COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
CHARLES WIDGER SCHOOL OF LAW

Friday, May 19, 2017
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The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, BA, MA, MDiv, PhD
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PRESENTATION OF
THE MEDALLION AWARD
President Donohue
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Vice Dean Aagaard

ADDRESS
Justice Debra Todd, JD, LLM
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

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Simeon S. Poles
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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
Dean Alexander

DISTRIBUTION OF DIPLOMAS
Dean Alexander
Dean Barton and the Faculty of the School of Law

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
President Donohue

CLOSING REMARKS
Dean Alexander

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CONFERRING OF THE MEDALLION AWARD

The Medallion Award is conferred by Villanova University in recognition of the outstanding achievements of the recipient.

JUSTICE DEBRA TODD, JD, LLM

Presented by Todd Aagaard

Justice Debra Todd was elected to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 2007, following eight years on the Superior Court. Prior to serving on the bench, she was a trial attorney in Pittsburgh for 18 years, first as an in-house litigator for U.S. Steel, and later in private practice with an emphasis in civil litigation.

Justice Todd received her Bachelor's degree with Honors from Chatham College; a Juris Doctor from The University of Pittsburgh (Law Review); and an LLM in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia.

She is an elected member of the American Law Institute and the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County, and a Fellow of the Allegheny County and PA Bar Foundations. She is a frequent lecturer and panelist for CLE programs on appellate practice, ethics, elder justice, child abuse and veterans' issues.

Her awards include an Honorary Doctorate in Public Service from Chatham University; the Philip Werner Amram Award; the Pitt Law Distinguished Alumni Award; and the Amen Corner's Judge Robert E. Dauer Award for Judicial Leadership and Excellence. In 2016, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape awarded Justice Todd its first Visionary Award, recognizing her significant impact in the lives of survivors of sexual violence. Most recently, she received the Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania's Susan B. Anthony Award, for promoting equality in the legal profession.

Justice Todd chaired the Statewide Elder Law Task Force, and is the Supreme Court's liaison to Pennsylvania's Veterans Courts.
# HONOR GRADUATES

## SUMMA CUM LAUDE
- Elizabeth Marie Bussey-Garza

## MAGNA CUM LAUDE
- Ashley Elizabeth Baxter
- Katherine Anna Clarke
- Rebecca Jean Feuerhammer
- Elizabeth Ann Flanagan
- Rachael Jennifer Gordon
- Samantha Lee Haggerty
- Virginia Eve Hansen
- Matthew D. Kaiser*
- Liam Joseph Leyden
- Stephanie Ann Marcozzi
- Shane C. O’Halloran
- Katherine Eva Reamy
- Nathan L. Rudy
- Maria Chantal Salvemini
- Catrina Alexis Shea
- Jennifer A. Ward

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- Sean Rempel Caulfield
- Fara Ashley Cohen
- Kennedy Alix Costantino
- Bailey Christine Coulltrap
- Shannon F. Delaney
- Jillian Mary Hart
- Macy Rose Manolis
- Roni K. Mathew
- Amy Lynn Nogowski
- Christopher Charles Reese
- Marc Bennett Robertson
- Erica Ashley Russo
- Jonathan Paul Silva
- Gabriella Terese Soreth
- Alexander David Torres
- Robert Stanford Turchick

* September 1, 2016
ORDER OF THE COIF

The Order of the Coif is the National Honor Society devoted to the encouragement of high standards of legal scholarship with chapters in leading law schools throughout the country. Graduates in the top ten percent of the class are eligible for election to the Order of the Coif.

The Order takes its name from the word used to designate the cap which all members of the Order were required to wear. This cap or coif was originally of white linen or silk, forming a close-fitting hood, seen today in old engravings, pictures and effigies of distinguished Judges and Serjeants. Serjeants were an order of the highest rank of barrister at the English or Irish bar. By the ancient privileges of the Serjeants, this coif was not to be taken off, even in the royal presence. When wigs came into fashion the coif was changed, no longer worn as a complete hood, but merely as a circular piece of white linen fastened to the top of the wig.

