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SCHOOL OF LAW



COMMENCEMENT

MAY 22, 1999  
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES • MAY 22, 1999  
 CLASS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE  
 BRUCE I. KOGAN, INTERIM DEAN — PRESIDING

PRELUDE .....	<i>Prelude, Sigurd Jorsalfer</i> by Edward Grief
PROCESSIONAL .....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March</i> by Elgar
NATIONAL ANTHEM .....	Stephanie DiMaio-Larivee
INVOCATION .....	The Reverend Dr. H. Daehler Hayes Conference Minister, R.I. Conference, United Church of Christ
TRUSTEE'S GREETINGS .....	Ralph R. Papitto Chair, Board of Trustees
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS .....	Dr. Anthony J. Santoro President, Roger Williams University
INTRODUCTION OF DEAN HARVEY RISHIKOF .....	Dean Bruce I. Kogan
CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREES <i>Presented by:</i> Ralph R. Papitto The Hon. Victoria Lederberg Dean Malcolm Donahue University Trustees .....	
DEAN JAMES PATRICK WHITE Consultant on Legal Education to the American Bar Association	
THE HONORABLE GUIDO CALABRESI Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit	
ADDRESS .....	The Honorable Guido Calabresi <i>"Equality"</i>
RESPONSE FROM THE CLASS .....	Heather E. Marsden Valedictorian - Day Division Michael H. Brady Valedictorian - Evening Division
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING CLASS .....	Dean Bruce I. Kogan
CONFERRING OF DEGREES .....	President Anthony J. Santoro
ALUMNI WELCOME .....	Michael A. Voccola, Esq., L1997 Inaugural Law Alumni Association President
BENEDICTION .....	The Reverend Dr. H. Daehler Hayes
RECESSIONAL .....	<i>Grand March from "Aida"</i> by 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.*





As scholar, teacher of the law, and legal education administrator, James Patrick White has few peers.

Professor of Law at Indiana University — Indianapolis, the largest of the state's four law schools, James White currently teaches the Seminar in the Legal Profession. This upper-division, elective course covers the role of legal education in our society, along with the current condition and the future of the teaching and practice of law. In the past, he has taught legislation, urban legal problems, agricultural law, government law and taxation, equity and property law, and family law.

When Indiana University and Purdue University collaborated to open a joint campus in Indianapolis in 1974, James White was appointed to serve as Dean for Academic Planning and Development. Dean White served in that capacity for ten years. He continues to serve as Special Assistant to the Chancellor of IUPUI.

Prior to joining the faculty of Indiana University School of Law in 1966, James White was a faculty member, Assistant Dean, and Acting Dean of the University of North Dakota School of Law. He has also been Chairman of the Law School Administration Section of the Association of American Law Schools and Secretary of the Section of Bar Activities of the American Bar Association. He has served as Chair of the Advisory Committee for Fulbright Scholar Awards in Law.

In addition to teaching and volunteering in professional and educational associations, Dean White has shared his knowledge and experience by writing and lecturing extensively. He has published more than two dozen law review articles, 12 monographs, and more than 75 articles. He has lectured on issues of law and education at Syracuse, Marquette, Widener, Samford and other American universities and law schools, as well as at professional symposia in Sofia, Bulgaria; Nairobi, Kenya; Cape Town, South Africa; Puncat, Indonesia; Kiev, Ukraine; Barcelona, Spain; and Salzburg, Austria.

Dean White's extensive service to the bar and to legal education has won recognition from eight law schools and universities that have bestowed on him honorary doctorates of law and two universities that have granted him special awards. He earned bachelor's and juris doctor degrees from the University of Iowa, a master's in law from George Washington University, and was a Carnegie post-doctoral fellow in university administration at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He has been elected to the Order of the Coif, the national honorary legal fraternity, and served in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the U.S. Air Force.

James White's most notable contributions to legal education nationally have been achieved as the Consultant on Legal Education to the American Bar Association. Serving with distinction in that capacity since 1974, Dean White has led the A.B.A.'s efforts at professionalizing the law school accreditation process, modernizing the A.B.A. Standards for Approval of Law Schools, and enhancing the uniquely American system of legal education that integrates theoretical legal doctrine with practical lawyering skills to prepare today's law graduates for practice in the next millennium. The changes in American legal education over the past twenty-five years have been profound and positive, and throughout this entire period Dean White has provided steady guidance and encouragement to all who have sought his sage counsel.

*Dean White: For four decades, you have brought intelligence and dedication to bear on preparing future generations of lawyers. We are proud to recognize your service and achievements, and to welcome you to the community of scholars at the Ralph R. Papitto School of Law with this doctor of laws, honoris causa.*

Given this twenty-second day of May, nineteen hundred and ninety nine.

## THE HONORABLE GUIDO CALABRESI

Guido Calabresi established a record of excellence and achievement as a student that he has fulfilled with a distinguished career in the law.

His parents immigrated to the United States from Italy in 1939 as political refugees when he was seven years old. Becoming a U.S. citizen in 1948, with his parents' naturalization, he began his studies at Yale college, where, in 1953, he earned a bachelor's degree in analytical economics, *summa cum laude*, and was elected to the most prestigious national honorary fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa. With a Rhodes Scholarship, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in political science, philosophy, and economics from Magdalen College, Oxford University.

Judge Calabresi graduated first in his class at Yale Law School, *magna cum laude*; was an editor of the law review; and was elected to the Order of the Coif, the national honorary legal fraternity. He also won the Jewell, Robbins, and Frank Prizes for high scholarship.

