

**NINTH COMMENCEMENT  
OF  
VERMONT LAW SCHOOL**

**1972**



**1984**

**May nineteen  
Nineteen hundred and eighty-four**

The official description of the school shield is as follows: vert; out of a coronet—or—with nine pearls—purpure (four visible)—demi-swan taking wing—of the second; beaked—of the third.

The significance of the school shield is as follows: the circlet from which the swan arises represents the attorney-encompassing Code of Professional Responsibility, with the pearls the nine canons of the Code. The swan personifies the dignity and strength fostered by the Code and the faithfulness owed to it.

The school's motto, "Lex Pro Urbe Et Orbe," translates to "Law for the Community and the World."

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The medallion bearing the school shield, which is worn by the Dean, was the gift of the Charter Class at the school's first commencement. The Dean, the chief administrative and academic officer of the school, wears the medallion on ceremonial occasions as the visible symbol of his high office and authority and in loving memory of the Charter Class.

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The school's mace is the symbol of authority of the Board of Trustees. Its figurehead is the charge on the school shield cast in bronze in three dimensions.

The mace is carried in academic processions by a marshal in front of the Trustees and rests on the podium during formal ceremonies.

The mace was presented to the Trustees by Dean Thomas M. Debevoise on June 4, 1976 at the dinner for trustees, faculty and delegates the night before the first commencement.

**Vermont Law School**

**Ninth Commencement**

**Saturday, May 19, 1984  
10:30 a.m.**

**The Green  
South Royalton  
Vermont**

# DEGREE CANDIDATES

## Master of Studies in Law

Yvonne P. Bolton  
Timothy James Clapp  
Dwight Steven Danie<sup>oo</sup>  
Hope Karen Davis<sup>oo</sup>  
Clare Anne Ginger

Ronald Sandy Hagen<sup>oo</sup>  
Kathryn Ann Joubert<sup>oo</sup>  
Steven Andrew Kunzman  
Adam Mark Kushner  
Richard Rankin Lewis<sup>oo</sup>

Brian Lee Myhre<sup>oo</sup>  
Kenneth Leon Niemczyk<sup>o</sup>  
James Robert Singer<sup>oo</sup>  
Kathryn Elizabeth Thomas<sup>oo</sup>  
Carlos A. Zequeira-Brinsfield

## Juris Doctor Class of 1984

Robert Gregory Alencewicz\*  
Trudy Stanley Andrews  
Nancy Abigail Armstrong  
David M. Barry  
Thomas C. Blachly  
Yvonne P. Bolton  
Paul Mark Boots  
David Farnam Bowen  
Susan Lee Boyle\*  
Barry Richard-Gindling Bram  
Ronald Frederick Brien, Jr.  
Daniel Edward Britton  
Michelle E. Brochier-Rodet  
Edmund A. Burke  
Karen M. Burke  
James Francis Carroll\*\*  
David Harper Casier  
Richard Angus Cawley\*\*  
William Douglas Cohen  
Douglas Paul Cohn  
Peter Bryan Colgrove  
Gail Ann Corrente  
Stephen James Craddock\*  
Artemis Croussouloudis  
Sharon A. Cuddy  
John F. Davis<sup>oo</sup>  
Patricia Ann DeLuca\*  
Melissa Ann Dempf  
Robin DePuy-Shanley  
Paula M. De Saulnier  
Alice E. DeTora\*\*  
Joy Dickstein\*  
Mark Joseph Di Stefano\*\*  
Michael D. Donovan\*  
Holly Kimball Dustin  
George Peter Eliopoulos

Bradley Keith Enterline  
Michael Corde Famiglietti  
Sheilla Callahan Files  
Mark L. Fortier  
Louis Alphonse Fucci Jr.  
Katryn Ann Gabrielson  
Dorothy Gill  
Nancy Ellen Gordon  
Nina Suzanne Greenstein  
Amy Coley Gregory\*  
David Fredrick Hadlock  
Kathleen Ann Hassey  
Marcia Lee Hatch  
Louis Wilmer Helmuth, III  
Thomas M. Hoban  
George Gregory Hughes III  
Kurt Milton Hughes  
Richard H. Jarvis  
Constance M. Johnson  
Christopher James Keyes  
Elizabeth Chapman Kline  
Lucy Elisabeth Kniseley  
Mark H. Kolter II\*  
Adam Mark Kushner\*  
Philip Joseph Landry  
Terry Allen Low  
Kevin P. Maloney  
Dean Raymond Marcolongo  
Thomas Hugh McCann  
Charles H. McLaughlin IV\*  
Thomas Eugene Mc Manus  
John David Meyer  
Harry Alton Moody III  
Jonathan Adams Moore  
William D. Moore\*  
James M. Moran

