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WINTER COMMENCEMENT
December 21, 2008





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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 <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> March No. 1	Elgar
Presiding Officer.....	Ray Ferrero, Jr. 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 Speaker.....	Athornia Steele
Faculty Speaker.....	Angela Gilmore Professor of Law
Presentation of Candidates for Degree.....	Athornia Steele
Introduction of Degree Candidates.....	Janet Mosseri Associate Dean, Student Affairs, Shepard Broad Law Center
Conferring of Degrees.....	Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Closing Remarks.....	Athornia Steele
Recessional <i>Empire March</i>	Elgar

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

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Nova Law Review

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Lenore M. Rosetto

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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

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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.

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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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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