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Elizabeth Marie Bussey-Garza
Katherine Anna Clarke
Rebecca Jean Feuerhammer
Elizabeth Ann Flanagan
Rachael Jennifer Gordon

Samantha Lee Haggerty
Virginia Eve Hansen
Matthew D. Kaiser*
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Stephanie Ann Marcozzi
Shane C. O’Halloran

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Nathan L. Rudy
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Jennifer A. Ward

THE DOROTHY DAY AWARD FOR PRO BONO SERVICE

The Dorothy Day Award for Pro Bono Service acknowledges students who have volunteered at the inception of their careers to take on the added responsibility of pro bono service. Pro bono service to the poor is a central aspect of the Law School’s mission as a Catholic and Augustinian institution. Pro bono service is defined as unpaid, not-for-credit legal work for the poor or disenfranchised, performed at a public interest/non-profit agency or with a private attorney working on a pro bono case. The award is named for Dorothy Day (1895-1980), Catholic journalist and peace and justice activist who co-founded the Catholic Worker and established Houses of Hospitality to help feed, clothe and comfort the poor.

The Dorothy Day Award for Pro Bono Service recognizes students who have served a minimum number of hours of pro bono service over their three years in law school.

Rebecca Yen Barrett
Elizabeth Marie Bussey-Garza
Luis E. Canales
Katherine Anna Clarke
Matthew Christopher DiMaio

Elizabeth Ann Flanagan
Rachael Jennifer Gordon
B. Ever Hanna
Phillip Ravi Harrinarine
Norman Robin McNeal

Amy Lynn Nogowski
Lauren Elyse Otero
Richard A. J. Prebil
Effi Taylor
THE AWARD OF PRIZES

ABA-BLOOMBERG BNA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF HEALTH LAW
This award is presented to the graduating student with the highest grades in Health Law.

Jennifer A. Ward

ABA-BLOOMBERG BNA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW
This award is presented to the graduating student with the highest grades in Labor or Employment Law.

Shane C. O'Halloran

Virginia Eve Hansen

ABA-BLOOMBERG BNA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
This award is presented to the graduating student with the highest grades in Intellectual Property Law.

Tyler Joseph Stampone

AAML (AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS) ERIC D. TURNER AWARD
The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Eric D. Turner Award is presented by the Pennsylvania Chapter of AAML and is awarded to the graduating student who, in the opinion of the Law School’s faculty, best exemplifies the positive attributes of a family lawyer.

Lauren Jennifer Berenbaum

Amelia Ezzo Curotto

AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE
The American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence is given annually to the graduating student who excelled in bankruptcy studies.

Amy Lynn Nogowski

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARD
This award is presented to the most outstanding student in the areas of Land Use Planning and Local Government.

Ashley Elizabeth Baxter

THE VILLANOVA LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNE BOWEN POULIN AWARD FOR PRO BONO SERVICE
The Villanova Law Alumni Association Anne Bowen Poulin Award for Pro Bono Service is given annually by the Alumni Association to the third-year student who has contributed the most meaningful pro bono service to those in need.

Elizabeth Ann Flanagan

ARTHUR J. KANIA PRIZE IN PROFESSIONAL ETHICS
The Arthur J. Kania Prize in Professional Ethics, established by Constance B. Girard-diCarlo ’74, is given annually to the graduating student who, in the judgment of the faculty, best demonstrates commitment to professional ethics and integrity, as exemplified by the life and career of Arthur J. Kania ’56.

Simeon S. Poles

BEST MEMORANDUM AWARD
The Best Memorandum Award is given to the first year student who, in the opinion of the Legal Writing Faculty, wrote the best memorandum in the first year legal writing class.

Sean Rempell Caulfield

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (CLEA) AWARD
This award is presented to the clinic student who demonstrated excellence in the field work component of the clinical course and the student’s contribution to the clinical community.

Elizabeth Ann Flanagan

DAVID G. BUTTERWORTH EDITOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
The David G. Butterworth Editor Achievement Award is given annually to the Environmental Law Journal editors who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and service to the Journal.

