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*SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND  
SCHOOL OF LAW*



*COMMENCEMENT*

*June 7, 1997*

## MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES

On this your graduation day, on behalf of the trustees, the faculty, staff and the entire Southern New England "community," let me express how very proud we are of you and all that you have accomplished during your years with us.

It was during your years at the School that we received our accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. This was an accomplishment in which your class played a significant role. It was a notable achievement for our fledgling institution and one which holds deep meaning, substantively as well as "symbolically," hopefully, as a portent of further accreditations to come. Beyond this, you have contributed immeasurably to the progress of this school, burnished our growing "traditions," and enhanced our reputation in ways both large and small. Most of all, as a class and individually, each of you in your own unique ways has consistently demonstrated those small acts of great love - the "unremembered acts of kindness" that both hold our Law School world together and make life worthwhile.

No one can turn a blind eye to the reality that you leave the School and enter the legal profession at a time when the cry of the critic and the cynic is heard in the land. It is a time when the public image of the profession is under attack on many sides. But knowing your character, commitment and dedication, we are confident that your lives and careers will uphold the highest traditions of our profession - and rebut the shrill cries of the doubters.

As Anthony Lewis, our Commencement Speaker, has eloquently reminded us on many occasions, the law and the legal profession have been uniquely central to the life of this country and its people. He has presciently observed "that the United States would not have survived as a nation - a continental country, divided by region and race, ethnic origin and economic interests - if it were not for the unifying and uplifting influence of the law." In these days when people all too frequently turn to violence instead of the rule of law, it is especially important to remember this.

On this graduation day, there are many tasks on the agenda of the legal profession. But, in the largest sense, all may be subsumed under concern for the dignity of humanity. This is an issue that you will address in some fashion every day that you practice your profession. Your treatment of this concern will reveal who you are as individuals and the depth of your collective character as a class. This will be both your burden and your privilege.

And so, on this very special day, we bid you welcome to a wonderful profession. What the notable Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes said earlier in this century is just as true today: "It is possible to live greatly in the law." I am confident your lives will turn "possibility" to reality in the years which lie ahead.

Francis J. Larkin  
Dean

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

## Processional

Pomp & Circumstance No. 1

Sir Edward Elgar

## Invocation

The Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Newbold

Class of 1989

Southern New England School of Law

## National Anthem

The New England Brass Guild

## Welcoming Address

Hon. William A. Dimitri, Jr.

Chairman, Board of Trustees

## Greetings from the City of New Bedford

Mayor Rosemary S. Tierney '96 (Hon.)

## Remarks from the Dean

Hon. Francis J. Larkin

## Musical Interlude

## Student Bar Association Address

Ronald Crawford

Class of 1997

SBA President

## Student Address

Michael Sousa

Class of 1997

## Awarding of Honorary Degrees and the Reading of the Citations

Hon. Margaret H. Marshall

Associate Justice

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

Anthony Lewis

Columnist, *The New York Times*

# COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Anthony Lewis

## Musical Interlude

## Awards

Outstanding Alumnus Award

Student Awards

Outstanding Professor Award

Amicus Award

## Special Presentation To

Hon. Margaret H. Marshall

The LAW - Legal Association of Women

Southern New England School of Law

## Conferral of Earned Degrees

Hon. William A. Dimitri, Jr.

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Dean Francis J. Larkin

## In Memoriam

Michael Betts (1953-1997)

Class of 1996

## Benediction

Reverend Jon Helm

International Church of the Nazarene

New Bedford

## Recessional

A reception for the Graduates, Honorary Degree Recipients,

Board of Trustees, Faculty, Family, and Friends

will be held immediately following the

Commencement Exercises at the

Southern New England School of Law

333 Faunce Corner Road

North Dartmouth, Massachusetts

## DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Degree Conferred June 5, 1997

Collins L. M. Akukwe\*\*

Stefanie S. Baker \*\*

Lisa Blackburn-Stiteler

Paula Janet Mathieu Chausse \*\* *cum laude*

Marc D. Cohen\*

James Jerome Coogan, Jr.\*\*

Richard A. Corbi

James Earl Craig

Ronald Richard Crawford

Lisa Jeanne Demakis\*\* *cum laude*

Michael Francis Doherty \*\*

Anne Walsh Folino \*\*

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Kathleen M. Kelley \*\*

David A. Kiernan \*\*

F. Tenney Lantz

Paul C. Lee, MD\*

Catherine Smith Loranger \*\*

Carolyn Gormley Martin \*\*

Jon Jay Marzetta\*\*

\*Degree conferred September 16, 1996

\*\*Degree conferred January 6, 1997



## DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Degree Conferred June 5, 1997

Bartholomew C. Mingola, Jr.\*

Allison A. Moroz \*\*

Anne R. Murphy *cum laude*

Paul John Murphy

Terrance Paul O'Connell

Roger Jorge Oliviera \*\*

Ronald P. Olson

Linda R. Perry \*\*

Edward Thomas Pettine

Carl A. Picerno, Jr.

Bonita R. Porter

Vincent P. Pusateri II *cum laude*

Donald Ernest Reilly

David S. Reservitz \*\*

Adam Shawn Roberts

Joseph E. Rondeau \*\*

Marc David Schulze \*\*

Ramon Anthony Senices, Jr.

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Kirsten A. Zwicker

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## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Hon. Margaret H. Marshall  
Associate Justice  
Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts

The Honorable Margaret H. Marshall was appointed an Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court by Governor William F. Weld in 1996. Prior to her judicial appointment, Justice Marshall was Vice President and General Counsel of Harvard University from 1992 to 1996. She received a J.D. in 1976 from Yale Law School, having studied at both Yale and Harvard Law Schools.

A native of South Africa, Justice Marshall graduated from Witwatersrand University in Johannesburg in 1966. She was elected in 1966 as President of the National Union of South African Students, an anti-apartheid organization of 20,000 members. In 1968, she emigrated to the United States to pursue her graduate education and became a U.S. citizen in 1978.

Justice Marshall has been active in many bar association and professional activities and is a member of the boards of several charitable, educational, and civic organizations. In 1991, she was elected the President of the Boston Bar Association. She is a Life Fellow and former State Chair of the American Bar Foundation and a member of the American Law Institute.

In 1994, Justice Marshall was awarded the American Bar Association's Margaret Bent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award. She also received the prestigious Louis D. Brandeis Award from the American Jewish Congress in 1994.

A resident of Cambridge, Justice Marshall is married to *The New York Times* columnist and author Anthony Lewis.

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

### Anthony Lewis

Anthony Lewis has been a columnist for *The New York Times* since 1969. He has twice won the Pulitzer Prize.

Born in New York City, he attended the Horace Mann School in New York and Harvard College, receiving a B.A. in 1948.

In 1955, as a reporter for the *Washington Daily News*, Mr. Lewis won his first Pulitzer Prize for "national reporting" for a series of articles on the flawed dismissal of a Navy employee as a security risk. The articles led to the employee's reinstatement. In that same year he joined the Washington Bureau of *The New York Times*. In 1956-57, as a Nieman Fellow, he spent the academic year studying at Harvard Law School. On his return to Washington, he covered the Supreme Court, the Justice Department and other legal matters, including the Government's handling of the civil rights movement. He won a second Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the Supreme Court in 1963.

He is the author of three books: *Gideon's Trumpet*, about a landmark Supreme Court case; *Portrait of a Decade*, about the great changes in American race relations; and *Make No Law: The Sullivan Case and the First Amendment*.

A resident of Cambridge, Anthony Lewis is married to the Honorable Margaret H. Marshall, Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.