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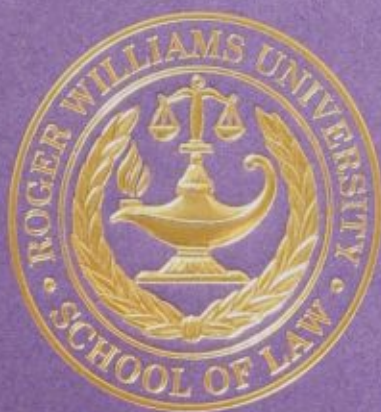
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COMMENCEMENT

MAY 17, 2003
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES • MAY 17, 2003
 CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND AND THREE
 BRUCE I. KOGAN, INTERIM DEAN — PRESIDING

PRELUDE	<i>Prelude, Sigurd Jorasalfar</i> by Edvard Grieg
PROCESSIONAL	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March</i> by Edward Elgar
NATIONAL ANTHEM	The Ralph Stuart Orchestra
INVOCATION	Canon John Van Siclen Rector, St. Michael's Church, Bristol, Rhode Island
INTRODUCTION	Interim Dean Bruce I. Kogan
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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS	Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D. Roger Williams University
INTRODUCTION OF DEAN-DESIGNATE DAVID A. LOGAN	Interim Dean Bruce I. Kogan
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ADDRESS	Roscoe C. Howard, Jr. Risks & Rewards: Making a Difference with Public Service
VALEDICTORY ADDRESS	Carroll John Connelley – <i>Day Division Valedictorian</i> John R. Harrington – <i>Extended Division Valedictorian</i>
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BENEDICTION	Canon John Van Siclen Rector, St. Michael's Church, Bristol, Rhode Island
RECESSIONAL	<i>Grand March from "Aida"</i> by Giuseppe Verdi

The Audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional.

Degree Candidates and their families and friends are welcome to join the Commencement Celebration immediately following this Ceremony in the School of Law.

Roger Williams University Pipes and Drums, under the direction of Pipe-Major Eric M. Armour.

MARGARET E. CURRAN



For almost twenty years, Margaret Ellen Curran has served our community as a distinguished prosecutor in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Rhode Island. Her outstanding efforts in that office culminated in her appointment as Rhode Island's first woman United States Attorney in 1998.

Ms. Curran entered the United States Attorney's Office in 1986 as an Assistant United States Attorney and beginning in 1990 she was the appellate chief of the office. Since her appointment as United States Attorney, the Office has successfully brought scores of significant criminal and civil cases including the "plunderdome" prosecutions of corruption in the Providence mayor's office. During this busy public career, Ms. Curran has also found time to teach advanced criminal procedure as an adjunct faculty member at Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law.

Ms. Curran received her B.A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1974, a M.S. from Purdue University in 1976, and her law degree in 1983 from the University of Connecticut School of Law where she was editor of the law review. After graduating from law school, Ms. Curran served as a law clerk for the Honorable Bruce M. Seyla of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, then as a United States District Court judge in Providence and subsequently as a clerk to the Honorable Thomas J. Meskill of the United States Circuit Court for the Second Circuit.

A native Rhode Islander, Ms. Curran has also served her community as a chairperson of the Rhode Island Zoological Society which raises money for the Roger Williams Park Zoo. Ms. Curran has a keen interest in the Roger Williams Park Zoo and as an undergraduate student majored in biology and worked with wolves and mountain gorillas. A resident of Providence, Ms. Curran is married to Michael H. Feldhuhn and has a daughter, Margy.

Margaret Ellen Curran, you have worked unstintingly in the public service and improved your community in important and long-lasting ways. You serve as an inspiration and example to our graduates, and we are honored to award you this Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Given this seventeenth day of May, two thousand and three.

In both the courtroom and the classroom Roscoe C. Howard, Jr. has established a reputation as a brilliant tactician, a powerful intellect, a national expert on the criminal justice system and a dedicated public servant. We are honored by his presence at the Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law Commencement Exercises.

Mr. Howard was appointed and confirmed as the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia in September 2001. Prior to his appointment as the United States Attorney, Mr. Howard was a member of the faculty at the University of Kansas School of Law from 1994 to 2001. While a member of the faculty, Mr. Howard taught courses on criminal law and procedure, authored a text on criminal procedure, supervised the criminal justice clinic and the judicial clerkship clinic and was awarded the Frederick S. Moreau Award as the law professor chosen by the students as most helpful in advising and counseling students.

Both before and during his academic career, Mr. Howard has had extensive and distinguished experience as a federal prosecutor. He first joined the Justice Department as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia in 1984. While in that office, he was assigned to the criminal trial division, the felony trial division, the grand jury division and the appellate division. From 1989 to 1991, Mr. Howard served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. In Virginia, he handled cases arising from the general crimes section including felony narcotics cases, fraud cases, obstruction of justice cases and public corruption cases. In 1991, Mr. Howard was appointed Associate Independent Counsel in the Office of the Independent Counsel and was lead prosecutor in the investigation of programs, officials, and activities of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 1997, Mr. Howard was again appointed as Associate Independent Counsel and served as lead trial counsel in the fraud, false statements, and gratuities investigation and trial of former Secretary of Agriculture Michael Espy.

Mr. Howard has authored numerous works on issues relating to criminal justice and affirmative action. He has also lectured throughout the country on a wide range of topics, such as, the future of the independent counsel statute, the prosecution of white collar crime, the admissibility of expert testimony, police ethics, and the role of minority prosecutors.

While earning a A.B. at Brown University in 1977, Mr. Howard played on the varsity football team. He then received his juris doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1977. Mr. Howard married his law school classmate, Deborah Ryan Howard, and is the father of two sons, Ryan and Adam.