Andrew MacGillivary Morse  
Mary Billings Munger  
James Morgan Munsey  
Brendan Power Murray  
Andrew H. Neisner  
Leslie A. Nielsen  
Veronica King O'Connor  
James McCormack Pallett  
Nancy Papademas  
W. Bruce Pasfield  
Dominique Ann Pollara\*  
Marjorie Joanne Power<sup>oo</sup>\*\*  
Terry Lynn Robertson\*  
Alana Patricia Ryan  
Mark Alexander Sank  
Steven E. Schlessler  
Ora Schwartzberg  
Paul D. Shaheen  
Gregory Scott Shepler  
John P. Sheridan  
David Emanuel Sherman\*  
Jody Sherman  
Byron Jay Siegal\*  
William Edward Slade  
Mary Ellen Stringos  
Alison McKee Strong  
Mark McCullough Thayer  
Charlotte Eves Thomas\*  
Catherine H. Thorne-Thomsen  
Erick Titrud  
Timothy Trossen  
C. Robert Vahl\*  
Charles Hayden Van Gorder  
Bret Steven Wacker  
John Steward Ward  
Glenn Arthur Wood

\* cum laude

\*\*magna cum laude

<sup>o</sup> degree anticipated December 1984

<sup>oo</sup> degree anticipated Summer 1984

# ORDER OF PROCESSION

The Student Marshals

The Faculty

The Degree Candidates

The Trustees

The Student Marshals:  
Robert Gregory Alencewicz  
Paul Mark Boots  
Susan Lee Boyle  
Kathleen Ann Hassey  
Elizabeth Chapman Kline  
Andrew MacGillivray Morse



# ORDER OF EXERCISES

*Presiding*

HILTON A. WICK

*President, Board of Trustees*

PROCESSIONAL

Musicians of the  
Vermont Symphony Orchestra

The audience is requested to remain seated  
until the Trustees reach the platform

INVOCATION

The Reverend John Nickerson  
South Royalton, Vermont

WELCOME

President Wick

ADDRESS BY ELECTED  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
CLASS OF 1984

Steven E. Schlessler

DEAN'S TIME

Learned Hand Award  
for Academic Excellence

Dean Jonathon B. Chase

The *Learned Hand Award for Academic Excellence*, endowed by a gift from Judge Sterry R. Waterman, is the symbol of Vermont Law School's goal of contribution to the larger community through the pursuit of academic excellence in the school community. Each year it is awarded at commencement to the graduating student with the highest cumulative average as the representative of those who have striven for academic excellence, following Learned Hand's example, during their three years of law school studies. The name of the award winner is recorded each year on a plaque in the library and a silver bowl is given to the individual.

Prior winners of the prize were:

Frederick Carl Giandomenico '76  
Isabelle Marie Thabault '77  
Felicia Bridget Graham '78  
Linda O'Riordan Smiddy '79  
Dennis James Johnson '80  
Daniel Gene Murphy '81  
Charles Fiske Storrow '82  
Frank Hughes Olmstead '83

**Alumni Association Award  
for Contribution to the School**

The *Alumni Association Award for Contribution to the School* was created in 1979 by the Alumni Association in recognition of the great contributions to the school community that have been and that continue to be made by many students in each class. It is awarded each year at commencement to the graduating student selected by the Dean as the representative of those in the class by whose thoughtful interest and energy the school community has been enriched during his or her three years in residence. The name of the award winner is recorded each year on a plaque in the library and an award is given to the individual.

The prior recipients of the award were:

E. David Millard '79  
Michael P. Sweeney '80  
Lisa Kaeser '81  
A. Joseph Vande Linde '82  
Edna Youlanda Baugh '83

**INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT  
SPEAKER**

Judge Oakes

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Ruth Bader Ginsburg  
United States Circuit Judge  
United States Court of Appeals  
for the District of Columbia Circuit

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES  
FOR DEGREES OF DOCTOR OF LAWS,  
HONORIS CAUSA**

Dean Chase

Albert W. Barney, Jr.  
Thomas M. Debevoise  
Ruth Bader Ginsburg

**CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

President Wick

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES  
FOR DEGREES OF  
MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW**

Professor Richard O. Brooks  
Director of the Environmental  
Law Center

*“Will the candidates for the Master of Studies in Law degree who have completed the degree requirements please stand. President Wick, I have the honor to present these candidates to you and to report that in the judgment of the faculty they have successfully completed all requirements for the degree of Master of Studies in Law.”*

