



Convocation

May 17, 2008



School of Law Convocation Program

Music	Potomac Brass Quintet
Academic Procession*	Graduates
Presentation of Colors	George Mason University United States Army ROTC
National Anthem	Potomac Brass Quintet
Welcome	Daniel D. Polsby <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>
Student Speakers	Gene Granger <i>President</i> Student Bar Association Pat Foltz <i>Day Class Speaker</i> B. Dell Chism <i>Evening Class Speaker</i>
Introduction of Faculty Speaker	Daniel D. Polsby <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>
Faculty Speaker Address	The Honorable Stanley P. Klein <i>Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Law</i>
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Daniel D. Polsby <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>
Guest Speaker Address	The Honorable Elizabeth B. Lacy
Special Recognition	Daniel D. Polsby <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>
Presentation of Diplomas	Daniel D. Polsby <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>
Closing Remarks	Daniel D. Polsby <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>
Recessional*	
Reception to Follow	

* Audience should remain seated.

Guest Speaker

The Honorable Elizabeth B. Lacy

Senior Justice, Supreme Court of Virginia

The Honorable Elizabeth B. Lacy became the first woman to serve on the bench of the Supreme Court of Virginia when she was appointed by former Virginia Governor Gerald L. Baliles in November 1988. She was confirmed in that position by the Virginia General Assembly, which conferred a second 12-year term in 2001. Justice Lacy retired from the Court, taking senior status, in August 2007. She is currently a member of the McCammon Group, a provider of dispute resolution services based in Richmond.

Prior to her tenure on Virginia's high court, Justice Lacy was appointed in 1985 by then-Governor Charles S. Robb to serve as a judge of the Virginia State Corporation Commission, where she was the first woman to serve in that role, as well. She also held the position of Virginia's Deputy Attorney General for Judicial Affairs, prosecuting consumer protection violations and overseeing state antitrust laws, state regulations, and conflict of interest statutes. In Texas earlier in her career, she worked in the Office of the Attorney General and for the Texas Legislative Council.

Justice Lacy is a graduate of Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame, Indiana; the University of Texas Law School; and the University of Virginia School of Law, where she earned an LLM in 1992. She was an adjunct professor of law at the University of Richmond from 1995–2003 and holds numerous honorary degrees. She is the recipient of many awards, including the Robert R. Merhige, Jr. Outstanding Achievement Award from the John Marshall American Inn of Court and the William Green Award from the University of Richmond School of Law. Most recently she was recipient of the Virginia Bar Association's Gerald L. Baliles Distinguished Service Award for exceptional service and contributions to the bar and the public at large. The Library of Virginia honored Justice Lacy by naming her as one of the eight Women in History for 2008.

In addition to teaching, lecturing, and presenting on wide-ranging legal matters, Justice Lacy has chaired many educational policy bodies, including the ABA's Council of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

Justice Lacy is married to D. Patrick Lacy, Jr., and resides in Richmond. She is the mother of four sons and grandmother of three children.

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Octo-finalist
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Octo-finalist
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The academic robes worn at American ceremonies today go back to the Middle Ages. In Medieval Europe, men and women typically wore gowns or robes that evolved to include different colors that signified various professions, trades, and religious orders. The oldest universities of northern Europe, such as Oxford or Paris, grew out of church schools, and both faculty and student were regarded in the Middle Ages as part of the clergy. Hence they wore clerical garb, largely borrowed from the monastic dress of the day, not merely on special occasions, but as their regular clothing. In the United States today, the American Council on Education Administration administers the Academic Costume Code, which provides guidelines for the wearing of academic robes.

In the Middle Ages, the level of elaborate decorations on their gowns could distinguish undergraduates, bachelors, and masters. The wide velvet borders extending down the front of the doctoral gown, as well as the velvet bars on the sleeves, are either black velvet, or are colored according to the scholarly field of the wearer.

The hood of the academic robe was originally designed as a utilitarian head cover worn in bad weather and otherwise dropped to the shoulders. Students and faculty alike initially wore the hood; but in the early sixteenth century, the hood was restricted to graduates, becoming the mark of a degree holder. Each college of study has a distinctive, color-lined hood by which graduates may be recognized in the academic procession. The length of the hood worn for the master's degree must be three and one-half feet, and for the doctor's degree, four feet. The hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring.

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