

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF LAW



Commencement Exercises

SATURDAY, MAY THE NINTH
TWO THOUSAND AND NINE

THE CAMPUS
LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

THE UNIVERSITY COAT-OF-ARMS AND BANNERS

In 1890, at the request of Leslie Lyle Campbell, Class of 1887, Professor W. G. Brown designed a white silk banner bearing the words Washington and Lee University embroidered in gold letters on a blue scroll. Below the scroll was a composite shield made up of heraldic elements from the coats-of-arms of the Washington family and the Lee family. The shield has survived the years, but the original banner has not.

Before 1903, Professor Brown designed a full coat-of-arms with crest and motto. The black raven rising out of the golden ducal coronet comes from the Washington crest. The upper left quarter of the arms depicts an open book with an injunction from I Thessalonians to test all things. The upper right quarter exhibits the arms of Washington of Sulgrave, and the lower left quarter the arms of Lee of Coton. The arms in the lower right quarter are those of Astley of Staffordshire, and signify a marriage between the Lee and the Astley families. The motto, *non incautus futuri*, based on a phrase from Horace's *Satires* and translated "not unmindful of the future," comes from the Lee family arms.

In 1998, in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the University, David D. Brown, Law School Class of 2000, designed four banners that draw upon the original heraldic design of 1890. The new University banner is a revised version of the design by Professor W. G. Brown. The banners for the College, the Ernest Williams II School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics, and the School of Law derive their separate designs from the University banner.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

A mace is a ceremonial staff and a symbol of authority. The mace is carried by the Marshal to denote that the University is in session. It was designed in 1951 by Marion Junkin, Class of 1927 and Head of the Department of Fine Arts, and carved by Mary Barclay, a member of the staff of the Alumni Office, from a 150-year-old walnut beam taken from the old Lexington firehouse. The University coat-of-arms is carved on opposite sides of the urn-shaped head and painted silver, blue, red, and gold. Below the arms are the scroll and the motto. Atop the mace are the coronet and raven from the University crest.

ACADEMIC COSTUME

In the procession of the Faculty, guests will see a variety of academic costumes. The design of the gowns has evolved over centuries from medieval origins. Most of the costumes seen today represent the Juris Doctor degree.

Traditionally, the doctoral gown is black, has full sleeves gathered at the wrists, velvet bars on the sleeves and velvet panels on the front. The colors on the hood, which is worn around the shoulders, designate both the degree earned by the wearer and the university that awarded it. The gold tassel on the hat is another sign that the wearer holds a doctoral degree. Over the years some universities have adopted gowns in colors that complement their hoods.

THE FLAGS

The international flags on display represent the graduates from Canada, Germany, India, Iran, Kenya, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea (South Korea), Republic of Zimbabwe, and the United States of America. The University is grateful to the family of Douglas Panzer, Class of 1998 and Class of 1999, for its generosity in providing the flags.

THE COMMENCEMENT

ORDER OF EXERCISES



ACADEMIC PROCESSION

INVOCATION

ELDER DOUGLAS CHRIS HARTER

*Former Pastor and Youth Minister for the Seventh Day Adventist Church
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WELCOME

KENNETH P. RUSCIO

President of the University

REMARKS AND PRESENTATION
OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

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CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD PHILLIPS OF WORTH MATRAVERS, PC
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GERALD POPE, *trumpet*; CHRIS MAGEE, *trumpet*; RUSSELL NELSON, *horn*;
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(highest cumulative grade point average)

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(most satisfactory scholastic progress in final year)

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