca Raton, Florida

Jane Woodfield
Palm Beach, Florida

Alejandro Zagales
Miami, Florida

Nadia Zarei
Davie, Florida

**Potential honors based upon cumulative grade point average after fall 2012 term*

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2013 GRADUATION HONORS

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Scholarship..... Nicole Netti
Awarded to a student exhibiting outstanding academic ability in the areas of matrimonial and family law

American Bankruptcy Institute Award Nicole Castano
Awarded to a student exhibiting outstanding academic ability in the area of bankruptcy law

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

Paul Joseph Award Philip Jones
Awarded to a student demonstrating a strong and ongoing commitment to social justice

Larry Kalevitch Award John Moore
Awarded to a student demonstrating exceptional promise in the areas of business or bankruptcy law

Krupnick & Campbell Award Daniel Berke
Awarded to a student demonstrating exceptional skills in the area of trial advocacy

ALL-ABA Scholarship and Leadership Award..... Jonathan Chambers
Awarded to a student demonstrating a combination of exceptional scholarship and leadership skills

NITA Excellence in Advocacy Award Armand Murach
Awarded to a student exhibiting exceptional advocacy skills

The Honorable Charles I. Kaplan Outstanding Service Award Raymond Traendly
Awarded to a student who has demonstrated dedication and commitment to the children and families through work in the NSU, Shepard Broad Law Center's Children and Families Clinic exemplifying Judge Kaplan's character of hard work, integrity, and competency

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Nova Law Review

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

Executive Board

Raul Valero.....	Editor in Chief
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Abigail Brown.....	Managing Technical Editor

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Ana Alvarez	Nicole Castano	Ashley Fernald
Nathalie Bigio	Rebecca Caysido	Grant Levine

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Matthew Barry	Richard Conforti	Lindsay Ervin
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Darlene Barron	Micheal Lotto	Jeffrey Widelitz
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Jonathan Chambers	Katherine Newcomer	Jessica Williams
Gerardo Fernandez-Davila	Zachary Phillips	Jane Woodfield
Chelsea Hair	Jonathan Picard	
Caroline Lewis	Evan Sheres	

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Robyn Barrett	Gretel Echarte Morales	Kelly Selig
Richard Bodek	Jared Guberman	David Sholl
Jennifer Chunn	Matthew Horton	Jeremy Williams
Nicole Coumou	Elizabeth Lutz	

ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law

ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law members are distinguished by a blue/green tassel.

Todd Wise	Editor in Chief
Hillary Rosenzweig.....	Executive Editor
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Sylvia Cano.....	Bilingual Editor
Kimberly Stephenson.....	Technical Editor
Stephen Mervis.....	Associate Managing Editor
Yuna Scott.....	Associate Bilingual Editor
Robert Adams.....	Articles Editor, Associate Technical Editor
Kenneth Louie.....	Articles Editor
Sasha Stauffer.....	Articles Editor

Senior Staff Member

Phillip Jones

Junior Staff Members

Kunal Bhathija

Melissa Miranda

Armand Murach

NSU International Citator and Research Guide

The NSU International Citator staff is publishing the first international legal citation manual in the world. Members are distinguished by a green/white tassel.

Michelle Suarez	Editor in Chief
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Kavita Ramkissoon.....	Publications Editor

Staff Members

Jaclyn Gonzalez
Justin Orosz

Cosima Ortiz
Daniel Ricciulli

Ryan Tyre

ADVOCACY HONORS

Order of the Barrister

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

Alex Annunziato

Rachel Bausch

Ryan Brenton

Alixandra Buckelew

Michael Day

Isha Kochhar

Armand Murach

Alberto Polimeni

Cynthia Pyform

Andrew Sando

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.

Executive Board

Brett Wishna Executive Justice for Competitions
Kit Van Pelt Executive Justice for Teams
Philip Jones Executive Justice for Academics
Armand Murach Chairperson for Research and Problem Development
Jeffrey WidELITZ Chairperson for Research and Problem Development
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Daniel Berke

Chelsea Birman

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Jared Gasman

Michael Greenberg

Matthew Horton

Philip Jones

Josh Kobasky

Isha Kochhar

Brooke Latta

Anthony Spano III

Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court

Students are chosen to become members based upon their skills in international law advocacy.

Kunal Bhathija

Aaron Konstam

Raul Valero

Gretel Echarte Morales

Aaron Silvers

Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court

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

Jonathan Chambers

Maria Del Mar Estrach Ventura

Victor Palacios

Nova Trial Association

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

Executive Board

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Daniel Berke Vice President of Operations

Brooke Latta Vice President of Teams

Board Members

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Abigail Brown Teams Coordinator

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Efrain Marimon Chairperson

General Members

Jamie Adler

Brian Elstein

Jose Orochena

Rachel Bausch

Gerardo Fernandez-Davila

Alberto Polimeni

Alixandra Buckelew

Elizabeth Jimenez

Rodrigo Prichard

Richard Conforti

Thasaian Jordan

Cory Roth

Kimberly Cortez

Ryan Mosher

Matthew Walker

Michael Day

Alyssa Neufeld

Cash Eaton

Katherine Newcomer

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.

Christina Lapadula

Yuna Scott

Kathrine Speaker

John Moore

William Soler

Michelle Suarez

Public Service Summer Fellowship

Students are selected based on volunteer work with government agencies.

Robyn Barrett

Chad Gordon

Jonathan Nunn

The Tracey McPharlin Children's Rights Fellowship

Students are selected based on their commitment to child advocacy.

