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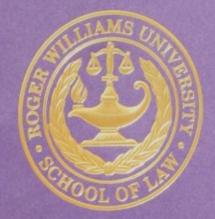
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COMMENCEMENT

May 15, 2004 Bristol, Rhode Island

Commencement Exercises & May 15, 2004 Class of Two Thousand and Four David A. Logan, Dean — Presiding

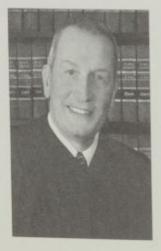
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PROCESSIONAL	
NATIONAL ANTHEM	
Invocation	Pastor, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, and Episcopalian Chaplain at Roger Williams University, Bristol, Rhode Island
INTRODUCTION	
TRUSTEES' GREETINGS	John Tarantino, Esq. Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS	Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D. Roger Williams University
Director o	stees
Address	W. Richard West, Jr. Native America in the 21st Century: Out of the Mists and Beyond Myth
VALEDICTORY ADDRESS	
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING CLASS	
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	
BENEDICTION	Pastor, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, and Episcopalian Chaplain at Roger Williams University, Bristol, Rhode Island
RECESSIONAL MUSIC	

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.

For the comfort of some of our families and guests, bleacher seating with a live video feed is available in the Campus Recreation Center Gymnasium. Seating is limited.

THE HONORABLE FRANK J. WILLIAMS



For almost ten years, Justice Williams has served with distinction as a member of the Rhode Island judiciary – first on the Rhode Island Superior Court and, since 2001, as the Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Justice Williams is a native Rhode Islander. He received his B.A. from Boston University in 1962 and then entered the military, serving his country with distinction during five years of active duty in Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star, three Air Medals, an Army Commendation Medal, two Vietnamese Campaign Medals, and a Combat Infantry Badge. He held the rank of Captain in the United States Army upon his discharge in 1967, when he returned to Rhode Island and embarked on his legal career. He earned his J.D. from Boston University School of Law in 1970.

After practicing law for more than 25 years (and earning a Master's Degree in Taxation from Bryant College in 1986) Justice Williams was nominated to

the Superior Court by Governor Lincoln Almond. Five years later, because of his distinguished service on that court, he was nominated by Governor Almond to become the Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court. He was unanimously confirmed by the Rhode Island House and Senate.

In addition to his work at the Court deciding cases, Justice Williams has been responsible for several initiatives aimed at improving the administration of justice in Rhode Island, including courthouse modernization, the increased use of alternative dispute resolution, educational outreach programs, and a call to lawyers in the state to serve those in need. He has also been a generous supporter of this School of Law, coming to Bristol each year to greet the incoming class, teaching as an adjunct professor, and coming with his colleagues on the bench to hear arguments and judge our students in moot court competition.

Chief Justice Williams has also dedicated much of his personal life to examining the life of Abraham Lincoln. He is one of the country's most renowned collectors of material written about and by Lincoln, he has himself written numerous books and articles about Lincoln, and he regularly gives lectures and participates in programs for scholars, enthusiasts, and students of Lincoln, including here at the School of Law.

In December, the President of the United States, through the Secretary of Defense, named Justice Williams and other distinguished lawyers and judges to the Review Panel for the military trials to be held in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The Panel will review the trials and make recommendations to the Defense Secretary and President. Justice Williams will have the rank of Major General during the course of this appointment.

Chief Justice Williams is married to the former Virginia Elizabeth Miller.

Chief Justice Frank J. Williams, Jr., you have served your country and the State of Rhode Island with great distinction. Your commitment to public service serves as an example to all of our graduates, and we are honored to award you this Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Given this fifteenth day of May, two thousand and four.

W. RICHARD WEST, JR.

the founding director of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, W. Richard West, Jr. has devoted his professional life to working with American Indians on cultural, educational, legal, and governmental issues.

Mr. West is of Southern Cheyenne ancestry, born in California and raised in Muskogee, Oklahoma. His father, Walter Richard West, Sr., was an American Indian master artist. Mr. West earned a B.A. magna cum laude from the University of the Redlands and an M.A. in American History from Harvard University. Mr. West later received his J.D. from Stanford University School of Law, where he was a member of the Stanford Law Review.