Academic achievement at this level creates high expectations, which Judge Calabresi has fulfilled as a teacher and practitioner of the law and as a judge. After successfully sitting for the Connecticut bar, Judge Calabresi served for a year as law clerk to Mr. Justice Hugo Black at the United States Supreme Court. Then at age 26, Guido Calabresi joined the faculty of Yale Law School in 1959. When he was named full professor at age 29, he was the youngest ever at the law school and one of the youngest in the university's history. He held two endowed chairs at the law school, most recently as Sterling Professor of Law, and was Dean of the Yale Law School from 1985 to 1994. Judge Calabresi's inspired teaching at Yale covered a wide range of courses including torts, economic analysis of law, legal process, law and medicine, constitutional theory, federal estate and gift taxation, property, and land finance.

In 1994, President Clinton appointed him to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He remains Sterling Professor of Law Emeritus and Professorial Lecturer at Yale Law School.

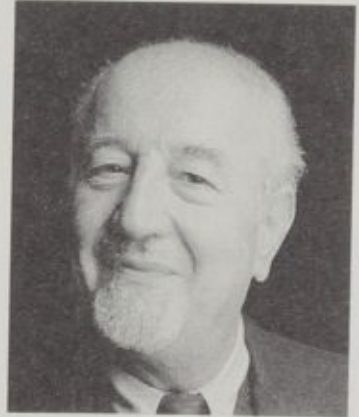
Throughout his teaching career, state and federal agencies consulted with him on insurance, transportation, and tort law. Nearly thirty colleges and universities in the United States and his native Italy, along with institutions in Canada, Israel, and Sweden, have awarded honorary degrees to Judge Calabresi. He has been visiting professor at Harvard Law School, Cambridge University in England, Kyoto-Doshisha University in Japan, the European University Institute, Florence, Italy, and the University of Padua, Italy.

Judge Calabresi has delivered lectures at 25 law schools and nearly two dozen other universities around the world. He has also made the time to write four books and more than 80 articles for scholarly and popular publications. Although much of Guido Calabresi's scholarly work over more than thirty years has focused on risk distribution, economic analysis, and the law of torts, he has also written on the judiciary, legal education, and legal history.

Throughout his lengthy career, Professor, then Dean, and now Judge Calabresi has also devoted himself to service to the various communities of which he has been a part. He has served as trustee, board member, or advisor to a myriad of civic, legal, educational and professional organizations. These include terms on the Woodbridge, Connecticut Board of Education and Board of Selectmen; membership on the Board of Advisors of the Georgetown University Law Center, the Tel Aviv International School of Management, and the Centro Nazionale Prevenzione e Difesa Sociale of Milan, Italy; service as Director of both the American and Connecticut Bar Foundations; a term as member of the executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools; and membership on the Board of Trustees of Connecticut College, Catholic University of America, and the American International School of Florence. This is but a sampling of the more than sixty community or professional positions held by Judge Guido Calabresi.

*Judge Calabresi: Your dedication to the law and to our country's system of laws exemplifies the highest standards to which this university and the Ralph R. Papitto School of Law are dedicated. We are honored to welcome you to the community of scholars at Roger Williams University with this doctor of laws, honoris causa.*

Given this twenty-second day of May, nineteen hundred and ninety nine.





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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 Community Planning

# SELECTED HONORS EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1999

## 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 evening division will address the class during Commencement Ceremonies.

Heather E. Marsden – *Day Division*  
Michael H. Brady – *Evening Division*

## *West Publishing Company's*

### CORPUS JURIS SECUNDUM AWARD

The West Publishing Company each year recognizes a small number of students who demonstrate academic excellence by earning the highest mark in a selected group of first-year courses. Members of the graduating class who received this award during the course of their studies are:

<i>Property</i>	Cynthia J. Barry Christine M. Fraser Heather E. Marsden
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### OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Each year, the West Publishing Company awards a two-volume treatise to students, in the second- and third-year day and third- and fourth-year evening divisions, in recognition of their superior, annual scholastic accomplishments.

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## *The National Association of Women Lawyers'*

### OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARD

Based upon criteria articulated by the National Association of Women Lawyers, which include contribution to the advancement of women in legal education and in society, the faculty, upon the advice of the Women's Law Caucus, annually nominates and elects a graduate for a complimentary one-year membership in the Association.

Jeanne M. Scott

### 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 Distinguished Professor Esther F. Clark. Members of the graduating class who received this award during the course of their studies are:

*Best Brief*  
Stephen Brouillard      Shannon Signore

*Best Oralists*  
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The following students constitute the 1998-99 Editorial Board and Senior Staff of the *Roger Williams University Law Review* and are responsible for publication of Volume Four of the *Review*. Appointment to the Board of Editors is one of the highest honors bestowed upon law students.

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The Moot Court Honor Society is intended to develop the art of legal advocacy and brief writing through intra- and inter-law 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 interscholastic teams which compete against representatives from law schools across the nation.

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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 School of Law is black with black velvet trimming on each sleeve. 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.

The standard academic color code in the United States is:

Agriculture	<i>Maize</i>
Arts, Letters, Humanities	<i>White</i>
Business Administration	<i>Drab</i>
Dentistry	<i>Lilac</i>
Economics	<i>Copper</i>
Education	<i>Light Blue</i>
Engineering	<i>Orange</i>
Fine Arts, Architecture	<i>Brown</i>
Journalism	<i>Crimson</i>
Law	<i>Purple</i>
Library Science	<i>Lemon</i>
Medicine	<i>Green</i>
Music	<i>Pink</i>
Nursing	<i>Apricot</i>
Philosophy	<i>Dark Blue</i>
Physical Education	<i>Sage Green</i>
Public Administration	<i>Peacock Blue</i>
Public Health	<i>Salmon Pink</i>
Science	<i>Gold</i>
Social Science	<i>Citron</i>
Theology, Divinity	<i>Scarlet</i>
Veterinary Science	<i>Gray</i>

