

**Law Commencement**  
One Hundred and Thirty-Fourth Year  
May 19, 2019



**OHIO NORTHERN  
UNIVERSITY**

# LAW COMMENCEMENT

## Field House

Sunday, May 19, 2019

2:00 p.m.

President Daniel A. DiBiasio

*Presiding*

Instrumental Prelude .....	Symphonic Band Dr. Charles N. Bates, Conductor
Academic Procession (Audience please rise.)	
Invocation .....	Ms. Ianna O. Richardson
National Anthem .....	Ms. Helen Ho Paget
Address .....	The Honorable Randall T. Shepard Chief Justice of Indiana (Ret.)
Remarks by Graduating Student .....	Mr. Jeremy A. Martin
Conferring of Honorary Degrees.....	President Daniel A. DiBiasio Randall T. Shepard ..... Doctor of Law
Remarks by Dean of the College of Law .....	Interim Dean David C. Crago
Conferring of LL.M. Degree .....	President Daniel A. DiBiasio
Investiture of LL.M. Hoods .....	Interim Dean David C. Crago and Professor Karen Hall
Conferring of Juris Doctor Degree .....	President Daniel A. DiBiasio
Investiture of Juris Doctor Hoods .....	Interim Dean David C. Crago
Presentation of Diplomas .....	President Daniel A. DiBiasio
Musical Benediction .....	Ms. Mary E. Batten
Spoken Benediction .....	Ms. Liza Rexhepi
Recessional	

Faculty recesses. Graduates do not recess.

The audience is requested to remain in place until all faculty members have recessed.

### ASSISTING IN THE PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS AND HOODS

Professor Deidré A. Keller, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Mrs. Melanie J. Hough, Registrar of the University

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Professor Stephen C. Veltri  
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Professor C. Antoinette Clarke

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Professor Scott D. Gerber  
Professor Bryan H. Ward  
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Professor Lauren A. Newell  
Professor Jean-Marie Kamatali

MARSHALS

Professor Michael J. Rider, Grand Marshal  
Professor Jeffery C. Allison, Banner Bearer

UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

Professor Tena L. Roepke

Professor Tristin M. Kilgallon

COLLEGE OF LAW MARSHALS

Professor Nancy A. Armstrong

Professor Jean-Marie Kamatali

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Interlude

*Red Hills Saga*

Robert Thurston

*Within the Castle Walls*

Brian Balamadges

*I. A Mighty Warrior*

*II. Over the Stone*

*III. Men of Harlech*

*IV. Owain Glyndwr's War Song*

Academic Procession

*Pomp and Circumstance*

Edward Elgar

National Anthem

*Star Spangled Banner*

Francis Scott Key

Musical Benediction

*Benediction*

John Ness Beck

Recessional

*Fanfare for the Dessert*

Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach

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Mr. Daniel B. Walker

## Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient



### **The Honorable Randall T. Shepard**

The longest-serving chief justice in the history of the Indiana Supreme Court, Randall T. Shepard is now a senior judge in the Court of Appeals of Indiana and a visiting professor at the Indiana University McKinney School of Law.

Shepard's years as head of the state judiciary featured such milestones as plain-English jury instructions, minimum standards for death penalty representation, mandatory continuing legal education for lawyers, projects to increase the number of minority lawyers, programs on alternative dispute resolution, and workplace Spanish training for courts and clerks.

Before joining the Supreme Court, Shepard served as judge of the Vanderburgh Superior Court, chief of staff to the mayor of Evansville, and special assistant to the under secretary of transportation in Washington.

He has held positions of national leadership in the legal profession, including chair of the National Conference of Chief Justices and chair of the American Bar Association Council on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, which accredits the nation's 200 law schools. Both Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Chief Justice John Roberts appointed Shepard to committees in the federal judiciary, a relatively rare honor for state judges.

Shepard periodically teaches law at Indiana University, Yale and NYU and at the Notre Dame law program in London. He has published some 55 articles in various law journals, and he was recently executive-in-residence at IU's Public Policy Institute and interim general counsel for the CFA Institute, headquartered in Virginia.

Shepard earned an AB from Princeton University, a JD from Yale Law School and an LLM from the University of Virginia School of Law.

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## Academic Attire

Academic attire dates back at least to the 14th century. Its origin is attributed to ecclesiastical influence, to the need for warmth in unheated rooms used by medieval scholars, and to avoidance of “excess in apparel” by wearing a long gown. Ultimately, a system developed of distinctive caps, gowns and hoods denoting the institution that granted the degree, the field of learning in which the degree was earned, and the level of the degree — bachelor, master or doctorate.

American universities, unlike those of England and Europe, have adopted a standard code of academic costume in which the cut and material of the gown, the color of the tassel on the cap, and the pattern and colors of the hood all have special significance.

Bachelors’ gowns are closed at the throat and have long, pointed sleeves. Masters’ gowns may be worn open or closed and have long, oblong sleeves, square and closed at the end, the arms coming through slits near the wrist. Doctors’ gowns, worn open or closed, are faced with velvet and have full, bell-shaped sleeves. Each sleeve carries three bars of velvet, called chevrons. Trustees, presidents and marshals of colleges or universities may wear caps and gowns which are especially designed and colored.

