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Spring 2006

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10:00 A.M.

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Lake Ivanhoe Room
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2005 - 2006 Candidates for Hooding

Ralphetta Glenneze Aker⁺
 Jennifer Adrienne Artigas
 Dana Scott Baker^{**}
 James Ross Bamberg*
 David James Bass
 Michele Mary Bernard
 Leobardo Bobadilla, Jr.⁺
 Derrien Andre Bonney*
 Caroline Elizabeth Cail
 Shannon Marie Charles
 MaLinda Willis Ciener*
 Michael P. Clelland⁺
 Michelle Evans Concepcion**
 Jessica Friday Cruz
 Sharron Anita Cunningham
 Aimara L. D'Aniello⁺⁺
 Jason T. Daniel⁺
 Timothy L. Dave
 Joshua David Davis
 Lesley Anne Davis
 Diane Kay Davison*
 Renalia Smith DuBose^{**}
 Brenda S. Eugene*
 Teisha S. Fender⁺
 Danielle M. Feulner⁺
 Melissa Lee Ford
 Jean Watson E. Francois
 Michael T. Gibson^{**}
 Christina Marie Green
 Wanda T. Greene⁺
 Matthew Neal Griffin
 Lavonne Tessa Vincent Harmon⁺
 Lisa Lynne Harrison
 Brigitta Hawkins*
 Shaunda Therese Hill
 Kendra Lee Holmes
 Sherri D. Hubbard^{**}
 Christopher H. Hunt⁺⁺
 Joy Danette Huntley⁺⁺
 Arlene May M. Hutchinson⁺
 Japonica Hill Jackson
 Miracle Cheree Jackson
 Antonya K. Johnson
 Peyton H. Keaton, IV^{**}
 Alison E. Kerns
 Zaida E. King

Jarian Narada Lyons
 Brian James Mahoney
 Mellany A. Marquez-Kelly
 Lee Hamilton Massey
 Natalie C. Mathews
 Sarah Louise McArthur*
 Margaret Ann McGarrity*
 Janice Carine Merilus
 Joshua Ian Meyer*
 Flora LaTonya Minick
 Kevin Joseph Mitchell
 Christopher Lamon Monts*
 Melvin G. Mosier
 Jason Moussa
 Diane Kathleen Murphy
 Siobhan Clancy O'Donnell
 Elizabeth Brooke O'Hara*
 Geleennys Pena⁺
 Suzanne Lee Peters
 Danny A. Philpott⁺
 Laura Pierre-Louis
 Jorge Carlos Quintana⁺⁺
 Chaundi S. Randolph
 John E. Rasmussen^{**}
 Ruth Celia Rhodes^{**}
 James Edward Richards⁺⁺
 Jose Ignacio Rivas
 Shawn Henri Robinson⁺
 Mariajose Sanchez
 Ronnie Lynn Sanders-Randall*
 Jennifer Elizabeth Seipel
 Benjamin G. Sharpe
 Dedra S. Sibley*
 Astrid Silva
 Thomas James Smith
 Monica L. Taibl
 Marjorie Sandy Thomas
 Joseph Robert ThurdeKoos
 Indira Toolsie
 Crystal Lynn Turner
 Daniel Valdivia
 Michele L. Velazquez
 Karen K. Vinci
 Yolanda Washington
 Jacinta Maria Williams

** - Magna Cum Laude

⁺ - December 2005 (Fall) Candidate

* - Cum Laude

⁺⁺ - August 2006 (Summer) Candidate

The printing of this program is completed before final action is taken on all candidates. The list of candidates is tentative only. The University and the College of Law reserve the right to withdraw candidates.

Hooding Program

James M. Douglas, Presiding
 Interim Dean, College of Law

Processional

Invocation Ms. Ralphetta G. Aker, '06

Welcoming Remarks Dean James M. Douglas

Student's Remarks Ms. Ruth C. Rhodes, '06
 2006 Valedictorian

Featured Speaker Arthenia L. Joyner, '68, State Representative
 Florida House of Representatives
 1968 FAMU College of Law Graduate

Recognition of Faculty & Staff Dean James M. Douglas

Hooding Ceremony Professor Joan R. Bullock
 Professor Lundy R. Langston
 Associate Dean Ruth A. Witherspoon

Recognition of Alumni & Special Guests..... Associate Dean Frank Motley

Closing Remarks Dean James M. Douglas

Benediction Mr. Derrien A. Bonney, '06

Refreshments will be served immediately following the hooding ceremony.

