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## WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2019.

Graduates, we are extraordinarily proud of you and honored to share this memorable occasion with your families.

Since its inception, George Mason University's law school has delivered a distinctive and creative approach to legal education and scholarship. This commitment has resulted in our law school being ranked in the top-tier of American law schools for nineteen consecutive years.

We appreciate all the hard work of today's graduates, including your effort and commitment to our core tenet of **"LEARN. CHALLENGE. LEAD."** By learning the law from some of the best scholars in America (LEARN), interacting and engaging with intellectual vigor (CHALLENGE), and taking prominent roles (LEAD) as you depart law school, you are well-prepared to have a fulfilling and successful career.

Graduates, no matter where your legal career takes you, I hope you will stay connected with Mason's Scalia Law. Please become engaged with our strong and active alumni network. Return for our annual picnic in November. Most importantly, please give back by mentoring and hiring our students! Your support is vital as we continue on our mission to move "Onward and Upward."

Congratulations to you and your family on this tremendous achievement.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in yellow ink, reading "H N Butler".

**Henry N. Butler**

Dean and George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law  
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## MUSIC

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## ACADEMIC PROCESSION\*

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

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Retired Lieutenant General, U.S. Army

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

## CLOSING REMARKS

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## RECESSIONAL\*

## RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

*\*Audience should remain seated.*

## CLAUDE M. (MICK) KICKLIGHTER

*RETIRED LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U.S. ARMY*

General Kicklighter has had a distinguished career serving his country. As an Army officer for over 35 years, he commanded every level from platoon through Army Division, capping his military career as commander of the United States Army Western Command; a position he held from 1989 until his retirement in 1991.

His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star Medal.

Following his retirement from the Army, General Kicklighter continued to serve his country for more than 17 years in senior civilian assignments. He was named the Inspector General of the Department of Defense in 2007.

In 2008, General Kicklighter was appointed Director and Principal Investigator of the Critical Infrastructure Protection Program at Mason Law.

As the director of the DoD Commemorations Office, he oversaw the Department's plans for the Vietnam War 50th Commemoration, including the presentation of the inaugural event on Memorial Day 2012.

General Kicklighter is an alumnus of Georgia Military College, Mercer University (where he served on the Board of Trustees from 2012 -2017), George Washington University, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.



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CHRISTINE C. FRIES | WHITNEY J. GREGORY

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## **Emerging Leader in Public Service Award**

KASEY J. CHAPMAN | JENICA KRAMER

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## **American Law Institute CLE Scholarship & Leadership Award**

GABRIELLA M. MAHAN

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## **Law School Community Service Award**

THOMAS CAULFIELD | JESSICA LEE HANNAH

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## **Law School Pro Bono Award**

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## **Marketplace of Ideas Award**

JOSEPH CONRAD | BENJAMIN JACOB NICHOLS | ERIN SLYCORD

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ANDRE ZANCANARO QUEIROZ

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## **Global Antitrust Institute Award for Outstanding Performance in Antitrust Law and Economics**

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LUCAS O'DONNELL

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## **Law School Teaching Excellence Award**

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2017 American Bar Association National  
Mediation Competition, Seventh Place  
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Regional Negotiation Competition, Fourth  
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2016 American Bar Association  
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2016 Intramural Negotiation  
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2016 Intramural Negotiation  
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2018 Emory Civil Rights & Liberties Moot Court Competition, Octo-finalist; 2017 First Year Class Intramural Competition, Quarter-finalist

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2019 American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Regional Semi-finalist, Best Brief; 2018 Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot Court Competition, Semi-finalist; 2017 First Year Class Intramural Competition, Quarter-finalist

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*Chair, Membership Committee, 2018-2019; Moot Court Board Volunteer Award, 2018*

2019 Charleston National Moot Court Competition; 2017 Upper Class Intramural Competition, Semi-finalist

## **JESSICA LEE HANNAH**

*Chair, Upper Class Competition Committee, 2018-2019*

2019 Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition; 2017 First Year Class Intramural Competition, Octo-finalist