Academic caps are usually mortarboards, though soft caps are also worn. The cap is black; the tassel is black or the color appropriate to the discipline or field of study, or for a doctor’s cap it may be gold.

The hood gives color and real meaning to the academic costume. The color of the lining identifies the university granting the highest degree held by the wearer. The color of the trim indicates the field of learning in which the degree is received.

## Colors of Fields of Learning

Arts, Letters, Humanities .....	White	Music .....	Pink
Commerce, Business .....	Drab	Pharmacy .....	Olive Green
Education .....	Light Blue	Philosophy .....	Dark Blue
Engineering .....	Orange	Physical Education .....	Sage Green
Fine Arts .....	Brown	Public Service .....	Peacock Blue
Law .....	Purple	Science .....	Golden Yellow
Library Science .....	Lemon	Theology .....	Scarlet

## Colors of Selected Institutions

Case Western Reserve University .....	Brown and White
Columbia University .....	Light Blue and White
Cornell University .....	Carnelian and White
Emory University .....	Emory Blue and White
Georgetown University .....	Blue and Gray
Harvard University .....	Black and Crimson
The Ohio State University .....	Scarlet and Gray
Temple University .....	White and Cherry
University of Michigan .....	Maize and Azure Blue
University of Texas .....	Orange and White
Yale University .....	Yale Blue

## The Legacy of Commencement

Awarding academic degrees to signify reaching a certain level in a branch of learning goes back at least eight centuries, even prior to the creation of universities. In the twelfth century, large bodies of students would gather together in one place, as they did in Paris and Bologna. In such a scholarly milieu, some naturally decided on a career in teaching.

Their first step was to become baccalaureus, a status that then required the student to continue coursework under the direction of scholars. Following more years of study, the student was admitted to a select circle of teachers through a series of special initiation rites.

The installation in a teaching post followed practices of Roman Law among students in Paris. Some vestiges of the ceremony are seen in today's commencement exercises, namely the investment with a hood. The new master would embark upon his teaching career with his first lecture, his *inceptio*, meaning commencement.

From these origins has come our commencement, a special academic ceremony for the purpose of awarding degrees, which begins and ends with an academic procession. As a descendant of clerical processions of the churches, it is carried out with great dignity and impressiveness. All participants wear the academic regalia appropriate to their highest degree. Faculty members process in order of their academic rank, with senior full professors first, followed by their colleagues of successively lower rank. The procession is formed in ranks of two except for special dignitaries or honorees who may walk alone. The entire procession is headed by a senior faculty member bearing an ornate institutional banner and another serving as grand marshal and carrying the institutional mace, a traditional emblem of authority of the bearer.

The high point of the commencement program is the hooding ceremony and awarding of degrees. Placing a hood on the shoulders of the graduate is the time-honored gesture denoting the investiture of the degree. This practice is most often retained solely for advanced degrees in contemporary commencement exercises. Only a few institutions maintain the practice — as we do at Ohio Northern University — of the President of the University placing the diploma in the hand of the candidate.

Evolving culture and customs have changed the details of awarding degrees. Yet it remains a rich and memorable experience for participants and witnesses, a ceremony sensitive to tradition and conveying great significance in the lives of the new Juris Doctors.

## A Note to Guests

Today will be many things — historical, fun, solemn, reminiscent, dignified, joyful, a repository of deep and long-lasting memories.

Graduates will be honored by faculty and administration. Special guests will be recognized for outstanding lifetime achievement. Parents, relatives, spouses and friends will be stirred and warmed by the entire commencement experience.

With this in mind, we ask everyone's cooperation in making the day as smooth and orderly as possible. Following a few rules of courtesy will help ensure this. We ask that everyone limit talking, speak quietly, avoid walking in and out of the auditorium while ceremonies are in progress, refrain from leaving early, and in general help maintain an atmosphere of polite decorum.

With adults this should be easy. With children, considering their high energy and short attention spans, this might not be so easy. Please make your own judgment at the outset whether your child can sit patiently throughout the entire ceremony. If you feel he or she can't, please use the special child care facilities we have in the south end of the building.

We are honored to have you with us today and appreciate your cooperation in making this an especially enjoyable day for everyone involved.

Thank you.

## Photographs

The University has arranged for each graduate to be photographed receiving the diploma. For the convenience of guests wishing to take their own photographs, a posted area is provided on the north side of the platform (to the audience's left) for this purpose. In order to reduce congestion in this area, guests are requested to plan their entrance into the area approximately three to five graduates ahead of the one they wish to photograph and to return to their seats immediately after taking their photographs.

In consideration of others in the audience, guests are requested to take photographs during the ceremony only in the posted area.

Photographs of graduates in procession must be taken as the procession is moving into the field house since students will not leave the field house in procession. Photographs may be taken on the platform following the convocation for those wishing to do so. Family members are invited to meet the graduates in the field house directly following the recessional for these photographs.