



*The Sixty-Second*  
**CONFERRAL  
OF LAW DEGREES**

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University of San Diego

# The Sixty-Second School of Law Commencement

## PROCESSIONAL

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*The Star-Spangled Banner*, Francis Scott Key  
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Margaret A. Dalton, BA, JD, Class of 1994  
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### 2018-19 THORSNES PRIZES FOR OUTSTANDING LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lawrence Alexander, BA, LL.B.  
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### 2018-19 THORSNES PRIZES FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

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## RECESSIONAL

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Shaka is currently the Vice President and Associate General Counsel for Sony Electronics Inc. As head of the legal department, Shaka and his team are responsible for all traditional legal affairs for the Sony Electronics business in North America. Shaka was with Sony Electronics earlier in his career from 2011-2015. During that time, he served as a Director in the legal department, after being promoted from Senior Counsel.

Immediately prior to rejoining Sony Electronics, Shaka spent three years as an Associate General Counsel at Facebook, leading the Global Sales and Marketing legal team for the company's AR/VR group, including Oculus VR. Prior to his first role with Sony, Shaka was with SANYO North America Corporation, Gateway, Inc., and Higgs, Fletcher & Mack.

Shaka has served on the USD Law Alumni Board's Diversity and Inclusion Committee and actively participated in the group that spearheaded the San Diego County Bar and Association of Corporate Counsel Diversity Fellowship Program. He also served on the Jackie Robinson YMCA board for 10 years and previously chaired the Sony Electronics pro bono committee. Shaka earned his Juris Doctor degree from the USD School of Law and holds a Bachelor of Science from Sonoma State University. He lives in San Diego with his wife and two daughters.

## About the University of San Diego School of Law

Each year, USD educates approximately 800 Juris Doctor and graduate law students from throughout the United States and around the world. The law school is best known for its offerings in the areas of business and corporate law, constitutional law, intellectual property, international and comparative law, public interest law and taxation.

USD School of Law is one of the 84 law schools elected to the Order of the Coif, a national honor society for law school graduates. The law school's faculty is a strong group of outstanding scholars and teachers with national and international reputations and currently ranks 36th nationally among U.S. law faculties in scholarly impact and 29th nationally in past-year faculty downloads on the Social Sciences Research Network (SSRN). The school is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. Founded in 1954, the law school is part of the University of San Diego, a private, 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.

## Michael T. Thorsnes Prizes for Outstanding Legal Scholarship and Excellence in Teaching

The Thorsnes Prize for Outstanding Legal Scholarship is awarded to a faculty member selected by the dean to recognize significant legal research that results in a published book. The Thorsnes Prize for Excellence in Teaching is awarded to a full-time faculty member based on a vote of upper-division students. The prize recognizes a faculty member for extraordinary effectiveness in assisting students, both inside and outside the classroom, with mastering legal subject matter, thinking deeply about legal issues, and significantly improving their analytical, communication and problem-solving skills. Mr. and Mrs. Michael T. Thorsnes created these annual prizes in gratitude for the legal education Mr. Thorsnes received at USD School of Law.

## 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 former 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."



## Academic Regalia

The custom of wearing a "cap and gown" originated in the Middle Ages when academic dress 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, bellshaped sleeves with three bars of black velvet. The cap for bachelor's and master's degree holders is a "mortarboard," a stiff, black hat, flat on top. Doctoral degree holders wear a soft velvet "tam."

Perhaps the most important element of academic regalia is the hood, the length and intricacy of which 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 School of Law graduates wear hoods lined in Torero Blue and Alcalá White with purple velvet trim indicating the graduate's law degree.

Many American universities have their own distinctive robe, often multicolored, or have a single color rather than black. Among the faculty and administrators in the procession today, you may see people wearing robes in various colors that indicate their alma mater's distinctive robe. At this commencement you may also see academic dress that follows other, very different national traditions, because USD's faculty includes professors who hold advanced degrees from universities in other countries.



## 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 extracurricular service. With cap, 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. Students may also be wearing other honor cord colors which represent the following student organizations or journals: Advocates for Children & Education, magenta; American Constitution Society, mint green; Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, brown; Black Law Students Association, special gold; Business Law Society, peach; Christian Legal Society, red; Consumer Attorneys of USD, olive green; Criminal Law Society, dark green; Employment and Labor Law Society, light green; Environmental Law Society, kelly green; Golf Law Society, citrus green; Health Law Society, purple; Intellectual Property Law Association, pink; J. Reuben Clark Law Society, beige; Jewish Law Students Association, navy blue; La Raza, orange; Law Students for Cross-Racial Understanding, wine; Middle Eastern Law Students Association, silver; Military Bar Association, royal blue; Mock Trial, red and black intertwined; Moot Court, purple and silver intertwined; Motions, light lavender; Phi Alpha Delta, purple and gold intertwined; Phi Delta Phi, red, blue, and gold intertwined; Pride Law, cyan; Pro Bono Legal Advocates, gold and white intertwined; Real Estate & Land Use Society, copper; *San Diego International Law Journal*, lavender and maroon intertwined; *San Diego Journal of Climate and Energy Law*, royal blue and kelly green intertwined; *San Diego Law Review*, silver and navy blue intertwined; Society of Changemaker Organizations, turquoise; Sports & Entertainment Law Society, maroon; Student Bar Association, royal blue and white intertwined; Tax Law Society, gold; Transactional Law Team, black and light blue intertwined; Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, gold and dark green intertwined; Women's Law Caucus, light blue.

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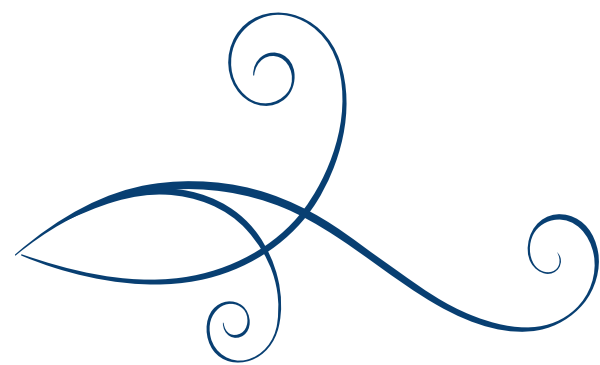
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