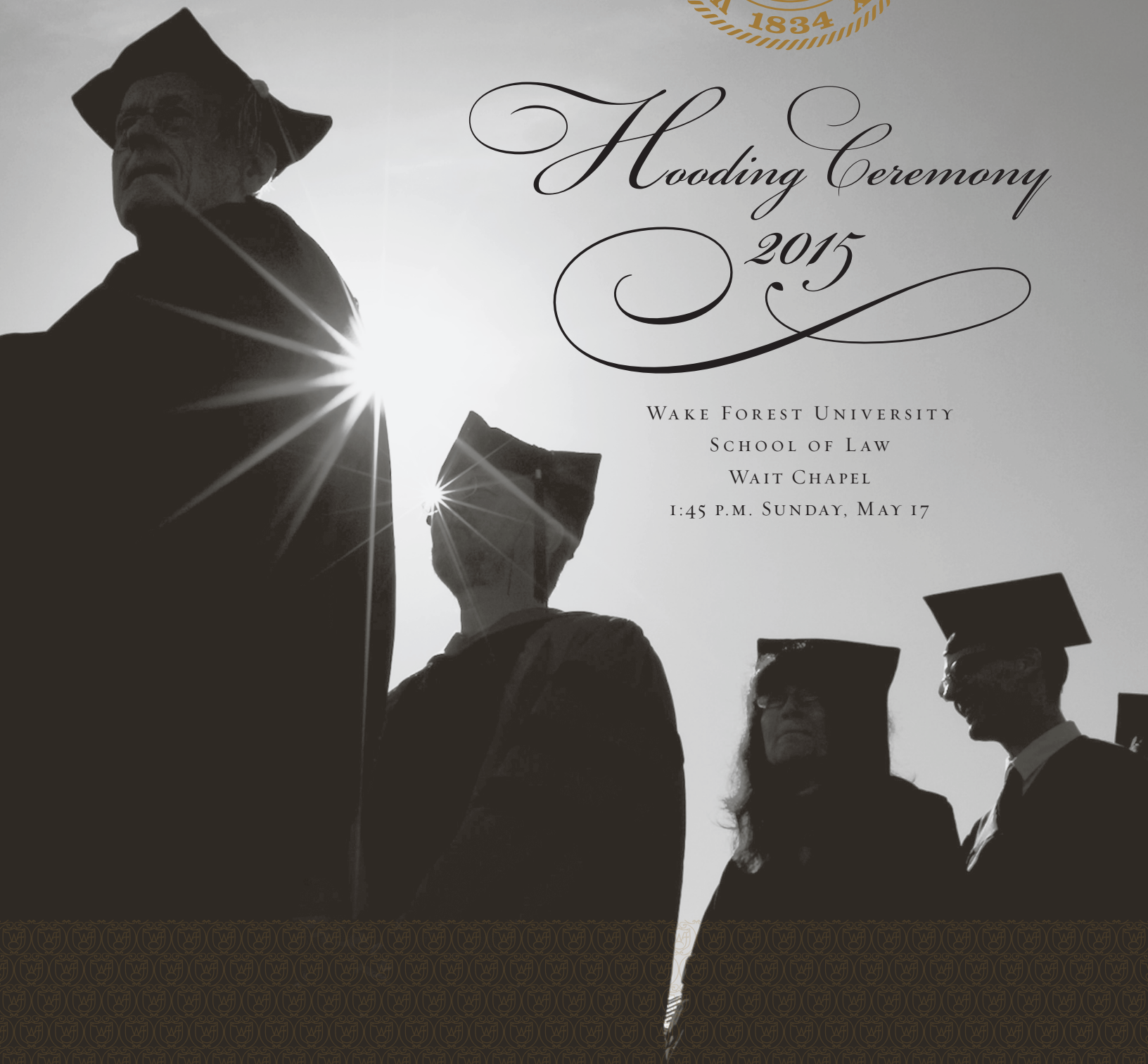




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Hooding Ceremony

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SUNDAY, MAY 17

CARILLON PRELUDE	Anthony M. Tang ('11)
ORGAN PRELUDE	Raymond E. Ebert ('60) University Carillonneur
PROCESSIONAL	Mr. Ebert
INVOCATION	Reverend Timothy L. Auman University Chaplain
OPENING REMARKS	Suzanne Reynolds ('77) Dean, School of Law
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS.....	Dean Reynolds
INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SPEAKER.....	Dean Reynolds
FACULTY REMARKS	Professor Timothy Davis John W. and Ruth H. Turnage Professor of Law
INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE SPEAKER	Dean Reynolds
GRADUATE REMARKS.....	Kenneth A. Cushing ('15)
RECOGNITION.....	Rogan Kersh Provost
ADMINISTRATION OF OATH.....	Ronald F. Wright Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
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PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATES.....	Executive Associate Dean Wright Richard Schneider Associate Dean for International Affairs Chris Meazell Graduate Programs Director
CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS.....	Dean Reynolds, Professor Davis
CONCLUDING REMARKS	Dean Reynolds
BENEDICTION	Reverend Auman
RECESSIONAL.....	Mr. Ebert

THE HOOD

Candidates for and holders of the master's and doctor's degree wear hoods over their robes. The hood symbolizes a heavy burden and identifies the level of the degree, the field of learning and the institution that awards it. The color of the trimming declares the major field of learning; purple is for law. The colors that line the hood identify the university awarding the degree.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

Professor Timothy Davis and Mr. Kenny Cushing ('15)

Professor Timothy Davis is the John W. and Ruth H. Turnage Professor of Law and one of the country's best known sports law scholars. He has co-authored a casebook on sports law, and co-authored "The Business of Sports Agents," published by the University of Pennsylvania Press. He frequently presents papers and lectures at academic conferences and continuing legal education seminars. Professor Davis serves on the Review Board for the United States Anti-Doping Agency and is a member of the Board of Advisors for the National Sports Law Institute. Professor Davis teaches Contracts and Sales, and is a member of the Contracts Drafting Committee of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Prior to coming to Wake Forest, he taught for nine years at Southern Methodist University and practiced commercial litigation in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Kenny Cushing ('15), a native of High Point, North Carolina, is a 2007 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, where he majored in psychology. Following graduation, he served one year as a volunteer teacher at Nativity Prep in New Bedford, Massachusetts. He then coached college football at Southwest Minnesota State University and Presentation College for two years each before entering law school at Wake Forest. He plans to work at Pepper Hamilton in Philadelphia beginning in September. He is engaged to Erin Ullmann and they plan to marry in November.