As a practicing lawyer Mr. West represented numerous Indian tribes and organizations before federal, state, and tribal courts, various executive departments of the federal government, and Congress. He became a partner in the Indian-owned Albuquerque law firm of Gover, Stetson, Williams and West, P.C.



Mr. West became the founding director of the National Museum of the American Indian in 1990. In that capacity he guided the successful opening in 1994 of the George Gustave Heye Center in New York City and the Cultural Resources Center in Suitland, Maryland.

The Mall Museum, the third facility that will comprise the National Museum of the American Indian, will open on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. in September 2004. The facility will house the world's largest collection of Indian artifacts and will occupy the last site remaining along the National Mall.

Mr. West has helped raise millions of dollars for the construction of the Museum, and, informed by consultation with native peoples, his philosophy and vision for the Mall Museum have been critical in its distinctive architecture and program planning. Mr. West's program goals are ambitious: to help museum visitors appreciate the broad sweep of the complete 20,000 year history of the first citizens of the Americas. Mr. West is married to the former Mary Beth Braden, and they have two children, Amy and Ben.

W. Richard West, Jr., your dedication to public service and your commitment to illuminating the history and cultural contributions of American Indians serves as an example to all our graduates, and we are honored to award you this Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Given this fifteenth day of May, two thousand and four.

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Joint degree with RWU School of Justice Studies, JD/Master of Science in Criminal Justice Anticipated graduation date, July 2004
Anticipated graduation date, December 2004

HONORS DISTINCTION

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.

Carolyn Patrice Mosca Medina – Day Division Brian H. Kerrigan – Extended Division

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Honors Program Members of the Class of 2004

For students who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability and achievement before coming to law school or exceptional academic achievement after their first year the School of Law offers an Honors Program, which consists of a special course of study. The following students completed the requirements of the Honors Program.

> Andrew Alton Beerworth Charles Martin Edgar, Jr. Ann Florence Flaherty Clayton Patrick Hahs Amy Denise Hughes Nathan Alexander Jury Sarah Kern Terri-Lynn McLaughlin Nicholas R. Mancini Donald Carl Manson Carolyn Patrice Mosca Medina Thomas J. Mello Ann Thanh Nguyen Eric William Nicastro Jonathan E. Pincince Amy Elizabeth Puccio Krista Joanne Rogers Mark Ted Romley Cassandra Scherr Shaffer Alison M. Sonko Johnna F. Tierney Lois Ann Vandenburg Larry Duane White Amanda Dianne Williams Kyle Zambarano

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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 that compete against representatives from law schools across the nation.

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Faculty Advisor: Visiting Assistant Professor Jon W. Shelburne American Bar Association Section on Dispute Resolution Representation in Mediation Competition

> Charles Bates Susan Laura Browne Darnell Martin Davis Nancy Lynn Hogan

Faculty Advisor: Professor Bruce I. Kogan

MOOT COURT

Inter-Scholastic Moot Court Competition Teams (2003-2004)

19th Annual William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition Samantha Elizabeth Burton Jennifer L. Gonzalez Nagesh V. Tammara Amanda Dianne Williams

Faculty Advisor: Professors Emily Sack & Diana Hassel

National Animal Advocacy Competition Sarah Kern Sheri Lyn Rego

> Faculty Advisor: Professor John Kunich

The American Intellectual Property Law Association Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Competition

> Tenley Isabelle Beals Stephanie Theresa DiPietro

Faculty Advisor: Professor David A. Rice

Evans Constitutional Law Competition Elisha L. Morris Kristy J. McCluskey

Faculty Advisor: Visiting Assistant Professor Jon W. Shelburne

National Criminal Procedure Tournament Eric Daniel Bernheim Cailin Connors Brennan

Faculty Advisor: Visiting Assistant Professor Jon W. Shelburne

Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition Federal Bar Association Samantha Elizabeth Burton Larry Duane White

Faculty Advisor: Visiting Assistant Professor Jon W. Shelburne

TRIAL TEAM

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

National Trial Team Competition Summer Christine Clarke Wayne Helge Carolyn Patrice Mosca Medina Amanda Mertens Courtney Kreitz Rhodes Richard E. Tanasi Lois Ann Vandenburg

Faculty Advisor: Visiting Assistant Professor Jon W. Shelburne

> Attorney Coaches: Capt. Rick Belliss, USMC Thomas Mirza, Esq.

