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Thirty-Ninth Commencement

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A Letter from the Chair of the Board of the University System of New Hampshire

To the University of New Hampshire School of Law Class of 2014:

Congratulations on earning your degree from UNH Law! Your academic achievement is something that you will be proud of for a lifetime. The education you have received from UNH Law provides you with critical knowledge and skills that will serve you no matter what direction your journey takes you. The Trustees of the University System of New Hampshire congratulate you on your success and extend our continued good wishes as you enter a new chapter of personal and professional accomplishment.

The faculty and staff at UNH Law have encouraged you to become engaged in the law school and the broader community. We encourage you to carry on this tradition of engagement in the future—in the communities you serve and as law school and UNH alumni.

The USNH Trustees would also like to acknowledge the families of UNH Law graduates for the many ways that they have demonstrated their support for you. We understand how important that support is to your success and the commitment it requires.

And finally, we encourage you to reflect upon the dreams and aspirations that brought you to UNH Law, and to seek out and to excel at the many opportunities that lie ahead.

With all good wishes,

Pamela Diamantis, Chair Board of Trustees University System of New Hampshire

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The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor Retired United States Supreme Court Justice

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was appointed to the United States Supreme Court by President Ronald Reagan and confirmed unanimously by the Senate. The first woman on the Supreme Court, she served from 1981 until 2006.

O'Connor was born in El Paso, Texas, and has long ties to Arizona, spending much of her childhood on the Lazy-B, a cattle ranch along the Arizona and New Mexico border. She received her B.A. and LL.B. from Stanford University, but could not find a law firm willing to hire a woman when she graduated. She thus began her career by volunteering in the County Attorney's Office in San Mateo County, California, where she eventually became Deputy County Attorney. She married John Jay O'Connor III in 1952 and has three sons. She returned to Arizona in 1957 and opened a practice in Maryvale. Subsequently, she served as Assistant Attorney General of Arizona, in the Arizona State Senate, as a Judge in the Maricopa County Superior Court and on the Arizona Court of Appeals before her appointment to the United States Supreme Court.

Following her retirement, O'Connor has continued her judicial service by hearing cases in the United States Courts of Appeals. She also founded iCivics, a non-profit organization dedicated to reinvigorating civic education through interactive and engaging learning resources.

In 2006, the College of Law at Arizona State University was named in her honor, and she frequently speaks and teaches there. O'Connor also served, from 2005-2012, as the twenty-third Chancellor of the College of William & Mary.

In recognition of her lifetime accomplishments, President Barack Obama awarded O'Connor with the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, in 2009.

The Honorable Robert J. "Bob" Dole Former United States Senator from Kansas

A renowned statesman who spent over 35 years on Capitol Hill, Bob Dole was first elected to Congress from his home state of Kansas in 1960, and to the United States Senate in 1968. He gained national prominence as chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1971 to 1972. In 1976, President Gerald Ford tapped him to be his vice presidential running mate.

Dole served as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee from 1981-1985. Elected senate majority leader in 1984, he holds the record as the nation's longest serving Republican leader. He was the Republican nominee in the 1996 United States presidential election, won by Bill Clinton.

Dole has received national acclaim for his leadership on behalf of the disadvantaged and disabled. He is a major spokesman on issues involving veterans, hunger and nutrition, agriculture, and men's health. In 2007, President George W. Bush appointed Dole as a co-chair of the commission to investigate problems at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Dole presently serves as special counsel to the Washington, DC law firm of Alston & Bird in its Legislative & Public Policy Group.

Dole has received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, as well as two Purple Hearts for his service during World War II.

Dole has supported the establishment of the Robert J. Dole Veteran Fellowship at UNH Law's Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership and Public Policy. This endowed scholarship will enable exemplary veterans committed to public service to attend UNH Law.

Dole is married to former cabinet member and former United States Senator Elizabeth Hanford Dole of North Carolina. He earned an LL.B. from Washburn University in 1952.

