

The One Hundred
and Fifty-Sixth
Commencement of
Drake University
Law School

Saturday Evening at Seven O'clock
May Eighteenth, Two Thousand Twenty-Four

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Program

MAY EIGHTEENTH, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR, SEVEN O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL	Drake Brass Quintet
WELCOME	Jerry L. Anderson Dean, Drake Law School
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Melissa Vine, 3L
REMARKS	Marty Martin President, Drake University Chantry Noel President, Student Bar Association 2023–2024
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Anthony J. Gaughan, Kern Family Chair in Law and Professor of Law
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES	Dean Anderson
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND ACADEMIC HOODS	President Martin Sue J. Mattison, Provost Dean Anderson John D. Edwards, Associate Dean
ALUMNI WELCOME	Elizabeth Coonan, LW '02 President, Law School Board of Counselors
CONCLUDING REMARKS	Dean Anderson
DRAKE ALMA MATER	Melissa Vine, 3L
ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL	Drake Brass Quintet

Anthony Gaughan

Anthony Gaughan is a Professor of Law and the Kern Family Chair in Law at Drake University Law School. He teaches Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Election Law, and Legal & Constitutional History. Prior to joining Drake Law in 2011, he was a litigator with the Wisconsin law firm of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.

Professor Gaughan is also an Iraq War veteran and former U.S. Navy officer. He earned his B.A. from the University of Minnesota, M.A. from Louisiana State University, Ph.D. in history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and J.D. from Harvard Law School.

He is author of the book, *The Last Battle of the Civil War: United States versus Lee, 1861-1883* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2011), a legal history of the Supreme Court's famous Arlington National Cemetery case. He has published articles with a wide range of journals, including the Journal of Supreme Court History; the Duke Journal of Constitutional Law and Public Policy; the Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy; the American Journal of Legal History; the British Journal of American Legal Studies; the Ohio State Law Journal; the Fordham Law Review; and the American University Law Review, among many others. He was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal for his military service in Iraq. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute.

MARSHALS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Miguel Schor

Class of 1977 Distinguished Scholar and Professor of Law
2024 Leland Stanford Forrest Outstanding Professor Award Recipient

Kayla Hruska

President, Student Bar Association 2024-2025

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Candidates Presented by Dean Jerry L. Anderson

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Christine Baber
Nicholas Battaglia
Emily K. Bell
Braden Bennett
Kaleigh Blinn
Jasmina Boever
Matt Braun
Carter Brown
Jillian J. Brown
Allison Carson
Rebecca Coleman
Michael Comito – Joint Degree MBA
Mackinzie M. Daughton
Cooper Doerrfeld
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Clayton Sean Elwell
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Madalyn Elizabeth Grask
Conner Greene
Elizabeth Gutsch
J.T. Harris
Danielle Elizabeth Havel
Regan Elizabeth Hodina
Steven Holkesvik
Nicholas Holmes
Collin M. Jacobsen
Avery Jenks
Madison M. Jones
David Kacmarynski
Justin Kaltmayer
Meara Kearney
Grace K. Kendrick
Daniel Keough – Joint Degree MBA
Payton C. Kitterman
Natalie E. Klusman – Joint Degree MBA
Nicole K. Lancaster – Joint Degree MBA
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Reid David Leidigh
Jonathan Gail Lewis
Natalie Massey
Anna Renee Mattern

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Riley Schoen
Jacob Schrader
Edin Sehic
Michael Sharp
Natalie Elizabeth Shroyer
Austin S. Slobodzian
Morgan Smith
Claire Rachelle Solsma
Riley Kay Sternhagen
Wilson Sullivan
Emma Suzanne Terrell
Taylor J. Thomas
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Ben Wolf
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MASTER OF JURISPRUDENCE

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Jana K. Hirth

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Debbie Steenhoek

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Kseniya Kazachynska

LL.M., *Individualized Legal Studies*

**THE FOLLOWING 2023–2024 LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES PARTICIPATED IN THE DECEMBER 16, 2023
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* The degree may be conferred with "Highest Honors" upon a student who graduates in the top 10 of their graduating class, with "High Honors" upon a student whose final cumulative grade point average is 3.5 or above, but is not included in the top 10, and with "Honors" upon a student whose final cumulative grade point average is 3.25 to 3.49. A degree may be conferred "with honors" upon a student only if that student's final cumulative grade point average places him or her in the top 40 percent of his or her class. The honors designations in the program are based upon grades earned through the Fall 2023 semester, without regard to the top 40 percent requirement and are subject to change based upon grades earned thereafter. This commencement program, therefore, does not constitute an official list of confirmed graduates or confirmed academic honors for the May 18, 2024, commencement at Drake University. Participation in the commencement ceremony does not signify that degrees and academic honors have been awarded unless all pertinent academic requirements have been met.

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Professor 1971-1994
Emeritus 1994-2023

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Drake University and the Law School gratefully acknowledge the Law School Endowment Trust for its financial support of the Law School Commencement.

A reception will be held immediately following the Commencement Ceremony at the Courtside Club in Shivers Practice Facility. Refreshments will be provided. The graduates, their families and friends, alumni, faculty, staff, and other law students are cordially invited to attend the reception.