## **RYAN JAMES MCDONALD**

*Chair, Judges Committee, 2018-2019; Nationals Team, 2017-2019*

2019 American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Regional Semi-finalist, Best Brief, Fourth Best Oralist; 2018 American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Regional Finalist, Third Best Oralist; 2018 Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot Court Competition, Semi-finalist, Second Place Respondent's Brief; 2017 Upper Class Intramural Competition, Champion; 2017 First Year Class Competition, Champion

## **TYLER J. PHELPS**

*Co-Chair, Global Antitrust Institute Competition Committee, 2018-2019*

2019 Frank A. Schreck Gaming Law Moot Court Competition

## **TRAVIS J. ROYER**

*Co-Chair, Global Antitrust Institute Competition Committee, 2018-2019*  
2019 Tulane Mardi Gras Sports Law Invitational, Octo-finalist

## **PATRICK ALLEN WALLACE**

*Chief Bailiff, 2018-2019*  
2018 Appellate Lawyers Association National Moot Court Competition, Quarter-finalist

## **GRADUATING MEMBERS**

### **RICHARD EWELL ARMSTRONG IV**

2019 William B. Spong Invitational Tournament; 2017 First Year Class Intramural Competition, Octo-finalist

### **KAYLA CARROWAY**

2018 Emory Civil Rights & Liberties Moot Court Competition, Octo-finalist

### **CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL CARTER**

2018 Appellate Lawyers Association National Moot Court Competition, Quarter-finalist

### **KASEY J. CHAPMAN**

2017 First Year Class Intramural Competition, Octo-finalist

### **KIERSEN M. COMMONS**

2019 Tulane Mardi Gras Sports Law Invitational, Octo-finalist, Third Best Oralist; 2017 Upper Class Intramural Competition, Semi-finalist

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## **KELLY E. DEIBLER**

*Nationals Team, 2018-2019*

2019 American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Regional Semi-finalist, Best Brief; 2018 Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot Court Competition, Semi-finalist, Second Place Respondent's Brief; 2017 Upper Class Intramural Competition, Champion; 2017 First Year Class Intramural Competition, Octo-finalist

## **ZACHARY A. FAYNE**

2019 Tulane Mardi Gras Sports Law Invitational, Octo-finalist

## **COURTNEY FISHER**

2019 Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition; 2017 Upper Class Intramural Competition, Quarter-finalist

## **CHRISTINE C. FRIES**

2018 Appellate Lawyers Association National Moot Court Competition

## **JAY S. KAPLAN**

2018 Appellate Lawyers Association National Moot Court Competition, Quarter-finalist

## **ZOË L. LENSING**

2017 Upper Class Competition, Semi-finalist; 2017 First Year Class Competition, Octo-finalist

## **JENICA KRAMER**

2019 Frank A. Schreck Gaming Law Moot Court Competition; 2017 Upper Class Intramural Competition, Finalist

## **KENNETH S. KUPER**

2019 Charleston National Moot Court Competition; 2017 First Year Class Intramural Competition, Semi-finalist

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2019 Frank A. Schreck Gaming Law Moot Court Competition; 2017 Upper Class Intramural Competition, Finalist

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2019 American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition, National Quarter-finalist; 2019 American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Regional Champion, Second Place Brief; 2018 Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot Court Competition

## **CHRISTOPHER J. MARCHESE**

2019 Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition

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## **JESSICA L. NEJBERGER**

2019 Charleston National Moot Court Competition

## **JESSICA NICHOLS**

2019 Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition, Octo-finalist; 2017 Upper Class Intramural Competition, Quarter-finalist; 2017 First Year Class Intramural Competition, Semi-finalist

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2019 American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition, National Quarter-finalist, 4th Best National Oralist; 2019 American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Regional Champion, Second Place Brief, Best Oralist; 2018 Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot Court Competition; 2017 First Year Class Intramural Competition, Finalist

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2018 Emory Civil Rights & Liberties Moot Court Competition, Octo-finalist

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2019 Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition

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2018 Appellate Lawyers Association National Moot Court Competition; 2017 First Year Class Intramural Competition, Octo-finalist

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2018 Appellate Lawyers Association National Moot Court Competition

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2018 Irving R. Kaufman Memorial Securities Law Moot Court Competition