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Magna Cum Laude

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Colton Maurice Sexton

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Aimee Alexandra Durant

Nora Fakhri

Karon Nicole Fowler

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Kelsey Rose Meuret

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Christine Carr York

THE ORDER OF THE COIF

The Wake Forest University School of Law has been awarded a chapter of the Order of the Coif, a national membership society, honoring the academic excellence of our program, faculty and students. An Order of the Coif chapter at a law school is akin to a Phi Beta Kappa chapter at a college. Student eligibility for membership in the Order of the Coif is restricted to those in the top 10 percent of a graduating class.

Christie Lynn Anthony

Kenneth Andrew Cushing

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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER LAW STUDENT AWARD

The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers is an organization whose purpose is “to encourage the study, improve the practice, elevate the standards and advance the cause of matrimonial law, to the end that the welfare of the family and society be protected.” Beginning in 2002, the North Carolina chapter of the AAML has presented an award each year at each law school in the state to a graduating student whose interests and high professional standards reflect the purpose of the AAML. A permanent plaque at the law school records the name of each year’s recipient.

North Carolina Chapter Law Student Award

Caroline Harding Massagee

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SECTION OF URBAN, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW

The American Bar Association Section of Urban, State, and Local Government Law awards a certificate to the students in Land Use Regulation, and State and Local Government who achieve the highest grade in the course.

State and Local Government, Henry Denton Worrell

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND BLOOMBERG BNA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF HEALTH LAW

The American Bar Association’s Health Law Section and Bloomberg BNA award a certificate and a selected ABA/Bloomberg BNA treatise to the student who achieves the highest grade among the courses of Intellectual Property, Copyrights and Trademarks.

2013 – 2014

Davis Frederick Phillips

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND BLOOMBERG BNA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

The American Bar Association’s Section of Intellectual Property Law and Bloomberg BNA award a certificate and a selected ABA/Bloomberg BNA treatise to the student who achieves the highest grade among the courses of Intellectual Property, Copyrights and Trademarks.

