UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW

90th Commencement

May 15, 2017
PRELUDE
Selections from the Riverside Brass Quintet repertoire

PROCESSIONAL
“Trumpet Voluntary”
Henry Purcell

WELCOMING REMARKS
Dean Ronald Weich
President Kurt L. Schmoke

GREETINGS FROM BOARD OF REGENTS
Regent Thomas Slater

COMMENDATION OF LAW FACULTY
Executive Vice President and Provost
Darlene Brannigan Smith, B.S. ’78, MBA ’80

CONGRATULATIONS FROM UB
ALUMNI COMMUNITY
Rachel Snyder, J.D. ’13

REMARKS BY VALEDICTORIAN
Aiste Palskyte

PRESENTATION OF LAW FACULTY AWARDS
Sean M. Fox (day)
Elizabeth Danquah-Brobby (evening)

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dean Ronald Weich

ADDRESS
The Hon. Mary Ellen Barbera
Chief Judge, Maryland Court of Appeals

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
President Kurt L. Schmoke

HOODING OF GRADUATES
Professor Audrey McFarlane
Associate Dean Christopher Peters

ANNOUNCING GRADUATES
Professor John Lynch
Associate Dean Amy Sloan

RECESSONAL
“Hornpipe” from Water Music
George Friedrich Handel

CLOSING REMARKS
Dean Ronald Weich

“The end of law is not to abolish or restrain, but to preserve and enlarge freedom. For in all the states of created beings capable of law, where there is no law, there is no freedom.”
—John Locke
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
*Stanley R. Carignan  
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*Michael J. Elliker  
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*Christopher Finke  
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*Rachele S. Norfolk  
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Hannah Dore Schaeffer  
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Hillary E. Soper  
*Matthew Speake  
*Emily M. Steiner  
Danielle E. Warwick

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Blessing A. Anosike  
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Elena Aceves Fowlkes  
Devon Stone Fox  
Alberto J. Halphen  
Stacey Brooke Morris  
Madeleine Foltz Safonin

“If you’re going to put 40 to 50 years into the practice of law, find things you like to do.”
—Joseph I. Cassilly, J.D. ’77
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Tashkandi
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*Candidates for concentrations are as follows:

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+ John Rizos
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Matthew Speake
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**MAJOR STUDENT AWARDS FROM THE SPRING 2017 AWARDS CEREMONY**

**2017 Pro Bono Challenge Award**
Anna Clark

**2017 Finding Justice Scholarship**
Raylynn Cummings

**American College of Mortgage Attorneys Scholarship**
Alexandra Athens

**Bradford Kirby Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA) Outstanding Student Award**
Kathleen Seifert, Bronfein Family Law Clinic

**Clinical Excellence Awards**
Maureen Apugo, Juvenile Justice Project
Michael Bullock, Pretrial Justice Clinic

**Center for International and Comparative Law 2016-17 Director’s Award**
Christian Kim

**Maryland Chapter of the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Cheryl Hepfer Law Student Award**
Amanda Odorimah

**Student Leader of the Year Award (selected by the Student Bar Association)**
Marie Langlois

**Outstanding Service to UB by a Student Organization (selected by the Student Bar Association)**
Black Law Students Association

**FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS FROM THE SPRING 2017 AWARDS CEREMONY**

**Outstanding Teaching by a Full-Time Faculty Member**
Professor Margaret E. Johnson

**Saul Ewing Award for Outstanding Teaching in Transactional Law Practitioner in Residence Lisa D. Sparks**

**Outstanding Teaching by an Adjunct Faculty Member**
Renee Nacrelli

**Faculty Scholarship Award in Traditional Research**
Professor Daniel Hatcher

**Faculty Scholarship Award in Public Discourse**
Professor Garrett Epps

**Rose McMunn Distinguished Service Staff Award**
Gary Harper

**James May Faculty Award (selected by the Student Bar Association)**
Professor Phillip J. Closius

**Staff Mentoring Award (selected by the Student Bar Association)**
Shavann O’Brien

**DEAN’S CITATIONS**

Maureen Apugo
Michael Bullock
Anna Madison Frank
Jared Lerner
Thomas Barnes
Drew Chlan
David Fraser
Kristen Mack
Manti Bean
Anthony Cognetti
Aneesah Khan
Adam Shareef

**Professor Stephen Shapiro was awarded the title of professor emeritus upon his retirement in 2016.**
“The clearest way to show what the rule of law means to us in everyday life is to recall what has happened when there is no rule of law.”

—Dwight D. Eisenhower