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In Memory

Professor Eugene M. Wypyski
Congratulations to the Hofstra University School of Law, Class of 1997. As the representative of the third year class I would like to welcome Dean Rabinowitz, Dean Adamski, Dean Pace, Faculty, Administration, Parents, Friends and most importantly the graduating students from the Class of 1997. My name is Cynthia Parache, the Class of 1997 Graduation Speaker.

These three years have been long, but, in hindsight, a seemingly short period in our lives. As a first year law student we entered with fear, but also with big ideas, dreams and goals. Our lofty goals were to graduate at the top of our class, make law review, and ride off into the sunset with an exciting career ahead. But once first year began and then we took our mid-semester exams and received our grades, our goals were modified to include being content with graduating in the top half of the class. First year seemed to take forever to end, we briefed and we read about 300 plus pages a night. On our first day of class we all sat quietly with our assignments read, cases briefed and indexed and ready for the professor. We sat in class secretly hoping, that the professor would not call on us. We dared not be unprepared for class, especially for classes like Prof. Charlow’s Criminal Law Class. In my case, I made sure I was never unprepared for her class and I, literally, lived in fear. Although it was difficult we did learn important habits that are beneficial to us as future attorneys. For example, if you walked into Prof. Charlow’s class late you would suffer the consequences of humiliation and being called on during the entire hour. In our own legal practice, it is an important habit to make all appearances on time because a failure to appear in court at the required hour can result in sanctions or dismissal of a case. Also, it is the norm to have one exam at the end of a school year determine the grade for the entire course. Although this is very disturbing, in our future practice, we have the opportunity to file one brief after maybe a year or more of preparation in a case. It is only now that we can appreciate the purpose for this Socratic method in the classroom.

As a second year law student, we were inundated with work. We researched, wrote and submitted appellate briefs and had to stand in front of a panel of judges and make our oral arguments. We had a heavy course load and most students also had internships, journal notes and legal employment. I, for example, was employed with a sole practitioner and also, was involved as President of a student organization, LALSA. I, like other law students in our second year, juggled it all and completed the year successfully.

When third year came along, we were confident and secure in our abilities to successfully complete our education. In fact, I like many, have been very eager to graduate and put to use what I have learned here at Hofstra Law School. To try to alleviate my third year boredom, I applied and was accepted into the Hofstra Housing Rights Clinic, one of the clinics the law school offers besides the Criminal Law and Disabilities clinics. Any student who has completed a clinic or knows of someone who has, will know that it is very hard to get bored. I finally had the opportunity to experience my goal--to be an advocate. My first week at the clinic, I appeared, in District Court, on behalf of a client, I negotiated stipulations of settlement and I spent many weekends and nights until 2:00 a.m. writing briefs.

As a class, we third years, were very vocal and active in school activities, pro-bono/community service, local bar associations, and local bars. We were bound to run into each other in the Office of Career Services, faxing resumes, looking at the job binders, and looking to see if we were one of the lucky one on the interview lists. Our class is full of talent. Not just outstanding capabilities in the law, but also talent in business, communications, art and literature. Today our talents are being rewarded with well-deserved awards.

Many of us have different inspirations and reasons why we decided to attend Hofstra Law School. Today, I am here because of two special people who have struggled on my behalf. These people are my mother and my father who both still work sixteen hours a day to give their children a better life. Their only expectation, like that of all parents, is that we study hard and try to be the best at what we do. Their formula has worked because, this year, my parents are proudly attending two graduations--my graduation this evening from Hofstra Law School and the graduation of my younger brother, Felix, who is receiving his Bachelor’s degree, this very second, at St. John’s University. Each one of us, in the Class of 1997, have our own inspirations and support systems in our family and friends whom we are proud and grateful for. They are a part of us and we all need to remember our varied cultures, experiences and backgrounds as an indispensable asset in becoming attorneys. In the journey that is commencing today, please remember, along the way, that this world is getting smaller and smaller. A basic respect and understanding of our own individual identities, as well as that for other cultures and peoples who may very well, someday, be our clients, supervisors or colleagues, is vital to make us successful attorneys. Take the opportunity, today at graduation, to think about what is important to you because, today is a time to look beyond the four walls of the law school and towards the world at large. We have to remember who we were before we entered the law school, how these three years have altered our psyche and what we will try to become after today. I am sure that sitting here today are future prominent judges, politicians, lawyers, and executives.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the students who are receiving awards for their outstanding accomplishment while attending Hofstra Law. I wish everyone luck on the bar and much success in the future. Believe me I am ready to go out there and show the world who I am and what I have to offer. I want to say thanks to Alexander Sepulveda, Maryann Turco, Marcia Roman, and Michael Kneis for making my law school experience very special. My name is Cynthia Parache. Congratulations to the Class of 1997.
The Administration