Roscoe C. Howard, Jr., your commitment to public service and to the development of the criminal justice system serve as an example to all of our graduates, and we are honored to award you this Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Given this seventeenth day of May, two thousand and three.



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Honorary distinction, awarded to students who have met all requirements, are based upon final cumulative grade point averages which are:

***Summa cum laude – 3.75; **Magna cum laude – 3.5; *Cum laude – 3.25.

† Joint degree with University of Rhode Island, JD/Master of Marine Affairs

* Graduation date, December 2002

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LAW REVIEW

The following students constitute the 2002-2003 Editorial Board and Staff of the *Roger Williams University Law Review* and are responsible for publication of Volume Eight of the *Law Review*. Appointment to the Board of Editors is one of the highest honors bestowed upon law students.

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The Moot Court Board is intended to develop the art of legal advocacy and brief writing through intra-scholastic and inter-school moot court competition. Those selected as the best appellate advocates in the intra-scholastic competition are awarded the Clark Prize for Excellence in Advocacy. The Society also sponsors inter-scholastic teams which compete against representatives from law schools across the nation.

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Madeleine Butterfield Bass²
John Finch²
Louise A. Marcus¹
Bruce K. Waidler¹

1 = Regional Winner and National Third Place Winner
2 = Regional Third Place Winner

Adjunct Faculty Advisor:
Kathleen Birt, Esq.

SELECTED HONORS EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2003

VALEDICTORIANS

The members of the graduating class achieving the highest cumulative grade-point-averages over the entire course of study in the day division and the extended division will address the class during Commencement Ceremonies.

Carroll John Connelley – *Day Division*
John R. Harrington – *Extended Division*

THE CLARK PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN APPELLATE ADVOCACY

Those students who capture first place in the written and oral intra-scholastic moot court competition share in a generous award donated by former Distinguished Visiting Professor Esther F. Clark. Members of the graduating class who received this award during the course of their studies are:

Best Brief and Best Team
Mark P. Gagliardi Jonathan Lyle Jaussi

Faculty Advisor:
Professor B. Mitchell Simpson, III

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS

STUDENT ADVOCACY AWARD

This award is presented to a student who demonstrates an overall ability in trial advocacy by high achievement in trial practice, evidence, and pleading and procedure courses.

Michelle Marie Alves
John L. Calcagni, III

JACK AND LOUISE BIRNBERG FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD

This award honors a graduating student who has demonstrated perseverance, determination, and dedication to succeed throughout his or her entire law school career.

Kizzy M. Bloomfield

AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

The American Bankruptcy Institute awards students on their outstanding performance in bankruptcy coursework. Recipients receive a complimentary one-year membership in the ABI.

Carroll John Connelley

SELECTED HONORS EARNED DURING THE 2002-2003 ACADEMIC YEAR

TRIAL TEAM

The following students were selected to participate in inter-scholastic trial team competitions:

National Trial Team Competition

Michelle Marie Alves^{1,2}
Holly Gretchen Briggs
Summer Clarke²
Kathleen A. Corbishley³
Jennifer A. Niedzinski¹
Jason S. Nunnermacker^{2,3}

1 = 2002 Regional Finalist

2 = 2003 Regional Semi-Finalist

3 = 2002 Regional Semi-Finalist

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Associate Professor David M. Zlotnick

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Thomas Mirza, Esq.

Association of Trial Lawyers of America Competition

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Kathleen Giles
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Christopher David Moore

*Regional Winner and National Semi-finalist

Faculty Advisor:

Professor Larry J. Ritchie

Coach:

Superior Court Judge Daniel Procaccini

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following students were awarded scholarships based on academic performance:

Law Alumni Association Scholarship

This award recognizes academic excellence of second year students.

Debra Anne Dunleavy – *Day Division*
John R. Harrington – *Extended Division*

Professor Esther Clark Endowed Scholarship

The scholarship is awarded to a rising second year student on the basis of outstanding academic performance.

Michelle Marie Alves

Thurgood Marshall Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a law student of color who has completed his/her second year curriculum and has demonstrated academic merit.

Joy Cara Dingle

Gary Bahr Memorial Scholarship

This award recognizes a first year student who received the highest combined academic average in Contracts and Torts for their division.

Amy S. Mello

SELECTED HONORS EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2003

Each semester the student receiving the highest grade in each course is selected to receive a Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) award certificate. Members of the graduating class who received this award for required classes during the course of their studies are:

Administrative Law	John R. Harrington	Fall 2001
Business Organizations	Marjorie A. Connelly	Fall 2001
Civil Procedure I	John L. Calcagni, III Marjorie A. Connelly	Fall 2000 Fall 2000
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Property	Louise A. Marcus	Spring 2000
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ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic dress originated more than 600 years ago at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, where today, the most colorful gowns in the world are those worn at Oxford functions. Though worn daily in the Middle Ages to identify disciplines of study and to provide warmth, today, academic regalia is reserved for ceremonial occasions.

In the United States, the Academic Costume Code is adhered to by virtually all American colleges and universities. This governs the material, style, color, and trimmings of the gown and hood, the style of the cap, and the color of the tassel.

The field of learning in which the degree was awarded is indicated by the color of the edging of the hood, and in some cases by the color of the velvet trimming on the front panels and the sleeves. The doctor's gown, which may be worn open or closed, has velvet panels draped around the neck and along the front edges of the gown. Three horizontal bars are stitched on the upper arm of the full, bell-shaped sleeves. The standard academic color for law is purple.

This established code allows viewers to determine from the costume the degree, academic discipline and, often, the institution that awarded the degree. The gown of the Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law is black with purple velvet trimming. The hood has a velvet border of purple with a satin lining of a gold background with a blue chevron. The cap, or tam, is worn with a gold tassel.