Association of Trial Lawyers of America Competition Tenley Isabelle Beals Sandra R. Ferreira Kathleen Giles Amanda Gormley Dana John Gravina Nicole Labonte Thomas J. Mello Lauren Tommasiello

> Alternates: Jacqueline Marro Wendy Smith

Faculty Advisor: Visiting Professor James Doyle

Coach: Superior Court Judge Daniel Procaccini

Selected Honors Earned By Members of the Class of 2004

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 an 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 Oral Argument Larry Duane White

Best Team Tenley Isabelle Beals and Stephanic Theresa DiPietro

Best Brief Cailin Connors Brennan and Eric Daniel Bernheim

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.

Michael Craig Moore

KATHLEEN BIRT MEMORIAL PRIZE

This prize is awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated the most distinguished performance in dispute resolution courses.

> Krista Joanne Rogers Bruce Keith Waidler

FRANCES E. JOHNSON TRIAL ADVOCACY AWARD This award is presented by alumnae Frances E. Johnson, who funded the participation of three trial teams in two national mock trial competitions, to graduating students who, during the year, were members of a team that won a national mock trial competition. The two graduates receiving the award were members of the trial team that won the 2004 regional competition of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America National Student Trial Advocacy Competition.

> Tenley Isabelle Beals Kathleen Giles

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD This national award recognizes a student who has excelled in a clinical course in law school.

Sharon B. Marchbanks

DEAN'S ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD This award is presented by the School of Law Dean to a graduating student in each division who improved his or her grades the most from the first year.

> Michael Craig Moore – Day Division Celso S. Galvao – Extended Division

Selected Honors Earned By Members of the Class of 2004

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	
Brian H. Kerrigan	Fall 2002
Carolyn Patrice Mosca Medina	Spring 2003
Business Organizations	
Thomas J. Mello	Fall 2003
Civil Procedure I	
Amy Denise Hughes	Fall 2001
Brian H. Kerrigan	Fall 2001
Jonathan E. Pincince	Fall 2001
Civil Procedure II	
Kyle Zambarano	Spring 2002
Sandra Sousa	Spring 2002
Constitutional Law	
Sandra Sousa	Spring 2002
Contracts I	
Brian H. Kerrigan	Fall 2000
Carolyn Patrice Mosca Medina	Fall 2001
Contracts II	
Nicholas R. Mancini	Spring 2002
Lois Ann Vandenburg	Spring 2002
Criminal Law	
Anna A. Kuzniar	Summer 2001
Terri-Lynn McLaughlin	Fall 2002
Criminal Procedure	
Jonathan E. Pincince	Spring 2002
Lois Ann Vandenburg	Spring 2002
Evidence	
Thomas J. Mello	Fall 2002
Donald Carl Manson	Spring 2002
Nicholas Todd Kapsa	Fall 2002
Krista Joanne Rogers	Spring 2003
Federal Income Tax	
Brian H. Kerrigan	Fall 2001
Charles Martin Edgar, Jr.	Fall 2002
Sharon B. Marchbanks	Fall 2003

Legal Methods I	
Karen Faye Jurczak	Fall 2000
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	Spring 2002
Jonathan E. Pincince	Spring 2002 Spring 2002
Amanda Marie Bertrand	Spring 2002 Spring 2002
Joshua A. Stockwell	
Dana John Gravina	Spring 2002 Spring 2002
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Professional Responsibility	
Amy Denise Hughes	Spring 2003
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Property	
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Ann Thanh Nguyen	Fall 2001
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Nicholas R. Mancini	Spring 2002
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Torts	Fall 2000
Lenette Forry Boiselle	Fall 2000
Andrew David Pine	Fail 2000
Torts I	
Alison M. Sonko	Fall 2001
Terri-Lynn McLaughlin	Fall 2001
Deborah Niedfeldt	Fall 2001
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Torts II Alison M. Sonko	Spring 2002

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FEINSTEIN INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL SERVICE PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

2004 PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD The Public Service Award is given to a graduating student who has been exemplary in serving the community and promoting justice for the underrepresented.

Siobhan Liat Stephens

The Feinstein Institute for Legal Service honors the following graduating students who have contributed sixty or more hours of pro bono service during their law school careers.

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