Dean
Stuart Rabinowitz

Vice Dean
M. Patricia Adamski
The Faculty

Burton C. Agata
Kathleen Beckett
Robert A. Bush

Linda K. Champlin
Robin Charlow
David A. Diamond
Letter from the Editor

Dear Fellow Graduates,

It seems like just yesterday that we all gathered in Monroe Hall to begin the first day of our law school careers. Since that day, some of us have left and others have joined us, but in the end we all succeeded, and on May 18, 1997, we became law school graduates.

Personally, these have been three of the best years of my life, even with all the hard work, cram sessions, and papers. I have met many people and have made some good friends here, too. Through extracurricular activities, informational sessions, and NITA, we got to know each other and realized we all had different reasons for coming here but had the same goal. That goal is now being achieved and I hope that each of us attains much success in our professional careers as well as our personal lives.

Good luck to all and never forget these three years that seem to have passed in the blink of an eye. I have enjoyed being the Editor-in-Chief of the 1997 Pocket Part and I hope all of you enjoy the memories that this book holds.

Love,

Amy
U.S. gymnast Kerri Strug epitomized the Olympic spirit for many. After falling on her first vault in the women’s team competition and injuring her ankle, and unsure whether her score was needed to capture a gold medal for the U.S. team, Strug landed her second vault. The U.S. won a total of 101 medals.

Perhaps the best-kept secret of the year was the September wedding of John F. Kennedy, Jr., and Carolyn Bessette. Only 40 guests were invited to the intimate ceremony on Cumberland Island, Ga., and everyone involved signed an agreement of confidentiality. The couple’s return to New York thrust them back in the spotlight, and tabloid reports of marital strain soon followed.

Rap artist Tupac Shakur was killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas in September. Shakur, whose violent “gangsta” image was reflected in both his life and music, was 25.

The New York Yankees returned to the ranks of baseball’s elite when they defeated the Atlanta Braves in the World Series, four games to two. It was the Yankees’ first World Series appearance in 18 years, and the 23rd championship won by the team.

After giving up his Senate seat to run for president in 1996, Bob Dole celebrated his nomination at the Republican National Convention. Despite his promise of a 15 percent, across-the-board tax cut, Dole was defeated by incumbent President Bill Clinton.
President Bill Clinton was re-elected in November, becoming the first Democrat in more than 50 years to win a second term. Promising to "Build a Bridge to the 21st Century," Clinton won easily, despite turmoil in his staff and charges of improper campaign donations.


Thousands in the northwestern United States, including these cows, were forced from their homes in early January when floods caused by record levels of rain and snow swept through five states.
Sound Familiar?

----------First Year----------

“Ummm, why do you want to know this? Were you born with this knowledge?”
Professor Champlin, Civil Procedure

“Counsellor, don’t you have a motion to make?”
Professor Walker, Torts

“That is to say you have a plaintiff in Kansas...”
Professor Diamond, Civil Procedure

“When I was on the New York State Commission of Commissioners...”
Professor Lane, Lawmaking Institutions

“FFFFFFFFEEEEERRRGGGGOOOOONNNNNNGGGGG”
Professor Jacob, Property

“Murder is defined as the intentional killing of another human being, with spinach.”
Professor Gregory, Criminal Law

“Can you do the dance?”
Professor Silverman, Property

----------Second Year----------

It’s gotta have schmoltz!”
Professor Kaynard, Labor Law
“Mr. O’Connor, another question?”
Professor Charlow, Constitutional Law

“Our next topic is hearsay. OK, who’s wearing blue today...”
Professor Kessler, Evidence