Bray Taylor

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND BLOOMBERG BNA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

The American Bar Association's Section of Labor and Employment Law and Bloomberg BNA award a certificate and a selected ABA/Bloomberg BNA treatise to the students who achieve the highest grades in these courses.

Labor Law, Brandon Kenneth Jones

THE DEAN'S AWARD

The Dean's Award was established to honor the extraordinary contributions of a student leader. It is a special award. It is given only in years in which a candidate for Juris Doctor degree has demonstrated, over the course of his or her law school career, uncommon qualities of leadership that deserve special recognition.

Henry Denton Worrell

E. McGRUDER FARIS MEMORIAL AWARD

This award was established to honor the late Professor "Mac" Faris, a former member of the law school faculty. A cash award and a plaque are given to the student exhibiting the highest standards of character, leadership and scholarship.

Elizabeth Bahati Mutisya

FORSYTH COUNTY WOMEN ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION AWARD

This award is presented annually to an outstanding female graduate based upon her academic achievements, leadership, service to community, professionalism and commitment to the legal profession. The selected graduate receives a cash award.

Jasmine Michelle Pitt

THE LAURA J. GENDY AWARD

The Laura J. Gendy Award was established by alumni, family and friends of Laura J. Gendy (JD '00)) to provide an annual cash award to a graduating law student who exemplifies integrity, compassion for others and strength of character that were the hallmarks of Laura J. Gendy. Laura died in August 2008.

Aimee Alexandra Durant

ROBERT GOLDBERG AWARD IN TRIAL ADVOCACY

This award honors the memory of Robert Goldberg, a student at the School of Law who was killed in World War II. An annual cash award is given to the student showing the highest aptitude and ethics in trial advocacy.

*AAJ Team, Joshua Ryan Adams
National Team, Kimberly Anne Sokolich*

I. BEVERLY LAKE AWARD

This award was established in honor of I. Beverly Lake Sr., professor of law at Wake Forest University, practicing attorney, assistant attorney general of North Carolina 1951-1955 and retired Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. An annual cash award is given to the student or students in the law school exhibiting the greatest proficiency in the study of Constitutional Law.

Colton Maurice Sexton

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS

This award is presented annually to an outstanding law graduate at each American Bar Association approved law school. Selection criteria includes demonstrated academic achievement, motivation, tenacity and drive, as well as the promise of future contributions to the advancement of women in society and the presentation of a personable and professional image.

Elizabeth Kay Venum

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR STUDENT PRO BONO SERVICE AWARD

This award is presented annually to a student who has contributed time and talent to law-related service. The objective is to inculcate the need for pro bono service in aspiring lawyers while they are in law school so they may be inclined to make pro bono work a part of their law careers.

Gelila Anbesaw Selassie

NORTH CAROLINA ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE AWARD

The North Carolina Advocates for Justice award a commemorative certificate and a one-year complimentary membership into the NCAJ along with a complimentary section membership to the student recognized as the “most outstanding advocate” in each section of Trial Practice.

2014 – 2015

Marcia Eason Armstrong
Samantha M. Davis
Camilo Andres Flores
Robert Daniel Gibson
Caroline Harding Massagee
James Paul Menzies Miller
Erica L. Navalance

2013 – 2014

Julian Chris Kisner
Kimberly Anne Sokolich

ORDER OF BARRISTERS

The Order of Barristers is a national honor society recognizing excellence in student trial and appellate advocacy. Each year a faculty committee selects third-year students who have made outstanding contributions to advocacy.

Joshua Ryan Adams
Alina May Buccella
Zachary Kenneth Dunn
Karon Nicole Fowler
Julian Chris Kisner
Evan Thomas Leadem
Caroline Harding Massagee
Kelsey Rose Meuret
Kimberly Anne Sokolich
Ashley Nikole Waring

SMITH ANDERSON PRO BONO AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

This award is presented to an outstanding law graduate who is a Pro Bono Honor Society member. The recipient must have 100 or more pro bono hours with three years or 75 hours or more within one year. An annual cash award is given to the student who exhibits passion, creativity, dedication and commitment to serving those in need. The pro bono service must have resulted in a demonstrated impact on increasing access to legal information to the underserved population.