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

President Wick

*“Candidates, by virtue of the authority vested in the Board of Trustees of Vermont Law School, I hereby confer upon you the degree of Master of Studies in Law and I welcome you to all of the honors, privileges and obligations pertaining thereto.*

*“If each of you will come to the platform, as Dr. Brooks calls your name, I will present each of you with the diploma which certifies you have completed all the requirements for the degree and the hood which identifies you as a holder of that degree. We are proud to welcome you as holders of the degree.”*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES  
FOR DEGREES OF JURIS DOCTOR

Dean Chase

*“Will the graduating members of the Vermont Law School Class of 1984 please stand. President Wick, I have the honor to present these candidates for the degree of Juris Doctor and to report that in the judgment of the faculty they have successfully completed all requirements for that degree.”*

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

President Wick

*“Graduating members of the Class of 1984, by virtue of the authority vested in the Board of Trustees of Vermont Law School, I hereby confer upon you the degree of Juris Doctor and I welcome you to all of the honors, privileges and obligations pertaining thereto.*

*“If each graduate will come to the platform, as Dean Chase calls your name, I will present you with the diploma which certifies you have completed all the requirements for the degree of Juris Doctor and the hood which identifies you as a holder of that degree.”*

The audience is requested to withhold applause  
until all degrees have been awarded.



THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Musicians of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra

BENEDICTION

Rabbi Michael Paley  
Hanover, New Hampshire

RECESSIONAL

Musicians of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra

The audience is requested to remain seated  
until the Trustees leave the platform.

## TRUSTEES

Franklin S. Billings, Jr.  
Mrs. Samuel W. Fishman  
Richard I. Fricke  
Robert Haydock, Jr.  
Philip H. Hoff  
Bernard Lisman  
L. Douglas Meredith  
Robert W. Meserve  
Austin B. Noble  
James L. Oakes  
Peter P. Plante  
Bert S. Prunty  
Norman Redlich  
Elizabeth Sherburne Ross  
Sr. Janice Ryan  
Robert Bocking Stevens

Thomas M. Debevoise, *Emeritus*

Robert M. Shafer, *Alumni Trustee*  
Norman Watts, *Student Trustee Class of 1985*  
Gregory V. Mauriello, *Student Trustee Class of 1986*

## OFFICERS

Hilton A. Wick, *President*  
Jonathon B. Chase, *Dean*  
John W. Engroff, Jr., *Secretary and Treasurer*

# FACULTY

Susan B. Apel, *Staff Attorney*  
Mary Beth Beazley, *Instructor*  
Ralph F. Bischoff, *Professor*  
Charles A. Bristow, *Adjunct Professor*  
Richard O. Brooks, *Professor*  
Elliot Burg, *Associate Professor*  
Jonathon B. Chase, *Dean, and Professor*  
Thomas M. Debevoise, *Dean Emeritus and Adjunct Professor*  
Peter H. Diamond, *Instructor*  
William Dorsch, *Adjunct Professor*  
James G. Durham, *Visiting Professor*  
David B. Firestone, *Professor*  
Robert W. Gagnon, *Adjunct Professor*  
Alphonse Gilbert, *Adjunct Professor*  
Richard A. Gonzales, *Visiting Professor*  
Donald A. Graham, *Adjunct Professor*  
Nancy E. Grandine, *Associate Professor*  
William B. Grant, *Adjunct Professor*  
Gregory J. Guggemos, *Adjunct Professor*  
Dennis R. Honabach, *Professor*  
Julie Anne Jenkins, *Instructor*  
Judith M. Kasper, *Adjunct Professor*  
Edmund H. Kellogg, *Professor*  
Gil Kujovich, *Associate Professor*  
Carl Lisman, *Adjunct Professor*  
Terrence W. Mahoney, *Adjunct Professor*  
James May, *Staff Attorney*  
John P. McCrory, *Professor*  
William O. Moeser, *Adjunct Professor*  
Wendy Pachter, *Adjunct Professor*  
W. Leslie Peat, *Associate Dean, Professor, and Librarian*  
Ellis Phillips, *Adjunct Professor*  
F. Sheldon Prentice, *Adjunct Professor*  
Frank Reed, *Adjunct Professor*  
Thomas Ross, *Associate Professor*  
William P. Russell, *Adjunct Professor*  
William K. Sessions III, *Adjunct Professor*  
Pamela J. Stephens, *Visiting Professor*  
Peter R. Teachout, *Professor*  
Peter F. Welch, *Adjunct Professor*  
Coralea Wennberg, *Adjunct Professor*  
Stephanie J. Willbanks, *Associate Professor*  
Norman Williams, Jr., *Professor*  
Heather Wishik, *Associate Professor*