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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 SUCH 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 24th Annual Law Center Commencement, part of the 31st 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, staff, and supporters.

SUNRISE MUSICAL THEATRE
5555 Northwest 95th Avenue
Sunrise, Florida
Sunday, the Twenty-First of May
Two Thousand
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

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America, the Beautiful .............................................................................................. Bates/Ward

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

Welcome ................................................................................................................. Ray Ferrero, Jr.
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Welcome from Alumni Association .......................................................................... Diane M. Perry, Law ’87
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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, 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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NOTE

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