Hannah Morgan Nicholes

PRO BONO HONOR SOCIETY

Pro Bono Honor Society members have contributed 75 hours of pro bono service over a three-year period or 50 hours in one year. The objective is to inculcate the need for pro bono service in aspiring lawyers while they are in law school so they may be inclined to make pro bono work a part of their law careers.

Jacob Daniel Boomsaad
Aimee Alexandra Durant
David Scott Emery
Nora Fakhri
Stephen Frost
Mary Rebecca Hendrix
Heidi A. Muller
Erica L. Navalance
Hannah Morgan Nicholes
Mario DeJuan Ramsey
Rosa Isabel Ryan
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Elizabeth Kay Vennum
Ashley Nikole Waring
Daniel Benjamin Waxman
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CALI EXCELLENCE FOR THE FUTURE AWARDS

The Center for Computer-assisted Legal Instruction awards a certificate to the student achieving the highest grade in each course.

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2015

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Agency	James Paul Menzies Miller
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Appellate Advocacy.....	Andrew Rhys Parrish
Appellate Advocacy.....	Davis Frederick Phillips
Appellate Advocacy.....	Jasmine Michelle Pitt
Appellate Advocacy.....	Rebecca Suzanne Winder
Aviation Law	Christopher Stevens Criner
Banking Law.....	Nicholas Arthur Tselepis
Bankruptcy	Derek Martin Bast
Broker-Dealer Regulation	Christopher Paul Salera
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Business Drafting.....	Catherine Melinda Hammack
Business Drafting	Bray Taylor
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Business Drafting	Christine Carr York
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Business Litigation	James Paul Menzies Miller
Business Litigation	Alexander Robert Telarik
Business of Law.....	Juan R. Sosa
Business Organizations.....	Andrew Rhys Parrish
Business Organizations.....	Colton Maurice Sexton
Business Organizations.....	Daniel Benjamin Waxman
Business Planning.....	Christopher Jamal Taylor
Child Advocacy Clinic.....	Aimee Alexandra Durant
Church, Law, and Ethics	Alison N. Lester
Church, Law, and Ethics	Meredith Riley Phillips
Civil Procedure I.....	Lauren Blanchard Huddleston
Civil Procedure I.....	Hannah Morgan Nicholes
Civil Procedure I	Jasmine Michelle Pitt
Civil Procedure I.....	Nicholas Arthur Tselepis
Civil Procedure II.....	Christie Lynn Anthony
Civil Procedure II	Benjamin P. Hintze
Civil Procedure II.....	Michael Mahar Klotz
Civil Procedure II	James Paul Menzies Miller
Civil Procedure II	Davis Frederick Phillips
Community Law and Business Clinic.....	Katelin Lorine Sue Kennedy
Community Law and Business Clinic	Daniel Benjamin Waxman
Comparative Constitutional Law	Hunter Kyle Murphree

Conflict of Laws.....	David Mitchell Asbury
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Constitutional Law I.....	Nora Fakhri
Constitutional Law I.....	Brandon Kenneth Jones
Constitutional Law I.....	Colton Maurice Sexton
Constitutional Law II.....	Robert Daniel Gibson
Constitutional Law II.....	Benjamin P. Hintze
Constitutional Law II.....	Colton Maurice Sexton
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Contracts I.....	Samantha Brooke Berner
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Contracts II.....	Julian Chris Kisner
Contracts II.....	Brooke Elizabeth Loucks
Contracts II.....	Andrew Rhys Parrish
Contracts II.....	Daniel Benjamin Waxman
Contracts and Commercial Transactions.....	Christie Lynn Anthony
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Copyrights.....	Bray Taylor
Criminal Law.....	Alina May Buccella
Criminal Law.....	Benjamin P. Hintze
Criminal Procedure: Adjudication.....	John Christopher Blanchard
Criminal Procedure Survey.....	James Paul Menzies Miller
Cross Disciplinary Professional Development.....	Christie Lynn Anthony
Debtor-Creditor Law.....	Juan R. Sosa
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Decedents' Estates and Trusts.....	Brandon Kenneth Jones
Decedents' Estates and Trusts.....	Meredith Riley Phillips
Dispute Resolution.....	Catherine Melinda Hammack
Dispute Resolution.....	Davis Frederick Phillips
Education Law.....	Matthew David Berthinet
Education Law.....	Nora Fakhri
Election Law and Democracy.....	Mary Rebecca Hendrix
Election Law and Democracy.....	Evan Thomas Leadem
Employee Benefits and Pension Law.....	Brian Patrick Jones
Employment Discrimination.....	Isabella Houston Shaw
Energy Law.....	Austin James Griffin
Entertainment Law.....	Kenneth Andrew Cushing
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Evidence.....	Nora Fakhri

