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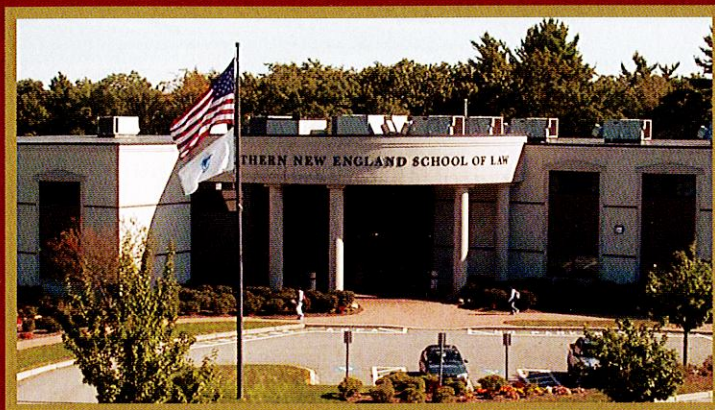
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***Saturday,
May 29, 2010
11:00 a.m.***

North Dartmouth, Massachusetts



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

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Processional

Pomp & Circumstance No. 1
Sir Edward Elgar
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Invocation

The Reverend Dr. Edward R. Dufresne

National Anthem

Welcoming Remarks

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Student Address

Christopher V. Davis, Esq., cum laude

Class of 2010
Valedictorian

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

Presenter

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Honorary Degree Recipient

Charles J. Ogletree
Jesse Climenko Professor of Law
Harvard Law School

Presenter
Joseph D. Feaster, Jr., Esq.

Honorary Degree Recipient

*Honorable Joan M. Menard
State Senator, First Bristol and Plymouth County
Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

*Presenter
Margaret D. Xifaras, Esq.
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*Margaret D. Xifaras, Esq.
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*Presenter
Robert V. Ward, Jr., Dean*

Honorary Degree Recipient

*Honorable Paul Reville
Secretary of Education
Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

*Presenter
Francis J. Lynch III, Esq.*

Commencement Address

*Honorable Paul Reville
Secretary of Education
Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

Awards

*Presenter
Dean Robert V. Ward, Jr.*

Academic Achievement Award

*Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average in the Course of Study

Christopher V. Davis, Esq., cum laude
Joel S. Avila, cum laude*

Dean’s Service Award

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

Michelle Anne Keith, Esq.*

Student Bar Association Amicus Award

*Honorable Francis J. Larkin Amicus Award

Michelle Anne Keith, Esq.*

Thurgood Marshall Social Justice Award

Wanda Priscilla Ortiz

St. Thomas More Award

Michael F. Rush

Rikki J. Klieman, Esq. Advocacy in Scholarship Award

Amy– Jo Kocher Sluszk

Adam Pauley Memorial Prize

Bledar Gora

Dean’s Pro Bono Tutors

*Recognition for Pro Bono Service

Clinton R. Black
Kathleen Lemieux Borges
Mark F. Byron
Amy-Jo Kocher Sluszk
Erin Elizabeth Leary
Stephanie L. Moran*

Ambassador Alumni Award

“An individual who has helped to serve as a good will ambassador for SNESL as evidenced by a combination of: (i) scholastic achievement; (ii) participation in law school extracurricular activities; and (iii) active involvement with community service projects or initiatives that have benefited and demonstrated dedication and good will towards SNESL and the overall community; (iv) furthermore, the nominee must be an individual in whom alumni, students, faculty and staff of the Southern New England School of Law will take pride and be inspired by his or her recognition.”

Presenter

Thomas J. Cleary, Esq., '07

Michelle Anne Keith, Esq.

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Certificates are given to the editors of the Roundtable Symposium Law Review, acknowledging their participation and membership on the review.

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Conferral of Earned Degrees

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Aaisha Afroz

Kati McCormack Amarantes

Joel S. Avila, cum laude

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Shelagh Ann Swanberry
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Jake R. Thibault
Obinna I. Uzomah *
Lauren M. Van Iderstine
Tram Mai Vu
Kenneth Francis Walsh

Degree conferred May 25, 2010

♦ Degree conferred on January 5, 2010

♦♦ Degree granted August 24, 2009

* Subject to completion of requirements

Honorary Degree Recipients

Honorable Paul Reville

Paul Reville directs the Executive Office of Education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts since his appointment by Governor Deval Patrick in July of 2009. He oversees three departments: the Department of Early Education and Care, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Higher Education. He serves as the first Secretary of Education in Massachusetts since 1996. Prior to his appointment, Secretary Reville was the Chairman of the Massachusetts State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. He also served on Governor Patrick’s Transition Team and was the chair of the Governor’s Pre-K through 12 Task Force on Governance.

