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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 2015:

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,
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The Honorable Carol Ann Conboy, JD '78
Associate Justice, New Hampshire Supreme Court

The Honorable Carol Ann Conboy is the 105th justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Connecticut, Justice Conboy served as an officer in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. She earned her law degree in 1978 from Franklin Pierce Law Center and was an active member of its board of trustees and a champion of the school's transition to UNH Law.

Appointed to the New Hampshire Superior Court in 1992 by Governor Judd Gregg, Justice Conboy was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2009 by Governor John Lynch. She has served as chair of the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics and as chair of the Superior Court Sentence Review Board. She currently serves as chair of the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Judicial Performance Evaluation.

Justice Conboy began her legal career as a federal court law clerk for Judge Shane Devine, the former chief judge of the New Hampshire Federal District Court. She continued her career as an associate and then partner in McLane, Graf, Raulerson and Middleton where she practiced employment law litigation.

Justice Conboy received the 2008 Marilla M. Ricker Achievement Award from the N.H. Women's Bar Association, the Manchester Bar Association's 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award, and the N.H. Bar Association's 2003 Justice William A. Grimes Award for Judicial Professionalism.

Justice Conboy has dedicated many years of service to the school through her work on the former Franklin Pierce Law Center Board of Trustees. Her service to the law school, the courts, and the legal profession is inspirational.

Cathy J. Green, JD '77
Partner, Green & Utter, P.A.

Cathy J. Green graduated from Trinity College in 1974, and earned a law degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center in 1977.

One of the first 100 women admitted to the New Hampshire Bar, she was recognized in both *The Best Lawyers in America* and *The National Directory of Criminal Lawyers*. *Business NH Magazine* has recognized her as the best criminal defense attorney in New Hampshire. Since 1996, Attorney Green has been a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, an invitation extended to no more than 1 percent of the total lawyers in the state.

Attorney Green began her career as one of three public defenders in the state of New Hampshire. In 1981, she entered private practice.

Now a partner in Green & Utter, P.A., Attorney Green's practice is focused on criminal defense in both federal and state courts.

She is past president of the New Hampshire Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and serves on the board of directors of the New Hampshire Public Defender Program. She was the past chair of the board of trustees of Franklin Pierce Law Center and champion of the school's transition to UNH Law.

In 2001, she was honored by the New Hampshire Women's Bar Association with the Marilla Ricker Award. She also received the Donald Dufresne Award for Outstanding Professionalism from the New Hampshire Bar Association in 2004. She recently served on both the New Hampshire Supreme Court Commission on the Status of the Profession and the Citizen's Commission.

Sherilyn Burnett Young, JD '82
Founder and President, Rath, Young and Pignatelli, P.C.

Sherilyn Young is a founder and president of Rath, Young and Pignatelli, P.C., a 60-person law firm based in Concord. She also heads the firm's Environmental Practice Group and assists clients on federal and state environmental matters, real estate transactions, and public and private financing transactions.

Her practice focuses primarily on environmental law, including environmental compliance, permits and approvals, and real estate transactions involving contaminated properties. She has extensive experience in litigation with state and federal regulators, and has achieved numerous successful settlements for industrial, commercial and municipal clients in a variety of cases.

Attorney Young served as legislative counsel to former New Hampshire Governor Judd Gregg. She is currently on the board of trustees of Eastern Bank, is president of the New Hampshire Supreme Court Society, and is a director of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

Attorney Young was the first woman to chair the State Capital Global Law Firm Group, a network of more than one hundred independent law firms in 50 U.S. state capitals and in business markets and financial centers worldwide. She was the Vice Chair of the Franklin Pierce Law Center Board of Trustees and was a strong supporter of the school through its transition to UNH Law. She is regularly cited in *New Hampshire Magazine* as one of the top environmental lawyers in New Hampshire.

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Commencement March

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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 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.