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Family Law	Stephen Jennings White Jr.
Food Law and Policy.....	Austin James Griffin
Funeral and Cemetery Law.....	Robert Daniel Gibson
Funeral and Cemetery Law.....	Austin James Griffin
Health Care Law and Policy.....	Catherine Melinda Hammack
Health Care Law and Policy.....	Davis Frederick Phillips
Health Related Research: Law, Regulation and Policy.....	Catherine Melinda Hammack
Innocence and Justice Clinic.....	Jon Christopher Mayhugh
Innocence and Justice Clinic.....	Erica L. Navalance
Intellectual Property.....	Brandon Kenneth Jones
Intellectual Property.....	Christine Carr York
International Human Rights.....	Aimee Alexandra Durant
International Law	Mary Rebecca Hendrix
International Law	Meredith Riley Phillips
International Trade Law	Alina May Buccella
International Trade Law	John D. Wooten IV
International Business Transactions	Evan Thomas Leadem
Jurisprudence.....	Karon Nicole Fowler
Law and Medicine	Jordan Robert Dongell
Law and Medicine	Meredith Riley Phillips
Law, Business and American Economy.....	Kenneth Andrew Cushing
Legal Writing for Judicial Chambers	Nora Fakhri
Legal History-American.....	Michael Mahar Klotz
Legislation and Administrative Law	Christie Lynn Anthony
Legislation and Administrative Law	David McCotter Chambers
Legislation and Administrative Law	Karon Nicole Fowler
Legislation and Administrative Law	Robert Daniel Gibson
Legislation and Administrative Law	Julian Chris Kisner
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Christie Lynn Anthony
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Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Brandon Everett Heffinger
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Michael Mahar Klotz
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Hunter Kyle Murphree
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Andrew Rhys Parrish
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Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II	Davis Frederick Phillips
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II	Stephen Jennings White Jr.
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Litigation Externship Clinic.....	Julian Chris Kisner
Litigation Externship Clinic.....	Katelyn Whitney McCombs
Mergers and Acquisitions.....	Daniel Benjamin Waxman
National Security Law.....	Robert Gwinn Schaaf
Negotiation.....	Alexander Ufford
Patent Law	Karon Nicole Fowler
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Products Liability	Henry Denton Worrell
Professional Responsibility	Nora Fakhri
Property	Andrew Rhys Parrish
Property	Colton Maurice Sexton
Property	Nicholas Arthur Tselepis
Property	Christine Carr York
Public Interest Lawyering Seminar	Alina May Buccella
Real Estate Transactions	Christie Lynn Anthony
Real Estate Transactions	Melissa Colleen Bryson
Real Estate Transactions	Andrew Rhys Parrish
Regulatory Law and Policy.....	Alina May Buccella
Sales.....	Daniel Benjamin Waxman
Secured Transactions	Catherine Melinda Hammack
Secured Transactions	Andrew Rhys Parrish
Secured Transactions	Colton Maurice Sexton
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Sports Law.....	Brandon Kenneth Jones
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Taxation: Corporations and Shareholders	Davis Frederick Phillips
Taxation: Federal Income.....	Michael Mahar Klotz
Taxation: Policy.....	Michael Mahar Klotz
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Torts	Nicholas Arthur Tselepis
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Trademarks.....	Bray Taylor
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Trial Practice	Kimberly Anne Sokolich
Trial Practice	Camilo Andres Flores
Trial Practice	Robert Daniel Gibson
Trial Practice	Caroline Harding Massagee
Trial Practice	James Paul Menzies Miller
Workers' Compensation	Elizabeth Neal Binion
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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

Some academicians and others have wondered why law schools all over the United States have changed the nomenclature of the first university degree in law from the long used LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws) to the J.D. (Juris Doctor). What is the basis for this change and its significance? Where does it rank in the legal academic hierarchy?

