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The Honorable Ron D. Parraguirre, JD, Class of 1985 Associate Justice for the Nevada Supreme Court

Ron D. Parraguirre, '85, is an associate justice on the Nevada Supreme Court and, in accordance with Nevada's rotating system, served as the court's chief justice in 2010.

Justice Parraguirre earned his juris doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1985. After law school, he worked for then-U.S. Senator Paul Laxalt (R-Nev.) in Washington, D.C. Parraguirre soon became counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, subcommittee on criminal law. He returned to Nevada two years later to join his father, Paul Parraguirre, in private practice. He became managing partner and took over the practice when Paul was appointed to the District Court bench.

Justice Parraguirre's judicial career began in 1991 when he won a seat on the Las Vegas Municipal Court. He was subsequently re-elected to that position twice and served until his appointment in 1999 by Governor Kenny Guinn to Nevada's Eighth Judicial District Court, where he served as the court's presiding civil judge. As a district judge, Justice Parraguirre worked tirelessly, not only on his own caseload, but also while serving on more than a dozen commissions and committees to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the judiciary. Those organizations included the Nevada State-Federal Judicial Council, the Supreme Court Funding Commission, the Access to Justice Resource Center, the Supreme Court Jury Improvement Implementation Committee, the District Court Settlement Conference Committee, the State Bar of Nevada Task Force on Multi-Jurisdictional Practice, the State Bar of Nevada Civil Pattern Jury Instructions Committee, Medical Malpractice Rules Committee, the Supreme Court Judicial Election Practices Committee, and he initiated the Eighth Judicial District Court Bench-Bar Committee.

Justice Parraguirre was initially elected to serve on the Nevada Supreme Court in 2004; and was re-elected in 2010. Throughout his tenure on the bench, he has received, and maintained, some of the highest ratings in judicial performance evaluations. His current term ends in 2016.

Justice Parraguirre and his wife Leslie have two daughters, Micala and Jilliann. Parraguirre splits his time between Southern Nevada and Northern Nevada; his office is in Carson City, but he also hears cases at the Regional Justice Center in Las Vegas.

School of Law



The University of San Diego School of Law is a center of academic excellence focused on preparing its students for legal practice in the new century. One of the most selective law schools in the country, the School of Law's nationally recognized faculty create a demanding yet welcoming environment that emphasizes individualized education. USD law school graduates go on to practice law throughout the country and abroad, forming an influential network of alumni.

The USD School of Law is one of only 81 law schools in the country to have a chapter of the Order of the Coif, the most distinguished rank of American law schools. The school is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

Founded in 1954, the School of Law is part of the University of San Diego, a private, nonprofit, independent, Roman Catholic university chartered in 1949.

USD Mission Statement

The University of San Diego is a Roman Catholic institution committed to advancing academic excellence, expanding liberal and professional knowledge, creating a diverse and inclusive community, and preparing leaders dedicated to ethical conduct and compassionate service.



University Seal

Every institution of higher learning prides itself on its seal, an emblem incorporating the history and finest traditions of the college. Each device pictured on the seal holds a special meaning.

The seal adopted by the University of San Diego is a combination of the seals of the two founding institutions, the San Diego College for Men and the San Diego College for Women. The three rings represent the Holy Trinity; the dove symbolizes the Holy Spirit. The lamp of learning is on the right and the laurel of excellence and achievement is on the left. Below it is the stew pot or Spanish olla, the symbol of St. Didacus' role of feeding the poor and sick in Alcalá. The three nails have been used traditionally by the Franciscans, the original missionaries to San Diego, as the symbol of the Passion of Jesus Christ. The motto, Emitte Spiritum Tuum, which means Send Forth Thy Spirit, was taken from Psalm 104, which reads: "Thou shalt send forth thy spirit and they be created, and thou shalt renew the face of the earth."

University Mace

Although the ceremonial mace may have been military in origin, in American higher education the mace has long been the symbol of awesome responsibility. A burden of the highest calling, it signifies the protection of truth and the transmission of knowledge to young minds. For that reason, a mace is substantial and pure, therefore typically sterling silver.

In addition to silver, the University of San Diego's mace is also comprised of a shaft of walnut, a wood common to Spain, the country that inspired the university's Renaissance-style architecture.

The University of San Diego's mace was created in 2003 and unveiled at the November 16 inauguration of President Mary E. Lyons. The flame, which caps the lantern of truth, is reminiscent of USD's architectural ornament, the omnipresent finial. The flame is also symbolic of the human mind and its burning quest for knowledge. One side of the mace is inscribed with the university's monogram, the design of which was adopted in 1972 at the time of the merger of the two colleges. The other side is inscribed with the university's seal, which in 1997 was designed as the perfect merging of the seals that represented the original institutions, the San Diego College for Men and the San Diego College for Women. Appropriately, the merging of the seals into one exemplifies one of USD's founding mottos, "That all may be one." The university's ceremonial mace, in turn, honors the motto on the seal, "Send Forth Thy Spirit." The custom of wearing a "cap and gown" or other special academic regalia originated in the Middle Ages when academic dress—specifically defined and ecclesiastical in appearance—was mandated for both students and faculty of European universities. The cap and gown, in addition to indicating scholarly status, also served to keep students and professors warm in unheated buildings of the earliest universities.

Most of the attire you will see today follows the American conventions for academic regalia conventions that originated at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. The bachelor's gown has long, pointed sleeves; the master's gown has oblong sleeves open at the wrist; and the doctoral gown has full, bell-shaped sleeves with three bars of black velvet. The cap for bachelor's and master's degree holders is a "mortar board," a stiff, black hat, flat on top. (This was originally referred to as a "trencher" because it resembled an inverted serving board, or trencher, with a bowl upon it.) Doctoral degree holders wear either the mortar board or a soft velvet "tam."

Perhaps the most important element of academic regalia is the hood, whose length and intricacy depend on the academic degree of the wearer. The velvet trim around the hood indicates the academic degree and the satin lining of the hood represents the institution where the degree was earned. University of San Diego graduates wear hoods lined in Torero Blue and Alcalá White, the university's colors.

Many American universities have their own distinctive robe, often multicolored, or have a single color rather than black. For example, among the faculty and administrators in the procession today, you may see people wearing robes in the following colors: crimson (Harvard); blue (Duke or the University of California); black, red and white (Stanford); bluish-gray (Columbia); or purple (New York University). At this commencement you may also see academic dress that follows other, very different national traditions, because USD's faculty include professors who hold advanced degrees from universities in countries such as Belgium, Brazil, Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Poland and Spain.

Regalia Accessories

A number of other items such as cords, stoles, medals or medallions representing various academic achievements or other honors may also be worn at the discretion of degree-granting institutions. Honor cords usually consist of twisted cords with tassels on either end. They may be awarded for various academic achievements, to members of honor societies, or for distinguished extra-curricular service. With cap and gown, and hood, the honor cord complements the regalia of the law school candidate. Unlike hoods, tassels and stoles, custom allows more than one cord to be worn at the same time. At today's ceremony, you will see the white honor cord which represents exemplary pro bono service, as well as cords of other colors which represent student organizations, journals, or legal fraternities.

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