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The Class of 2008

157th Commencement

Friday, May 16, 2008
11:00 a.m.

Saratoga Performing Arts Center
Saratoga Springs, New York
ALBANY LAW SCHOOL is a small, independent private school in the heart of New York State’s capital since 1851. As the oldest law school in New York and the oldest independent law school in the nation, the institution offers students an innovative, rigorous curriculum taught by a committed faculty. Several nationally recognized programs --including the Government Law Center and the Albany Law Clinic and Justice Center-- provide opportunities for students to apply classroom learning. Students have access to New York’s highest court, federal courts and the state legislature, as well as a thriving tech-based economy. With 9,000-plus alumni practicing in every state in the country, and several continents, the employment rate for graduates well above the national average for law schools for the past 26 years.

Notable graduates include: William McKinley, 25th President of the United States; Kate Stoneman, first female graduate and member of the New York State Bar; James Campbell Matthews, first black judge in New York State; Robert H. Jackson, U.S. Supreme Court Justice; David J. Brewer, U.S. Supreme Court Justice; Richard D. Parsons, chairman of Time Warner; the Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack, former Governor of Iowa; and the Honorable Victoria A. Graffeo, Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals.
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Processional ................................................................. Majestic Brass Quintet

Call to Order and Welcome ............................................. E. Stewart Jones, Jr., Presiding Chairman, Board of Trustees

Introduction of Commencement Speaker ............................. Thomas F. Guernsey, President and Dean

Commencement Address .................................................... Jeanine Pirro

Conferring of Honorary Degree .......................................... E. Stewart Jones, Jr.

Presentation of Candidates/Faculty Awards .......................... Thomas F. Guernsey

Conferring of Degrees ....................................................... E. Stewart Jones, Jr.

Calling of Names and Granting of Honors,
Prizes, Awards ................................................................. Connie Mayer, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Presentation of Doctoral Hoods .............................................. Professor Melissa L. Breger

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Presentation of the Friend of the Class Award ....................... Elizabeth M. Connolly, President, Class of 2008

Senior Class Gift Presentation ............................................. Elizabeth M. Connolly

National Alumni Association Welcome ............................... Ruth E. Leistensnider, President

Closing Remarks .............................................................. Thomas F. Guernsey

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Recessional ................................................................. Majestic Brass Quintet

Marshals ................................................................. Joann Fitzsimmons

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Jeanine Ferris Pirro, class of 1975, was the first woman elected Westchester County District Attorney, a position to which she was elected three times. She began her career in the Westchester DA’s office in 1975, and in 1978 headed the county’s first domestic violence unit, one of only four in the nation. In 1990, Pirro was elected the first woman jurist to sit on the Westchester County Court Bench. In 1997, she chaired the New York State Commission on Domestic Violence Fatalities, whose report and recommendations resulted in legislation that enhanced protections of the victims of domestic abuse. Also that year, People magazine named her as one of its 50 Most Beautiful People.

Pirro has received numerous awards and honors, including Albany Law School’s Trustees’ Gold Medal and the Kate Stoneman Award, the Spirit of Anne Frank Award and the Ellis Island Award. She also served as the first woman President of the New York State District Attorneys Association, which, in 2006, honored her with its highest award, the Frank S. Hogan Award.

Pirro will be the presiding jurist on the television show “Judge Jeanine Pirro,” beginning this fall on the CW network. She is also a judicial and legal analyst for the Fox News Channel. Pirro is the author of the book To Punish and Protect - Against a System that Coddles Criminals (Simon & Schuster, 2004).
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The Class of 2008 continued Albany Law School’s tradition of Senior Gift this spring, and raised funds to support the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) to benefit Albany Law School alumni working in the public interest field.

Thank you for your generosity, and best wishes to each of you as you begin your legal careers.

*Denotes degree completion December 2007
**Denotes anticipated June 2008 completion
***Denotes anticipated July 2008 completion
PRIZES, HONORS AND AWARDS

American Bar Association State and Local Government Law Section Prize - A prize awarded to the graduating senior with the highest standing in Land Use law. Richard F. Kern, Betsy H. Sochar and Jonathan M. Victor

Francis H. Anderson Negotiation Award - An award, established in honor of Professor Emeritus Francis H. Anderson, presented to the two students who displayed competence in their capacity as conciliators and negotiators by winning the annual Donna Jo Morse Negotiations Competition. Robert F. Manfredo and Nathan R. Sabourin

Robert A. Barker Award - An award given in honor of Professor Emeritus Robert A. Barker, former Associate Dean, to the graduate chosen by the Moot Court Board for outstanding service to the Moot Court Program. Richard W. Agnello; In 2006-07: Sarah I. Goldman

Martin H. Belsky Graduation Prize - A prize awarded from a fund established by the friends and colleagues of Martin H. Belsky, former dean, to the graduate who has demonstrated the greatest commitment to public interest law during law school. Elizabeth N. Navran

Capital District Trial Lawyers Association Prize - A prize awarded by the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association to honor students who compete in trial team competitions with other law schools nationwide. Prize recipients are selected by faculty and coaches based on students’ dedication to trial practice and on the trial skills they demonstrate in competition. Brian M. Doyle and Shane B. Hug

Capital Region Bankruptcy Bar Association Justin Mahoney Memorial Prize - A prize awarded by the Capital Region Bankruptcy Bar Association in memory of Justin Mahoney, Class of 1949, to the graduate most academically distinguished in the field of Bankruptcy Law. Henrik N. Westin

Cardozo Prize - A prize awarded by a fund established by the late Benjamin N. Cardozo, former Justice of the United States Supreme Court and member of the Law School faculty, to the graduating member of the Law Review Board who, in the judgment of the Law Review Faculty Advisors, has made the most significant contribution to the Albany Law Review during the academic year. Robert S. Rosborough In 2006-07: Jerald A. Sharum

Clinic & Justice Center Prize - A prize awarded to a student in the Law Clinic who has exhibited the most interest in and has contributed significantly to individuals represented by the clinic during the academic year. Paige R. Butler

Herbert E. Cohen Prize - A prize awarded from a fund established under the will of Herbert E. Cohen, Class of 1957, to the graduate demonstrating the greatest potential for excellence in the area of Corporate Law and Taxation. Henrik N. Westin

Judge Merle Nahum Fogg, Jr.’45 Moot Court Prize - A prize, dedicated to the memory of Judge Merle N. Fogg, Jr., Class of 1945, awarded annually in equal shares to the two winners of the moot court senior prize trials. Robert L. Lindholm and Nathan R. Sabourin

Friedman Prize - A prize awarded from a fund established by Irving and Lillian S. Friedman, Class of 1958, to the graduate who attains the highest average in the subject of Family Law. Matthew T. Nowak
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John Dugan Prize - A prize awarded to a student who has demonstrated academic excellence in one of the fields of particular interest to Mr. Dugan - Tax Law, Tax Policy, and Government Finance.

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