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*Vice President of Events, 2017-2018; Deputy Events Coordinator, 2016-2017*

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*Honor Committee Chair, 2017-2018; First Year Representative, 2016-2017*

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*Travel Coordinator, 2017-2018*

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*Second Year Representative, 2017-2018*

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*Second Year Representative, 2017-2018*

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*Chair, 2018-2019*

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*President, 2018-2019*

2018 American Association of Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition, Semi-Finalist; 2017 Thatcher Intramural Mock Trial Competition, Quarter-finalist

**KAYLA CARROWAY**

*Vice President, 2018-2019*

2019 National Trial Competition, Semi-Finalist; 2018 National Trial Competition; 2018 American Bar Association Labor & Employment Law Competition, Finalist; 2017 Golden Gate University In Vino Veritas Mock Trial Competition, Quarter-finalist; 2017 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial Competition, Finalist

**ZACHARY A. FAYNE**

*Vice President of Extramurals, 2018-2019*

2018 American Association of Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition; 2017 Golden Gate University In Vino Veritas Mock Trial Competition, Quarter-finalist; 2017 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial Competition, Champion

**JENICA KRAMER**

*Vice President of Costello Competition, 2018-2019*

2018 American Bar Association Labor & Employment Law Competition, Finalist; 2017 Pittsburgh Mock Trial Competition; 2017 Georgetown White Collar Crime Mock Trial Invitational; 2017 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial Competition

**NICOLE OGECHUKWU EZEH**

*Vice President of Thacher Competition, 2018-2019*

2017 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial Competition

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*Vice President of Events, 2018-2019*

2018 American Bar Association Labor & Employment Law Competition, Finalist; 2018 American Association of Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition, Semi-finalist

**ALYSSA VALLAR**

*Vice President of Advocacy Skills, 2018-2019*

2019 National Trial Competition; 2018 National Trial Competition; 2017 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial Competition, Quarter-finalist

**KENNETH S. KUPER**

*Vice President of Jurors, 2018-2019*

2017 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial Competition, Semi-finalist

**LINDSEY ILENE DAVIS**

*Vice President of Witnesses, 2018-2019*

2019 American Association of Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition; 2018 Golden Gate University In Vino Veritas Mock Trial Competition; 2017 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial Competition, Semi-finalist

**CHANDRA SHEPPARD**

*Vice President of Problem Writing, 2018-2019*

2017 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial Competition, Semi-finalist

**ADAM MICHAEL COLLINS**

*Vice Chair of Costello Competition, 2018-2019*

2018 National Trial Competition

**CHRISTINE ANNE BONDI**

*Vice Chair of Thacher Competition, 2018-2019*

2019 National Trial Competition, Semi-finalist; 2018 Quinnipiac Trial Advocacy Competition, Champion; 2018 National Trial Competition

## **GRADUATING MEMBERS**

### **JULIA ANNE BONESTROO BANEGAS**

2017 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial Competition, Quarter-finalist

### **IAN FALCON BECKELMAN**

2017 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial Competition

### **THOMAS CAULFIELD**

2018 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial Competition, Finalist

### **KIERSEN M. COMMONS**

2017 Golden Gate University In Vino Veritas Mock Trial Competition, Best Direct Examination Award, Quarter-finalist; 2017 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial Competition, Champion, Best Oral Advocate

### **THERESA DALMUT SMALL**

2017 Queens County District Attorney's Annual Mock Trial Competition

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2017 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial Competition

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2018 National Trial Competition; 2017 American Bar Association Labor & Employment Law Competition; 2017 National Trial Competition; 2016 Golden Gate University In Vino Veritas Mock Trial Competition; 2016 Phi Alpha Delta Mock Trial Competition; 2016 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial Competition, Champion



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2019 National Trial Competition, Semi-finalist;  
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2016 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial  
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2017 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial  
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2017 Thacher Intramural Mock Trial  
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# THE BACKGROUND OF THE ACADEMIC ROBE

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.

In today's ceremony, you will see Juris Doctor and Master of Laws graduates wearing the doctoral robe with velvet cap and tassel. Each of the graduates will be wearing a purple hood lined with green, signifying education in the area of law at George Mason.



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