

# Class of 2005 Commencement

Graduation is always a special time as it brings friends and family together at a time of great celebration. This year's Georgia Law commencement was no different. Approximately 200 students received their Juris Doctors and 11 Master of Laws candidates were recognized.



◀ Sonali Garg gets help with her graduation hood from second-year law student Mary Rae Phelps.



◀ Legacy Chair Tracy Rhodes proudly helps Law School Association President Jim Ellington (J.D. '87) hold a sign boasting the 85% participation rate, the highest ever, in the class gift. Together, the Class of 2005 pledged a total of \$15,000. Photo courtesy of The Picture Man.

Daniel and Katie White wave ▶ to their infant daughter and family prior to the ceremony.



Athens-Clarke County ▶ Sheriff Ira Edwards (l.) draws his saber in preparation to lead the graduation procession while School of Law Marshal Marc Galvin listens intently for the musical cue to start the march. Photograph by Paul Efland.



◀ Eagerly waiting for their turn to walk across the stage are (l. to r.) Amanda Bates, Melissa Barnes and André Barbic.



◀ Family members got into the spirit and held up signs congratulating their graduate.



◀ Former U.S. Solicitor General Ted Olson's address instructed graduates how NOT to succeed in their professional careers. He said, "Success has a very short half-life, so if you want to start down the path toward failure, you don't have to do much except to let up on the accelerator and start to coast.

◀ Sporting dad's graduation tam, Roseanne McDermott gets a hug from her father Gary.

... It is remarkable how thoroughly an organization can succeed if its members cheer on and help one another. It is equally amazing how swiftly an enterprise can be undermined, demoralized and sabotaged by a few acts of selfishness, envy or back-biting." In conclusion, he said, "The bad news for virtually all of you who wish to fail is that in your case, you will have to work hard to do so. You are talented, hard-working and resourceful or wouldn't be here today." The full text of Olson's speech can be found online at [www.law.uga.edu/news/advocate](http://www.law.uga.edu/news/advocate).