Daniel Patrick O’Hare

Emily Rose Paulus
DR. ARTHUR CLEMENT PULLING AWARD
This award, established by Neale F. Hooley '56 in memory of the first Librarian of the School of Law, is given annually to the student submitting the best contributions of an editorial and administrative nature to the Villanova Law Review.

FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARD
This special award is presented to the graduating students who, in the opinion of the faculty, have contributed greatly in the life of the Law School.

HERMAN J. OBERT AWARD
The Herman J. Obert Award is given annually to the students attaining the highest grades in Business Organizations.

HERMAN MITCHELL SCHWARTZ AWARD
The Herman Mitchell Schwartz Award is given by Shirley Schwartz Weisman '71, in memory of her father, to the student in the graduating class who, in the opinion of the faculty, has contributed the most in the achievement of equality of opportunity and treatment for women in the Law School, in the legal profession or in society at large.

HYMAN-GOODMAN AWARD
The Hyman-Goodman Award, established by the family of Myron A. Hyman '64, is given annually to the graduating student who, in the opinion of the faculty, has done the most for the class and the Law School through both academic and extracurricular achievement.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS
STUDENT ADVOCACY AWARD
The International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award is given annually to the graduating student who excelled in trial practice.

IRVIN STANDER MEMORIAL AWARD
The Irvin Stander Memorial Award was established by the Philadelphia Bar Association to recognize the graduating student who has demonstrated excellence and scholarship in administrative law.

JAN JANCIN AWARD-AMERICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW EDUCATION FOUNDATION
This award is presented to the student who demonstrated excellence in the study of Intellectual Property Law.

JEFFREY S. MOORAD SPORTS LAW JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
The Editorial Board Achievement Award is given in recognition of outstanding members of the Executive Board.

JOHN J. DUFFY '62 ADVOCACY CUP
This award is given each year to the winners of the annual Honorable Theodore L. Reimel 24 CLAS Moot Court Competition.

JOHN M. HYSON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL STAFF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
The staff achievement award is given to the member of the Board of Editors of the Villanova Environmental Law Journal who has made outstanding contributions of an editorial and administrative nature.

JOSEPH R. WENK AWARD
The Joseph R. Wenk Award, established in memory of Professor Wenk '69, a member of the Law School faculty until his death in 1979, is given to the graduating students who have made the greatest contribution to the Civil Justice Clinic.

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Elizabeth Ann Flanagan
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Kennedy Alix Costantino
Fara Ashley Cohen
Gregory Thomas Laudadio
Joshua Jacobs
Eugene Tsvilik
Matthew Kyle Arnold
Ashley Elizabeth Baxter
Rachael Jennifer Gordon
LEONARD LEVIN MEMORIAL AWARD
Professor Levin was a much-beloved Property and Decedents professor who was a distinguished member of the faculty of Villanova Law School for twenty years. This award, made possible by the contributions of his family and friends, is given annually to the graduating students who attained the highest grades in the Decedents' Estates and Trusts course.

MOOT COURT BOARD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
The Distinguished Service Award is given to the member of the Moot Court Board who has made an outstanding contribution to the work of the board. The recipient is selected by vote of all members of the Board.

PHILADELPHIA TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
JAMES J. MANDERINO AWARD FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY
The James J. Manderino Award for Trial Advocacy is given each year by the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association to graduating students in recognition of outstanding achievement in Trial Advocacy. James Manderino was a brilliant orator and was a renowned advocate for the less fortunate, the poor, the unemployed and the victims of society. In that sense he was viewed by trial lawyers as the embodiment of the highest ideals to which a trial lawyer may ascribe.

RAYNES MCCARTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEGAL WRITING
The Raynes McCarty Award for Excellence in Legal Writing is given to the graduating student who wrote the best brief in the first year Legal Writing Program.

THE REVEREND JOSEPH ULLMAN AWARD
The Reverend Joseph Ulman Award is given to students who attain the highest grade in Criminal Law. The prize was given by Jacob Kossman, Esquire, in memory of the Reverend Joseph Ulman of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

SAINT IVES MEDAL
The Saint Ives Medal is awarded annually by the faculty of the School of Law to the graduate attaining the highest cumulative average for the three years of law study.