“Impact of milk restrictions on interstate commerce? Ummmm, how ‘bout a 84.”
Professor Leon Friedman, Constitutional Law

“OK, troops. Come on gang.”
Professor Eric Friedman, Pre-trial Litigation

“Mr. Scott, what do you think about the trilema?”
Professor Monroe Friedman, Ethics

----------Third Year----------

“I smell a paper. Do you smell a paper?”
Professor Silverman, State & Local Government

“Thus, the will is held invalid. I find this...troubling.”
Professor Gans, Wills trusts & Estates

“You mean the lawyer will communicate with the judge? Wow! Kum Bay Ya!”
Professor Schepard, New York Practice

“I’m troubled by this. Aren’t you troubled by this?”
Professor Gans, Federal Individual Income Tax

“March 2, Jones loan to Jones Shoe Corporation. March 4, bankruptcy. Talk to me.”
Professor Resnick, Debtor-Creditor
The Law Library

Babs Arndt
Peter Chao
Tommie Fletcher

Shirley Jacobs
Rou-Chia Lin
Mena B. Sieber
The Staff

Yvonne V. Atkinson
Diane A. Bergner
Barbara Calvo-Moran

Theresa M. Clark
Joyce A. Cox
Mary Fair
APALSA

Bonnie Chen, Dheeraj Malhotra, Victor Chiu, Jennifer Ng, Joan Reyes, ChiWai Chang, Justin Holmes, Saleem Shareef, Allen Madison, Dave Shah, Vivien Sin, Nick Tomizawa, Samuel Lee, Nancy Belson, Yoshi Ohye, Huy Luu, Angela Chan. Not Pictured: Mina Kang, Sanjay Thapar, Sam Koh, John Shin

Corporate Law Society

Kristen Raffone, David Levinbrook, Kristin Kreuder Mike Smith
Unemployment Action Center


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Amy Sokolow, Jennifer Goody, Leon Feingold, Cynthia Parache, Amy Bodoff. Not Pictured: Melba Pearson
Jewish Law Students Association


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Student Bar Association


Public Justice Foundation

David Rubenstein, Dan Buonicanti, Joe Francoeur, Arlene Gilbert
Sports & Entertainment Law Society

Burton Rocks, Christopher Corro, Leon Feingold, Matthew Wealcatch, Lauren Rocklin

Italian Law Students Association

Annalisa Liuzzo, Elizabeth Tredici, J.J. Galluscio, Maria Gonzalez, Maryann Turco, Gina Fonseca, Anselmo Graziosi, Marisa Moscheni. Not Pictured: Pamela Rossi, Joseph LoPiccolo, Joseph Reda
Hofstra Law Women


Phi Alpha Delta

Third Row: Matt Camardella, Seth Kaplan, Jonathan Kozak, Jeffrey Berenholz, Charles Weilemann, David Sasso, Patricia Quigley, Christina Paquette, Robin Applebaum, Barbara Reed, Dorian Smith, Keven Friedman.
Back Row: Mark Milone, William Kastin, Matthew Gollen, Brad Shalt, Keith Barrett, Jonathan Hammerman
Black Law Students Association

Front Row: Jocelyn Diaz, Chyrell Hall, Timothy Lynch, Alyson Thompson, Gail Sareem, Karen Nethersole.
Second Row: Crystal Jordan, Karla Watson, Jamilia Smith, Shareema Gadson-Shaw, Tanja Croft, Candice Aiken, Melba Pearson, Deirdre Finley, Sharon Chin-Quee, Joan Knight, Beverly Baker, Dawn Hankin, Tshai Budhi.
Third Row: Lori Jones, Desiree Laster, Oscela Pope, Sandra Thomas, Whitfield Scipio, Kindu Walker, Shermaine Carter, Peter Sylver.
Fourth Row: Alex Sepulveda, Andre Suite, Robin Young, Alicia Daniels, Noyel St. Louis, William Fowlkes, George Gilmer. Not pictured: Christopher Bennett
Law and Policy Symposium


Gaelic Law Students Society

LALSA

Michelle Pabon, Maria Gonzalez, Valerie Nieves, Marcia Roman, Dino Medina, Alexander Sepulveda, Jocelyn Diaz, Eric Garcia, Sylvia Montalban, Sharon Fonseca, Jean Passerioti, Nicole Metz. Not Pictured: Maryann Turco, Cynthia Parache
Hofstra Law Graduates 1997
Susan Christ

Steve Christiansen

John Crosby, Jr.