The doctorate or title of “Doctor” actually originated in connection with lawyers and not with other academic disciplines. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* states that the title of “Doctor” was conferred as early as the 12th century in the faculty of law in the famed University of Bologna. It was later conferred in France and England in the faculty of divinity. For many years the term “Doctor” was confined to the faculties of law and divinity. It was not until the 14th century that the doctor’s degree began to be conferred in medicine. Thereafter the term came to apply to other disciplines in European universities.

The term “Doctor” and its use in connection with graduates in law is therefore in keeping with ancient traditions of the legal profession. There is evidence of its use in connection with lawyers as early as Biblical times. See Acts 5:34, where it is stated: “Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law ... ”

The term “Doctor” was not employed in colonial America in connection with lawyers because at the time of the settlement of this country there were no law schools to grant degrees. Legal education was compelled to take the form of the guild system whereby persons interested in studying law had to accept apprenticeship or clerkship. Lawyers “read” law from treatises such as Blackstone’s *Commentaries*, listened to and observed their elders, studied statutes and digests, and after a period of years were recommended by committees to be licensed to practice law.

The first “law school” connected with a college or university was probably established at the College of William and Mary by Thomas Jefferson when, as Governor of Virginia, he arranged for the appointment of a “professor of law and police” at that school. The first independent law school was established at Litchfield, Connecticut. Harvard University named its first part-time law professor in 1815. But as a university discipline, legal education did not start as “graduate education” in the university, but as simply a part of the undergraduate curriculum of liberal arts departments of the universities, like philosophy or economics. Since the teaching of law started as an adjunct of the regular curriculum of colleges and universities, when a degree was given to those who completed legal studies, it was natural to call it a “bachelor’s” degree. The LL.B. was widely adopted.

Modern legal education did not begin in the United States as presently known until about 1870 when Christopher Columbus Langdell was named “Dean of the Law School” at Harvard University, connoting the evolution of legal education’s rise to graduate school status. Since the LL.B. degree had become so well established, that degree continued to be awarded by university law schools until recently, notwithstanding that the initial law degree is not generally the first academic degree conferred upon law graduates.

With the development of increasingly high standards and the prerequisite of a prior college or university degree before one can be admitted to law school and the requirement of three years of post-baccalaureate study in law, or the equivalent of seven years of formal higher education, most law schools have now replaced the LL.B. degree with the degree of “Juris Doctor.” The J.D. degree is now generally conferred as the first degree in law for those graduating from law schools in the United States. The “Juris Doctor” degree is designed to indicate post-baccalaureate achievement not previously accomplished by awarding a second “bachelor’s degree” in the form of the LL.B.

With respect to degrees awarded in law today by most law schools in America, the following hierarchy of degrees has been established:

1. Juris Doctor (J.D.) – The first earned law degree indicating graduation from a law school with three years of post-baccalaureate study, or the equivalent of seven years of formal higher education, at least three years of which are in law.
2. Master of Laws (LL.M.) – An earned postgraduate degree in law indicating the successful completion of one additional year of specialized legal study after receipt of the first degree in law. The Wake Forest LL.M. degree is for those whose first degree in law is from a university of a foreign country.
3. Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) – An earned postgraduate degree in law indicating generally the successful completion of two years of formal legal study beyond receipt of the first degree in law plus the writing of a major original research thesis or dissertation.
4. Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) – An “honorary” degree established by universities and colleges, not necessarily those having law schools, and conferred on an individual who makes a significant contribution to society in a learned pursuit. The Doctor of Laws is not an earned academic degree.

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OATH

*Oath taken by the Candidates for the Juris Doctor Degree at the
Wake Forest University School of Law Hooding Ceremony*

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT UPON BEING DULY
LICENSED TO PRACTICE THE PROFESSION OF LAW:

I will support the Constitution of the United States;

I will maintain the respect due to Courts of Justice and judicial officers;

I will honor and uphold the rule of law;

I will be faithful to the ethical standards that govern my profession;

I will discharge conscientiously the obligations of citizenship;

I will not reject for personal reasons, the cause of the defenseless or
oppressed, or delay any person's cause for personal gain or malice,
SO HELP ME GOD.



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