

Graduation 2002

A Day to Remember

Not many at the School of Law can recall the last time graduation ceremonies were held in a place other than the picturesque North Campus Quadrangle. However, the graduates of 2002 did not seem to care their commencement ceremony was moved inside Stegeman Coliseum due to rain. On May 15, 2002, 224 students received their Juris Doctor and 23 students received their Master of Laws. A day in pictures follows.



▲ Graduation 2002, indoors



LL.M. students show the excitement of the day before ▲ graduation exercises begin (from l.) Stephanie Grenier, Myeongsik Kim, Nuran Kerimov, Sandrine Buttin, Jose Gomez-Nolasco, Rahel Demissie, Sandeep Adhipathi, Aarti Arunachalam, Abenaa Oti-Prempeh, Paolo Conci, Buihe Okenu and Marcella Carneiro.



◀ Prior to the commencement, (from l.) Lauren Sheridan, Robert Stanley, Mary Paige Tucker and Alison Sawyer smile for a photo.



◀ "I want to warn you that at some point in your career, and believe it or not, earlier than you think, you will be invited to abandon your principles to satisfy a client. My advice to you is simple: don't. Don't. It's not worth it. Don't be afraid to lose a client and even lose a job, if it means compromising what you believe to be right and appropriate," U.S. Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson said. Thompson was the guest speaker at graduation. He was also an adjunct teacher at the School of Law in the spring of 2001 when he was confirmed for his current governmental post.



James McNiff receives the prestigious William King Meadow Award from Associate Dean Paul Kurtz. ▶



◀ Jenny Huang flashes the victory sign to friends and family.



▲ Melissa Gross poses with Associate Dean Paul Kurtz after winning the Ellen Jordan Award for Public Interest Law. Photo courtesy of The Picture Man, Inc.

Class of 2002 Gift Chair ▶ Christopher Rosselli (left) and Class President Kevin McDonough (center) present 2001-02 Law School Association President Dana Miles (J.D.'80) with a check for \$13,485 to go to the Law School Fund. The Class of 2002 set a record in participation (53%) as well as the amount raised.



Graduation photographer: Andy Kjallgren