Meredith Cudrin

Kevin Cullen

Thomas Curry
1997 May Graduates

Robert Brian Acker
Gilberto Acosta, Jr.
Candace Deonna Alken
Michael William Alpert
Lauren E. Angelo
Rubin Beth Applebaum
John Thomas Arrace
Michael D. Attali
Celina Alexandra Bacon
Beverly Ann Baker
Karen Elizabeth Baldwin
Gloria Hortencia Banasco
Spencer Zane Barritt
Della Barkhordar
Keith D. Barrett
morc Scott Becker
Richard F. Belecynski
Anthony S. Bellino
Nancy Mejia Belson
Brian Andrew Bender
Christopher Eugene Bennett
Gregory Stuart Berke
Tracey d. Bernt
Jennifer Lynn Bernstein
Michael Robert Bentschi
Meredith Ann Beiner
Eileen Deborah Biondi
Michelle Laura Black
Amy P. Bodoff
Rachel Anne Bovell
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Steward A. Brazin, M.D.
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Michael A. Brill
Sean Michael Broderick
Tobai Erica Budhi
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Huguette Monica Bustos
Troy Lamar Cady
Tricia Caroline Cullender
Matthew James Camardella
Philip Joseph Campisi
Jennifer Carucci
Shermaine Cheryl Cartier
Angela Chan
Victor Tai Wang Chia
Susan Eleise Christ
Steven F. Christiansen
Cynthia Sharon Corsiglio
Marian Elizabeth Courtney
John George Crosby, Jr.
Meridith Lee Cadrin
Kevin David Cullen, Jr.
Thomas Edward Curry
Adrienne Eileen D'Achilli
Thomas J. D'Elsa
Michael Charles Daub
Alicia Lynette Daniels
Anthony Di Paolo
Lisa Ann Dinino
James J. Dobson
Scott M. Doresos
Christina M. Duffner
Michael Charles Dugan
Raymond A. Dunn
Sherry Ellenweger

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Paul Dominick Fasciano
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Toby Ellen Fineman
Wayne Robert Finley
Daniel F. Fiorillo
Noelle Beth Fischer
Beth Claire Fishkind
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Jason Lawrence Fox
Ricki S. Friedman
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Vale H. Glaser
Susan Bernadette Glynn
Natalie Hope Goldenberg
Lydia Elizabeth Goldberg
Iris Pamela Golus
Tania Ann Gordon
Scott Warren Goodman
Jennifer Helene Goody
Jacqueline Gordon
Jonathan Eric Gordon
John Philip Graffeo
Laurel Jeanne Groveli
Michael B. Green
Aaron Robert Haimowitz
Kevin Maher Harrington
Megan D. Haney
Melissa D. Heilig
Shelly Heimann
Stephen Richard Hellman
Paul J. Higgins
Colleen Marie Hines
Ihor Paul Howansky
Blake Ian Indursky
Seth M. Kaplan
William Andrew Kastin
Elliott Raiselman
Shannon Elizabeth Kelleher
Bernadette Marie Kelly
James David Kiley
Heather Klein
Michael Herman Kneis
Samuel J. Koh
Jonathan Marc Kozak
Kristin Ann Kreuder
Marisa Revesz Kussoy
Maura Ellen Kye
Lambro Y. Lambrou
Liba N. Lasher-Grovenman
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David Patrick Lenio
Brian Jay Lester
David Gary Levinbook
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Deana Mingia-Love
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Margaret Peri Monteleone
Michael Joseph Monticello
Peter Salah Morgan
Richard Scott Meskowi
Gas Mounanos
Colleen Colette Mullane
Kathleen Cummings Muoio
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Sharmila G. Narain
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Elizabeth Mary Niemi
Nancy Elizabeth O'Brien
Marina O'Leary
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Gary Oberlander
Afshin Omrani
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Thomas Peter Panfallo
Cristina Paquette
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Michael Brent Weinstein
Seth David Weiss
Suzan Alyce Wellbrock
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Suzanne Harmon Ziskin
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