Tiffani Bishop

Mediation Public Service Fellows

These students have provided mediation and related services to benefit families, communities, and the court system. They have completed a mediation course and provided technical legal assistance and mediation services to the Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center Mediation Program.

Sylvia Cano

Charlotte Petty

Lisa Conrey

Kavita Ramkissoon

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.

Sylvia Cano

Stacy Korstam

Emmanuela Louis

NSU Fellowship for Public Service

Students are selected based on work with government and public sector agencies.

Philip Jones

Justin Orosz

Jenna Sobelman

Joshua Kobasky

John Reis

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.

Gold (300+ hours)

Alexander Annunziato	Jaclyn Gonzalez	Maryse Nelson
Hope Baros	Jared Guberman	Jonathan Nunn
Carlos Barrenechea	Fatima Hasan	Jennifer Petrovitch
Robyn Barrett	Daniel Kerness	Nicole Sanchez
Alixandra Buckelew	Alexander Kochman	Andrew Sando
Bryan Burkhardt	Brooke Latta	Courtney Shapero
Sylvia Cano	Ernmanuela Louis	William Soler
Jennifer Chunn	Viraj Mehta	Abbie Waxman
Kimberly Cortez	Fabian Moiguer	
Rina Feld	Casey Mullin	

Silver (125–299 hours)

Jamie Adler	Mackenzie Hager	Christie Quintero
Matthew Barry	Chelsea Hair	Hillary Rosenzweig
Melanie Batdorf	Christophal Hellewell	Yuna Scott
Jennifer Betancourt	Alexia Hudson	Amanda Sejba
Chelsea Birman	Mark Kieslor	Jenna Sobelman
Abigail Brown	Joshua Kobasky	Asra Syed
Brooke Bryant	Jenna Kulbersh	Michael Toback
Rebecca Caysido	Ilana Lazarus	Oscar Trinidad
Pooneh Charkhian	Efrain Marimon	Matthew Walker
Nicole Coumou	Donna McMillan	Jessica Williams
Cash Eaton	Monica McWilliams	Phoebe Wise
Alana Faintuch	Melissa Miranda	Jane Woodfield
Sean Foo	Mai Nguyen	Nadia Zarei

Bronze (50–124 hours)

Lisa Boswell	Caroline Lewis	Sasha Stauffer
Alicia Braker	Kenneth Louie	Kimberly Stephenson
Lindsay Ervin	Cosima Ortiz	Michelle Suarez
Kyle Jacobs	Zachary Phillips	Shelby Tatum
Philp Jones	John Reis	Kit Van Felt
Thasaian Jordan	Vanessa Romero	Christine Venezia

ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS

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.

Sylvia Cano

Gretel Echarte Morales

Maria Del Mar Estrach

Gerardo Fernandez-Davila

Ycnaduy Gangi

Cherrelle Mickens

Fabian Moiguer

Victor Palacios

Alberto Polimeni

Rodrigo Prichard

Yuna Scott

Amanda Sejba

William Soler

Ryan Tyre

Elcy Valdez

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.

Brooke Latta..... Dean's Award for Leadership and Service to the Law Center

Amanda Sejba..... Dean's Award for Leadership and Service to the Community

Glantzlaw Professionalism Award

Ryan Tyre

Bar Gift Award Recipients

Alexander Annunziato

Jennifer Palacio

HONORARY DEGREE CITATION

Eugene K. Pettis, J.D.

Eugene Pettis has had a distinguished career in the honorable practice of law, as well as being a well-respected member of the Florida Bar and the Florida community.

In 1982, he received his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Florida. He then received his J.D. degree from the University of Florida's Levin College of Law in 1985.

In June 2013, Pettis will be sworn in as president of the Florida Bar, having the distinction of becoming the first African American in the Bar's history to serve in this position. As president, he will lead the country's second-largest bar at a time when its membership exceeds 95,000 lawyers.

Just six years after graduating law school, Pettis was the first African American appointed (by Governor Lawton Chiles) to the South Florida Water Management District's governing board, and eventually served as its vice chairman. In 1996, he cofounded the firm of Haliczzer Pettis and Schwamm, which focuses on the areas of medical malpractice, personal injury, commercial litigation, and employment law. In 2005, he was elected to the Florida Bar's Board of Governors, currently serving on its Executive Committee and having chaired the Judicial Independence Committee for the past three years. He has continuously supported higher education, serving not only on the University of Florida Foundation's Board of Directors for eight years, but also on the Board of Trustees at the University of Florida's Levin College of Law.

Pettis has earned Martindale-Hubbell's top "AV" rating for his high professional and ethical standards. Throughout his career, he has earned numerous legal awards and accolades, including ongoing selection by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* in areas of medical malpractice and personal injury litigation, *Florida Super Lawyers*, the *South Florida Legal Guide* "Top Lawyers" list, and *Florida Trend's* "Legal Elite."

In 2007, Pettis was inducted into the exclusive, invitation-only American College of Trial Lawyers and elected by his peers into the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). In recognition of his commitment to community service, he was recognized in 2012 by the Urban League of Broward County with the Margaret Roach Humanitarian Award. In January 2013, Pettis was recognized by his ABOTA Chapter as the Trial Lawyer of the Year in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. His service to the profession and the community has been acknowledged in the receipt of numerous additional honors and awards.

Eugene K. Pettis, in acknowledgement of your commitment and contributions to the practice of law, the Board of Trustees of Nova Southeastern University is proud to award you an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, with all its rights and privileges.

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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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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.

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