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***Southern New England  
School of Law***



***Commencement***

***Saturday,  
May 28, 2005  
11:00 a.m.  
North Dartmouth, Massachusetts***



## **Processional**

*Pomp & Circumstance No. 1*  
*Sir Edward Elgar*  
*The New England Brass-Guild*

## **Invocation**

*The Reverend Dr. Edward R. Dufresne*

## **National Anthem**

## **Welcoming Remarks**

*Margaret D. Xifaras, Esq.*  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*

## **Student Address**

*Richard Scott Warmington cum laude*  
*Class of 2005*  
*Valedictorian*

## **Awarding of the Honorary Degrees and the Reading of the Citation**

Honorable Charles R. Johnson

Lonnie A. Powers

## **Commencement Address**

Dr. Jean F. MacCormack

## **Awards**

*Presenter—Dean Robert V. Ward, Jr.*

### **Academic Achievement Award**

*Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average in the Course of Study*

*Jean M. Rummel, cum laude*  
*Catherine M. Gallagher, cum laude*  
*Richard Scott Warmington, cum laude*  
*Peter A. Saulino, cum laude*

### **Dean's Service Award**

*Dedication and Service to Fellow Students and the Law School*

*Charles E. Green, Jr.*  
*Ryan L. Benharris*  
*Catherine M. Gallagher*

### **Rikki J. Klieman, Esq. Advocacy in Scholarship Award**

*Tracy E. Shaughnessy*

### **Student Bar Association**

**Hon. Francis J. Larkin**

**Amicus Awards**

**Presented to**

*Clay R. Forney*  
*Patrick R. Gamelin*

### **West Group Outstanding Achievement Awards**

*For Academic Excellence*

*Jean M. Rummel, cum laude*  
*Brenda Golden Hallisey*  
*Richard Scott Warmington, cum laude*  
*Peter A. Saulino, cum laude*

### **Adam Pauley Prize**

*Jean M. Rummel, cum laude*

### **St. Thomas More Award**

*John W. Duncan*

### **Thurgood Marshall Social Justice Award**

Ayanti E. Grant

### **Immigration Clinic Award**

Jeannine T. Quijije

### **Conferral of Earned Degrees**

*Robert V. Ward, Jr., Dean*  
*Margaret D. Xifaras, Chair*  
*Board of Trustees*

### **Degree Candidates**

**Aisha Ali \*\***  
**Jose Luis Altamirano**  
**Ryan L. Benharris**  
**Gary Biassou**  
**Juliana Teresa Biega \*\***  
**William DeAlton Brown**  
**Courtney Brooke Cashion**  
**Brittany Sarah Cates**  
**Albert Chang ♦**  
**Zygmunt Paul Choroszy, Jr.**  
**Christopher C. Cramer**  
**Airton Dornelles Da Paixao ♦**  
**John Wesley Duncan**  
**David W. Eldredge**  
**Clay Reetina Forney**  
**Catherine M. Gallagher, cum laude**  
**Patrick Rene Gamelin**  
**Brenda Golden Hallisey ♦\***  
**Ayanti Elizabeth Grant**  
**Charles E. Green, Jr.**  
**Seesa-Kai Monika Harris-Ellison**  
**Jernita Romaine Hines**  
**Michael Francis Jones**  
**Dennis James Kokenos**  
**Frank Colin Krauss ♦**  
**Gina M. Lupachini ♦**  
**Dennis P. Lydon**  
**Julie A. Lynch**

**Iris Milagros Miller**  
**Volf Peterson Moreau**  
**Bich Thi Nguyen**  
**Theresa Rose Nickols**  
**Lori J. O'Brien-Foeri**  
**Glenn P. Pearson**  
**Ellen M. Peoples**  
**Donna Maria Querim**  
**Jeannine Teresita Quijije**  
**Gregory James Quilty**  
**Valquiria Castiglione Ribeiro**  
**Lauren Ann Roberts**  
**Jean McCaig Rummel, cum laude ♦\***  
**Peter Alphonse Saulino, cum laude**  
**Michael Gerard Shaughnessy**  
**Tracy Elizabeth Shaughnessy**  
**Sathaphone Sitthivong**  
**Tamara Isabelle Johnson-Smith**  
**Wilnick Thenor**  
**Keith V. Trantolo**  
**Richard Scott Warmington, cum laude**  
**William White \*\***  
**Lauren Heather Zises**

Degree conferred May 28, 2005  
 ♦Degree conferred on December 23, 2004

\*Member of the Massachusetts Bar  
 \*\*subject to completion of requirements

This program contains the names of candidates for graduation at this Commencement. Certification is subject to the completion of the requirements

### **Benediction**

*The Reverend Dr. Edward R. Dufresne*

### **Recessional**

*A reception for the Graduates, Honorary Degree Recipients, Board of Trustees, Faculty, Family and Friends will be held immediately following the Commencement Exercises.*

### **Commencement Speaker**

**Dr. Jean F. MacCormack**  
**Chancellor**

**University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth**

Dr. MacCormack was named Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth on February 7, 2001 after having served as Interim Chancellor since September 1, 1999. Since her arrival at the UMASS Dartmouth campus, the number of students has grown from 6,900 to 8,300 and is poised to grow to 10,000 in the next five years. She has been a strong proponent of the University's mission in promoting educational access to the surrounding communities of southeastern Massachusetts.

