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NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

2016 SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

DON TAFT UNIVERSITY CENTER
DAVIE, FLORIDA

*Thursday, the Twelfth of May, Two Thousand and Sixteen
Two O'clock in the Afternoon*

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

DEGREE CANDIDATES

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ORDER OF EXERCISES

Prelude

*Processional

Crown Imperial (1937) Walton

Convening the Commencement..... Grand Marshal, Silvia Flores, M.D.
Member of the Board of Trustees

Presiding Officer.....George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer

**Star Spangled Banner*.....Key/Smith

*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?*

Welcoming and Introductions.....Ralph V. Rogers, Ph.D.
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Opening Remarks George L. Hanbury II

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Introduction of Student Speaker.....Jon M. Garon

Address on Behalf of the GraduatesJohn Taddeo
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Address on Behalf of the Graduates Arlene Bran
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Commencement Address Ramón A. Abadin
*Trial Lawyer, President, The Florida Bar
(Biographical Sketch in back of program)*

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Presentation of Candidates for Degree	Ralph V. Rogers
Hooders	Timothy Arcaro, Kathy Cerminara, Debra Moss Curtis, Olympia Duhart, Michael Flynn, Ishaq Kundawala College of Law Professors
Conferral of Degrees	George L. Hanbury II
Farewell	George L. Hanbury II
Dismissal of the Commencement	Grand Marshal, Silvia Flores
*Nova Southeastern University Anthem	Cavanaugh

*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 spread 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!

*Recessional

<i>La Rejouissance</i>	Handel <i>From Music for the Royal Fireworks</i>
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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Ramón A. Abadin, The Florida Bar president, is an active trial lawyer who has tried more than 30 cases to verdict. He focuses on complex commercial and tort matters that frequently involve significant insurance components. Abadin has tried cases in both state and federal courts in Florida, where he has represented some of the world's largest multinational corporations and insurance companies. He is a partner in the Miami office of Sedgwick LLP in its Florida Complex Litigation department. A native of Cuba, Abadin is also past president of the Cuban American Bar Association.

Abadin's focus as The Florida Bar president is on technology, challenging the Bar's leadership and membership to recognize and embrace the transformation revolutionizing the legal services marketplace. During his term, he has also worked to improve the Florida Bar Exam and promote professionalism and diversity, particularly as these issues impact female attorneys. He has appointed several faculty members from NSU's Shepard Broad College of Law to leadership positions as part of this comprehensive effort.

Abadin is among the less than one percent of Florida attorneys invited to be a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a member of the Florida Chapters of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, and the International Association of Defense Counsel. In 2006, he joined the Bar's Board of Governors and has chaired the Legal Education Committee of the Vision 2016 Commission, conducting an in-depth study of the future practice of law. He has also served on distinguished committees that continue to shape the legal landscape in Florida. These include the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, to which Abadin was one of only 15 members appointed to evaluate all prospective nominees to the federal bench in the 11th Circuit and nationally. In addition, he is a member of the Florida Supreme Court's Commission on Access to Civil Justice and was appointed to serve on the Court's Long Range Strategic Planning Workgroup.

Abadin has received numerous awards, including the G. Kirk Haas Award from The Florida Bar, which is awarded annually to one attorney in the state. He has been recognized by the Haitian Lawyers Association with the Significant Contribution Award and received the Passing on Leadership Award from the Cuban American Bar Association.

Abadin earned his J.D. from Loyola University of New Orleans School of Law in 1985 and his B.A. in History from Tulane University in 1981. He is admitted to appear before the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida; U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit; and the U.S. Supreme Court.

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SPECIAL APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO

David Tyree *for announcing the candidates*
Mark J. Cavanaugh, Ph.D., *for coordinating, orchestrating, and directing today's commencement ensemble and to the members of the orchestra for their musical talents*
Brandon Hensler and Alyssa Rothman *for work to promote the commencement season*
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Nova Southeastern University Anthem

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ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Ceremonial garments worn at academic functions take their meaning from the original centers of learning of the western world in the church of the Middle Ages. Caps, hoods, and gowns of the early students and monks have been held through the centuries to be traditionally symbolic of the scholarly devotion so basic to education and to the deliberate and orderly evolution of knowledge.

The introduction of classical studies, the gradual rise of the great universities across Europe, and the ever-increasing awareness of the decisive role of education in the entire development of civilization influenced leaders among academicians in their desire for a singular identity. In the attempt to create this differentiation, educators fell upon the medieval system of classic heraldry, whereby the coat of arms, assorted ornamental trappings, and patterns of colorful design had been adopted to denote the distinctive character of designated chivalric orders. The function of a pedagogical heraldry became, then, simply identification. As such, measures were taken to signify, through distinctive markings on the academicians' attire, the institution that had granted the degree, the field of learning in which the degree had been earned, and the level of the degree, e.g., bachelor's, master's, or doctorate.