STEVEN P. FRANKINO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
The Distinguished Service Award is given to a graduating member of the Board of Editors of the Villanova Law Review who has made an outstanding contribution of an editorial and administrative nature.
RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Many of our students have rendered service to the School of Law through involvement in co-curricular activities, student governance and student activities. Certificates recognizing meritorious service will be awarded to the students listed below in connection with the activities noted.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MOOT COURT BOARD

The Moot Court Board is an honorary student organization consisting of students demonstrating outstanding written and oral advocacy skills. Students are selected for Board membership by one of two methods: the second year Theodore L. Reimel '24 CLAS Moot Court Competition or the Open Competition.

The Board is dedicated to the development of student appellate advocacy and coordinates a wide range of activities aimed at achieving that goal. Members represent the Law School in national moot court competitions, organize and administer every facet of the Reimel Competition and supplement the instruction of the Law School’s legal writing program for first year students.

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Board Member 2015–2016

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The Villanova Law Review, published five times a year, is prepared and edited by a staff of student writers who have been invited to join the Law Review based on outstanding academic achievement or through an open writing competition. The Law Review publishes articles by students and outside authors on a wide range of legal issues.

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Managing Editor of Production 2016–2017
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The Villanova Environmental Law Journal is a national legal publication dedicated to the scholarly review of environmentally related topics. The Journal is published twice a year by a staff of student writers who have been invited to join the Journal based on their performance in an open writing competition.

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ACADEMIC REGALIA

HISTORY

In England the history of academic dress reaches back to the early days of the oldest schools. As early as the second half of the fourteenth century, the statutes of certain colleges prohibited “excess in apparel” and required the wearing of a long gown. It is still an open question as to whether academic dress finds its sources chiefly in ecclesiastical or in civilian dress. It is often suggested that gowns and hoods were the simplest, most effective method of staying warm in the unheated, stone buildings which housed medieval scholars.

THE GOWN

The gowns used in American academic ceremonies vary according to the highest degree awarded to the wearer. The gown for the bachelor’s degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master’s degree has an oblong sleeve. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut and the front has an arc cut away. Master’s gowns may be worn open or closed. The doctoral gown is a more elaborate costume faced down the front with black velvet and across the sleeves with three bars of the same; these facings and crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive to the field of study to which the degree pertains. The doctoral gown has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed. Some institutions have authorized doctoral gowns in colors other than the customary black.

THE CAP

The mortarboard cap is standard, although soft square-topped caps are permissible. Recipients of doctorates may wear a gold tassel fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap; all others wear black. At Commencement, graduates wear the tassel on the right side, moving it to the left when their degree is conferred. Faculty participating in academic ceremonies wear the tassel on the left throughout the proceedings.

THE HOOD

The hoods are lined in silk with the official color or colors of the institution which granted the highest degree held by the wearer; more than one color is shown by division of the field color in a variety of ways, such as by chevron or chevrons.

THE COIF

The American Order of the Coif, the distinguished national legal honor society, draws its name and inspiration from the English Order of the Coif, the most ancient and one of the most honored institutions of the common law. For centuries, members of the Order of the Coif had the sole right to appear as barristers in the Court of Common Pleas, and judges were drawn exclusively from this group. The coif itself is a small round piece of cloth. It traces its origin to the cap all members of the English Order wore. The cap or coif was originally of white linen or silk, forming a close-fitting hood. Later, when wigs came into fashion, the coif was changed to a circular piece of white linen or silk, fashioned to the top of the wig. Members of the Order of the Coif wear the white round piece of cloth on top of the academic cap whenever academic garb is worn.

THE CORD

Cords worn on academic apparel are reminiscent of the cleric’s stole. Recipients of the Law School’s Dorothy Day Award wear intertwined cords of blue signifying Villanova and silver signifying service. Faculty who have served twenty-five years or more at the Law School wear a gold cord.