The Honorable Jonathan Lippman

Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals

Jonathan Lippman's career in New York's court system has spanned four decades. Lippman served as an entry-level court attorney in the Supreme Court of Manhattan. Governor George Pataki appointed him to the New York Court of Claims in 1995.

Lippman then served as the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Department, and as Chief Administrative Judge of all New York State Courts. He is the longest tenured person to serve in these positions. He played a central role in many far-reaching reforms of the judiciary and legal profession.

In 2005, he was elected as a Justice of the Supreme Court for the Ninth Judicial District and subsequently served as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term for the Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts. Governor David A. Paterson appointed him Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals in January 2009.

Lippman previously served on the Board of the National Center for State Courts and is a former President of the Conference of State Court Administrators, which consists of court leaders representing all 50 states and United States territories. In 2008, he received the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence, an award given annually by the National Center for State Courts to one state court judge chosen from throughout the country.

Lippman lectures frequently in New York and around the country on access to justice and judicial branch leadership and innovation. In 2012, he delivered the inaugural address of the Norman H. Stahl lecture series at UNH Law, speaking on "Pro Bono Requirements for Prospective Attorneys."

Lippman received his B.A. in 1965 from New York University, and his J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1968.

The Honorable Donald B. Verrilli, Jr. Solicitor General of the United States

On January 26, 2011, President Obama nominated Donald B. Verrilli, Jr. to succeed Elena Kagan as Solicitor General, after Justice Kagan joined the Supreme Court. Verrilli was confirmed by the Senate by a 72-16 vote on June 6, 2011, and was sworn in as the 46th Solicitor General of the United States on June 9, 2011.

The Solicitor General supervises and conducts government litigation in the United States Supreme Court. The United States is involved in approximately two-thirds of all the cases the Supreme Court decides on the merits each year. During his tenure as Solicitor General, Verrilli has argued for the United States in National Federation of Independent Businesses v. Sebelius, Arizona v. United States, United States v. Windsor, McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission, Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby Stores, and numerous other cases.

Verrilli previously served as Deputy Counsel to President Obama and as an Associate Deputy Attorney General in the United States Department of Justice. Prior to his government service, he was a partner for many years with Jenner & Block, and co-chaired the firm's Supreme Court practice. He handled numerous cases in the Supreme Court and the courts of appeals, including *MGM Studios, Inc. v. Grokster*, which established principles of copyright liability for unauthorized digital distribution of copyrighted works, and *Wiggins v. Smith*, which established principles governing the right to ineffective assistance of counsel at capital sentencing.

Verrilli maintained an active pro bono practice throughout his time in private practice, and received several awards for his efforts. He also taught First Amendment law as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center from 1992 through 2008.

Verrilli received his undergraduate degree from Yale University and his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he served as editor-in-chief of the *Columbia Law Review*. He served as a law clerk to the Honorable J. Skelly Wright of the United States Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit and to the Honorable William J. Brennan, Jr. of the United States Supreme Court.

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COMMENCEMENT MARCH Composed by Robert H. Rines Founder, University of New Hampshire School of Law Arrangement by Branch Sanders '77

Performed by the University of New Hampshire Faculty Brass Ensemble Robert Stibler, Director

Historical Notes

Commencements in America began at Harvard University circa 1640. Early ceremonies were patterned after those of Oxford and Cambridge, England. Since then, American colleges and universities have added their own trappings, in many cases making the occasion far more festive.

The caps, gowns and hoods of our graduates in the procession represent a tradition of academic dress that began in the 12th century when the stone buildings, which housed medieval universities, were not known for warmth. The gowns are an adaptation of clerical garb.

A scholar's academic hood is more than elegant and colorful attire; it denotes degree, field and alma mater. The band of velvet circling the outer edge of the hood varies in width according to the highest degree attained: narrow for the bachelor degree, medium for the master, and broad for the doctorate. The color represents the field of scholarship: law, purple; arts and letters, white; engineering, orange; science, gold; philosophy, blue; etc. The hood is lined with the colors of the institution attended by the wearer.