Of the three pieces of academic attire—the cap, the gown, and the hood—it is the hood that offers the most abundant and most readily discernible information about its owner. The inner lining of the hood identifies the institution at which the individual earned the degree. Some schools have adopted two-color patterns and introduced chevrons and bars in various designs to set themselves apart from other institutions. The velvet trim bordering the hood indicates the major field of learning, or faculty, in which the degree has been earned. A final feature of the hood concerns its length and width and distinguishes further between holders of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. The length of the hood for the bachelor's degree is three feet, closed at the bottom, and with a velvet border of two inches. At Nova Southeastern University, however, individuals receiving a bachelor's degree do not wear a hood. A master's degree holder has a hood three-and-one-half feet in length with a three-inch-wide border, and the hood is slit at the bottom. Those individuals with a doctoral degree wear a hood four feet in length, open at the bottom with a five-inch border.

The cut of the gown aids in differentiating between the three levels of degrees. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple and falls in straight lines from an elaborate yoke. It may be recognized most readily by the long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown is somewhat fuller and bears no adornment. The sleeves are oblong in shape and open at the wrist, with the rear part of the oblong square cut while the front edge has a cutaway arc. The doctor's gown is more elaborate, with velvet panels down the front and around the neck of the garment. The sleeves are bell-shaped at the end and have three bars of the same material as the front panels at the upper portion of the arm. It is cut rather fully and may be ornamental in color.

The mortarboard or Oxford-type cap has been adopted throughout most universities in the United States, although tams have become increasingly fashionable to denote holders of the doctoral degree. Colored tassels are usually worn by holders of the bachelor's and master's degrees. These denote the field of learning.

The color, indeed the flamboyance, of academic dress undoubtedly adds to the sense of occasion at academic ceremonies. But as its historical roots show, it has a much deeper significance. It is an outward sign of the universality of universities, and of their responsibility for certain timeless values essential to the freedom of inquiry: tolerance of alternative views and courage in maintaining one's own tirelessness in the pursuit of truth and the free exchange of knowledge. Its wearing marks also the responsibility of the new graduate to maintain and uphold these ideals. These fundamentals of academic freedom have not been threatened in this country for more than 200 years, but the importance attached to the donning of traditional academic dress was underlined in recent years by scholars from Central and Eastern Europe; during the Cold War, their use of academic robes became a symbol of their refusal to be dominated completely by political forces and the state, and symbolized their persistent links to the worldwide community of scholars. Thus, the wearing of academic dress should be seen not simply as a sign of achievement, but as a symbol of the responsibility that falls on all members of universities.

HONORS

Students wear cords, pins, sashes, and medallions that reflect institutional and national academic honors as well as campus leadership, service, and engagement.

PROCESSIONAL BANNERS (GONFALONS)

The gonfalon, a banner that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state or office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias, and many use them to identify and lead colleges and schools within the university in academic procession. The gonfalons represent the university and the various academic divisions of Nova Southeastern University.

The lower half of the gonfalon consists of the university insignia in various permutations. On the upper half is the name of a particular academic division of the university, along with a diagonal stripe in the color of that division's principal discipline.

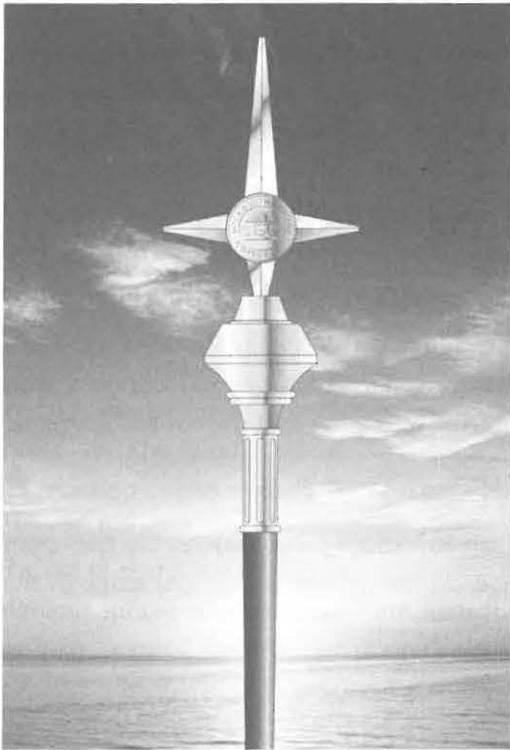
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Optometry	Sea Foam Green
Accountancy, Business	Drab	Oratory (Speech).....	Silver Gray
Dentistry.....	Lilac	Pharmacy.....	Olive Green
Economics.....	Copper	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Education.....	Light Blue	Podiatry-Chiroprody	Nile Green
Engineering	Orange	Public Administration, Human	
Fine Arts	Brown	Service, and Criminal Justice.....	Peacock Blue
Law	Purple	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Medicine	Green	Science	Golden Yellow
Music	Pink	Social Science.....	Cream
Nursing.....	Apricot		

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
