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John Garvey is the founding Director of the nationally acclaimed Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program. In awarding the Gambrell Professionalism Award in 2015, the ABA stated the program "...stands as a national model of committed collaboration between law institutions, with the active involvement of University of New Hampshire School of Law, the New Hampshire Supreme Court, the New Hampshire Board of Bar Examiners, and the New Hampshire Bar Association." Professor Garvey has received many awards for his pioneering work with the program, including the NH Bar Association's E. Donald Dufresne Award for Outstanding Professionalism and the Award for Distinguished Service to the Legal Profession. He also received the NH Bar Foundation's Frank Rowe Kennison Award for substantial contributions to the advancement of legal thought.

Garvey started his legal career as a Navy JAG. During his three years in the Navy, Lieutenant Garvey had a distinguished courtroom career and received both the Navy Achievement Medal and the American Bar Association Award for Professional Merit. Upon completing his military tour, Professor Garvey joined a prominent private firm in Concord, NH. During his 24 years at the firm, he devoted his time to a wide range of litigated matters, eventually becoming the chair of the litigation department. In addition, he was one of the original principal attorneys in the *Claremont* case, which made a successful state constitutional challenge to New Hampshire's method of funding the education of its children. As a result, Professor Garvey was a recipient of the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union "Bill of Rights Award."

In addition to being an experienced trial lawyer, Professor Garvey is a well-known mediator and arbitrator with nearly 30 years of experience. He has been recognized by his peers for his mediation and arbitration skills by being selected for inclusion in both *Best Lawyers in America* and *Super Lawyers* - where selection is limited to 5% of all lawyers. He was selected by his Best Lawyers peers as Mediator of the Year in 2014 and 2017

Commencement Speaker
Dahlia Lithwick, Senior Editor, Slate

Dahlia Lithwick is senior editor at Slate, writing the “Supreme Court Dispatches” and “Jurisprudence” columns since 1999. She also hosts the award-winning biweekly legal affairs podcast “Amicus.” In 2018 she received the Hillman Prize for Opinion and Analysis Journalism, being called “the nation’s best legal commentator for two decades... With characteristic erudition and empathy, her [works] remind readers about the importance of maintaining both the rule of law and our shared humanity.” Lithwick’s work has appeared in publications such as *The New York Times*, *Harper’s*, *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, *The New Republic*, and *Commentary*. She is a frequent guest on “The Rachel Maddow Show” on MSNBC and has appeared on CNN, ABC, “The Colbert Report,” and “The Daily Show.” Lithwick has also been inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She clerked for Procter Hug, Chief Justice of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Lithwick received a BA in English from Yale University and JD from Stanford Law School.

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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.



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Graduation Day

I see a black gown
hanging in anticipation.
Who is it for?

The trees outside bloom
with delight, as do the bushes
all flutter with color
waiting for a ray of sun,
A sprinkle of rain, the
buzzing of a bee.

Tired soles wander the halls,
Exhausted from a long year
now gone. To relax for
a few minutes - how wonderful
it would be.

Smiles and tears will be
the order of the day.
Soon. Coming so quickly.
It will be glorious to see
all the black gowns on thee.

Kathie Goodwin
Former UNH Law Staff