Among his many accomplishments, Secretary Reville has been president of the Rennie Center for Education Research and Policy, a former executive director of the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education, from 1991-96 and was a member of the Massachusetts State Board of Education. Secretary Reville is the former educational director of the Pew Forum on Standard-Based Reform and was the founding executive director of the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education (MBAE).

From 1996-2002, he chaired the Massachusetts Educational Reform Review Commission and the Massachusetts Commission on Time and Learning in addition to chairing the Massachusetts Education Reform Review Commission from 1994-95.

The founding executive director of the Alliance for Education, Secretary Reville served the Central and Worcester Massachusetts area with this multi-service educational improvement organization. He was a principal, education director and teacher for two alternative secondary schools. Serving on numerous boards and advisory committees, Secretary Reville is also a frequent writer and speaker on school reform and educational policy issues. He is the author of *A Decade of Urban School Reform: Persistence and Progress in the Boston Public Schools*.

Secretary Reville is a graduate of Colorado College and holds a Master’s degree in education from Stanford University. He is also a public school parent and has 4 children and 2 step children. He resides in Worcester.

Professor Charles J. Ogletree

Charles J. Olgetree is Harvard Law School ‘s Jesse Climenko Professor of Law and Director of the Criminal Justice Institute. He serves as Director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice as well as Director of the Trial Advocacy Workshop for Harvard Law School. Professor Olgetree is a prominent legal theorist with an international reputation in the field of equal rights under the law. He serves as an advisor to President Barack Obama.

In 1991, he served as legal counsel to Professor Anita Hill during the Senate Confirmation hearings for then United States Supreme Court Justice nominee, Clarence Thomas. His reflections of those experiences are included in a chapter entitled, *The People vs. Anita Hill: The Case for Client-Centered Advocacy* from the book, *Race, Gender, and Power in America: The Legacy of the Hill-Thomas Hearings*.

In 2000, Professor Olgetree was selected by the *National Law Journal* as one of the *100 Most Influential Lawyers in America* and in 2003, *Savoy Magazine* listed him among one of the *100 Most Influential Blacks in America*. He served as moderator for four of news producer Fred Friendly’s 10 part-series, *Ethics in America* on PBS in addition to appearing as guest commentator for such programs as *Nightline*, *McNeill-Lehrer News Hour*, *This Week with David Brinkley*, *Crossfire* and

Honorary Degree Recipients Continued

Professor Charles J. Ogletree, Con't:

many other programs. In addition to his media appearances, Professor Ogletree has published numerous articles and has been recipient of many prestigious awards.

Professor Ogletree is the author of *All Deliberate Speed: Reflections on the First Half-Century of Brown v. Board of Education* published in 2004 and co-authored the book *Beyond the Rodney King Story: An Investigation of the Police Conduct in Minority Communities* published in 1994. His latest book, *The Presumption of Guilt: The Arrest of Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Race, Class and Crime in America* will be released in June of 2010. The book is an informative account of the events of the day when Harvard Law Professor Henry Louis Gates was arrested at his home by Cambridge police and recounts how the media attention escalated into a nationwide debate on racial profiling.

Professor Ogletree serves as Co-Chair of the Reparations Coordinating Committee, which is researching with several lawyers and experts in the field, a lawsuit based on claims of reparations for descendents of African slaves.

Professor Ogletree earned an B.A. (with distinction) and M.A. in Political Science from Stanford University and was Phi Beta Kappa. He also holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School where he serves as Special Projects Editor for the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review.

He resides in Cambridge with his wife (and fellow Stanford graduate) since 1975. They are the proud parents of two children.

Honorable Joan M. Menard

Joan M. Menard serves as the state senator for the 1st Bristol and Plymouth district of Massachusetts. Recently, she has announced her retirement after over 30 years in the political arena.

Previous to becoming a legislator, Senator Menard was a teacher, administrator and director of Special Education for the Somerset School system. Since 1978, she has been actively representing the first Bristol and Plymouth district first as Representative and then as Senator. The first Bristol district include Fall River, Freetown, Somerset, Swansea and Westport and the Plymouth district includes Lakeville and Rochester.

Over the course of her tenure, Senator Menard has held many positions in the Democratic Party including Senate Majority Whip, Chair of the Massachusetts Democratic Committee and Assistant Majority leader. She has also been the Democratic State Committee Chair since 1993. Active on many local and state boards, she has served on the board for the League of Women Voters, Steppingstone, Southeastern Massachusetts Labor Center Advisory Board and the New England Board of Higher Education..

She has long been an advocate for Southern New England School of Law. She has supported the law school's bid to become part of UMASS Dartmouth for many years.

Senator Menard is a graduate of Bridgewater State College with a B.S. degree and a M.Ed from Boston University. In addition to these degrees, she holds an advanced graduate studies certificate from Boston College's doctoral program. She currently resides in Somerset with her husband and she has two children.

Faculty

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