Dr. MacCormack has more than 20 years of experience in educational administration at the secondary and higher education levels. She is highly regarded as an innovative and strategic manager whose leadership helped the UMASS Boston campus flourish despite serious financial constraints. As Director for the Institute for Learning and Teaching at UMass Boston in 1980, she led the expansion and development of the University's K-12 outreach programs and she was instrumental in the establishment of the Title II science teacher program "Harbor Explorations."

In 1982, Dr. MacCormack became Associate Dean and Acting Dean of the Graduate College of Education, established when Boston State College merged with UMASS Boston. She played a significant role in shaping the new college and its programs. Dr. MacCormack joined UMASS Dartmouth after serving as interim chancellor as well as Deputy Chancellor for Administration and Finance at UMASS Boston from 1988 to 1999.

Dr. MacCormack earned a bachelor's degree in literature and fine arts from Emmanuel College and a master's and doctorate from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

### **Honorable Charles R. Johnson**

**Chief Justice of the Boston Municipal Court Department**

**Honorary Degree Recipient**

The Honorable Charles R. Johnson is the Chief Justice of the Boston Municipal Court and all District Courts in Boston. He was appointed by Governor Michael Dukakis and has served in this capacity since 1984. In addition to his judicial duties, he supervises the performance of 30 judges and oversees the administration of 8 trial courts within Suffolk County. Chief Justice Johnson has accepted assignments in the Superior and District Court Departments where he has presided over a range of trial matters, including medical and legal malpractice, libel and slander, age and employment discrimination. The Boston Municipal Court has jurisdiction over most criminal offenses not requiring the imposition of a prison sentence. The Municipal Court has original jurisdiction over serious felonies concurrent with the Superior Court of Massachusetts and civil jurisdiction over contracts and torts actions.

Chief Justice Johnson is a graduate of Harvard Law School class of 1975 and he received his S.B. degree from Tuskegee Institute in 1971. Previously, he worked for the law firm of Kendall & Johnson in Roxbury, Massachusetts. He was on the staff of the Roxbury Defenders, one of the preeminent public defender offices in the Commonwealth. Chief Justice Johnson practiced law in greater Boston in the areas of public and private criminal and civil litigation until his appointment in 1984 as Chief Justice. He also serves on numerous judicial committees and he regularly speaks at schools, clubs and youth organizations encouraging young people to stay in school.

**Lonnie A. Powers**  
**Executive Director**  
**Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation**  
**Honorary Degree Recipient**

Lonnie A. Powers is the nationally recognized director of the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation. This statewide, non-profit organization provides funding and support to civil legal services programs at the state and national level. Mr. Powers career for the last twenty-six years has been devoted to establishing, building, sustaining and revitalizing legal services organizations through his leadership and vision. He is a leader in promoting and encouraging cultural and racial diversity in legal services nationally.

Mr. Powers created the Equal Justice Coalition, a collaboration between bar associations, business, legal, religious and social service leaders to support increased funding for civil legal services resulting in a twenty-five percent increase in funding for FY2001. To increase efficiency and effectiveness among and between legal services programs, he led the successful effort to establish uniform technology standards for and to create an intranet linking the twenty-two programs in the Commonwealth.

His prior professional experience includes Director, Southeast Training Center, Executive Director, Legal Services of Arkansas and working for the Office of the Attorney General of Arkansas in the capacity of Assistant Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General and Special Assistant Attorney General.

Lonnie A. Powers is a graduate of the LL.M program from the National Law Center of George Washington University in 1979. He received his J.D. from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 1970 and a political science degree from the University of Arkansas in 1965.

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### Commencement Marshal

*Dwight G. Duncan, Professor of Law*

### Commencement Herald

*Michael G. Hillinger, Professor of Law*

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*Commencement Speaker*  
*M. Ellen Carpenter, Esq.*

M. ELLEN CARPENTER, Esq. is a founding member of the Boston law firm of Roach & Carpenter, PC. She practices in the areas of business litigation, bankruptcy and creditors' rights. Prior to founding the firm, Ms. Carpenter was a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. and an assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. v

Ms. Carpenter was a member of the steering committee of the Boston Bar Association's bankruptcy law section, and served as the vice president of the BBA prior to beginning a one year term as President of the 9,500 member Boston Bar Association (BBA) on September 1, 2004. With a practice representing creditors, she is believed to be the first bankruptcy lawyer in the 243 year history of the BBA to serve as President. A former Assistant U.S. Attorney, she is also the first President in 17 years to come from a small firm.

Ms. Carpenter was elected a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy in 2002. In 2001, Ms. Carpenter was appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court to the Board of Bar Overseers of the Commonwealth, and was appointed its Chair in January 2003. Ms. Carpenter served as the special hearing officer for the Board of Bar Overseers in the case against attorneys Kevin Curry, Gary Crossen and Richard Donahue.

A cum laude graduate of the University of Vermont, Ms. Carpenter received her law degree from Notre Dame Law School. She is a frequent lecturer on trial advocacy, commercial litigation and bankruptcy.