Faculty

Robert H. Abrams, Professor of Law
Barbara L. Bernier, Professor of Law
Nicola A. Boothe-Perry, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law
Patricia A. Broussard, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law
Joan R. Bullock, Professor of Law
Rhoda Pierre-Cato, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law
Ann Marie Cavazos, Visiting Assistant Professor, Clinical Programs
Victoria C. Dawson, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law
Jacqueline Dowd, Visiting Acting Director, Clinical Programs
James M. Douglas, Interim Dean
Nathaniel Friends, Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Law
John G. Harper, Assistant Professor of Law
William D. Henslee, Associate Professor of Law
Hastings Jones, Assistant Professor of Law
John Paul Jones, Professor of Law
Lundy R. Langston, Professor of Law
Grace M. Mills, Director of Law Library
Reginald Mombrun, Assistant Professor of Law
Karin L. Moore, Associate Professor of Law
Frank Motley, Associate Dean
Eang Ngov, Assistant Professor of Law
Rhonda Reaves, Associate Professor of Law
Omar Saleem, Professor of Law
James W. Smith III, Assistant Professor of Law
Jennifer M. Smith, Associate Professor of Law
Phyllis C. Smith, Assistant Professor of Law
Robert Thompson, Assistant Professor of Law
Ruth A. Witherspoon, Associate Dean

Academic Regalia

Patterned from medieval customs, today's academic regalia reflect the status, scholastic achievement and study discipline of its wearer. Colors are associated with different disciplines as seen in the trimmings of doctoral gowns and the edging of their hoods and in the tassels of caps worn by candidates. Distinctions between gowns and hoods indicate the type of degree held by the wearer.

The doctoral gown is faced with a broad strip of velvet and has crossbars of velvet on each sleeve. The bars may be of black velvet or of colored velvet indicative of the degree's discipline and agreeing with the border of the hood. Thus, for law, the border is purple.

Hoods are worn by those holding graduate degrees. The doctoral hood is longer and more elaborate than the master's hood. The lining of the hood is silk in the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. For instance, at Florida A&M University, the lining of the hood is orange and green. However, faculty members who hold a degree from another college or university wear the colors of his or her alma mater. The distinction should be made that the edging of the hood is in colors representing the wearer's discipline but the lining of the hood is in colors representing the wearer's alma mater.

Members of the law school's faculty hold degrees from several institutions. Some of those institutions and their distinctive hood-linings are represented in the rainbow of colors displayed on the faculty's regalia:

University of California, Berkeley – B. Gold, Royal Chevron;
Columbia University – Light Blue, White Chevron;
Duke University – Royal Blue, Black Chevron;
Florida State University – Garnet, Gold Chevron;
University of Florida – Orange, Navy Blue Chevron;
Georgetown University – Grey, Navy Chevron;
Harvard University – Crimson;
Howard University – Blue, White Chevron;
Indiana University – Red, White Chevron;
University of Miami – Orange, Forest, White Chevron;
University of Michigan – Maize, Azure Blue Chevron;
Pepperdine University – Royal, Orange Chevron;
Stanford University – Cardinal;
Temple University – White, Red Chevron;
Texas Southern University – Maroon, Grey Chevron;
University of Toledo – Royal, B. Gold Chevron;
Vanderbilt University – B. Gold, Black Chevron;
University of Wisconsin – Cardinal.

Arthenia L. Joyner

State Representative, Florida House of Representatives
1968 FAMU College of Law Graduate

Biography

Arthenia L. Joyner was elected to the Florida Legislature in 2000 and re-elected in 2002 and 2004 as State Representative for District 59(D), Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida. She is a founding partner in the law firm of Joyner & Jordan-Holmes, P.A.

Joyner has been a groundbreaker and leader in her profession. She received her Bachelor of Science and Juris Doctor degrees from Florida A&M University. She was the first African-American female attorney in Polk and Hillsborough Counties, and she has been in private practice for thirty-six (36) years – longer than any other African-American woman in the State of Florida.



Joyner is a fighter for civil rights, and she has always stood up for what she believes. Facing segregation and discrimination, she participated while in high school in one of the first civil rights demonstrations in her hometown, Tampa. She was active in the effort to desegregate movie theaters and churches in Tallahassee, Florida and was arrested twice while attending Florida A&M University. In 1985, her commitment was demonstrated again while serving as President of the National Bar Association as she protested apartheid outside the South African Embassy in Washington, DC. She was again arrested as she stood for her beliefs in freedom for all mankind.

Counted among her most prestigious awards are an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Stetson University (1991), and her appointments by President Clinton to the U.S. Delegation to the Population Conference in Cairo, Egypt (1994), the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing, China (1995), and to the Management Advisory Commission of the Federal Aviation Authority (1999).

Joyner's leadership recognition includes being elected President of the National Bar Association, National Legal Advisor to Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., and National Parliamentarian of the Links, Inc. She was appointed by the late Governor Lawton Chiles to the Hillsborough County Aviation Association, the Commission on African American Affairs and the Schultz Commission (Re-Inventing Government).

For her service during the 2005 Legislative Session, she was the recipient of four awards: the Tampa ACORN "Representative of the Year" Award, the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers Rosemary Barkett Award, and the Florida State Conference NAACP Morris W. Milton Memorial Award. On July 27, 2005, The Hillsborough County Commission presented her with an Award of Appreciation for her support of victims of domestic violence through her action that enabled the partnership of federal, state and county governments to create a Family Justice Center in Hillsborough County.

History of the FAMU College of Law

The College of Law's rich tradition of excellence dates back to its original founding. On December 21, 1949, a division of law was established at the then Florida A&M College, and the first class was admitted in 1951. In 1966 the Florida Board of Control (later known as the Board of Regents) withdrew its permission for the institution to admit law students, and two years later, the law school graduated its last class and closed its doors. Between 1954 and 1968, the law school graduated 57 students -- men and women who have gone on to make significant contributions to the legal profession both within the state and throughout the nation.

The 2000 Florida Legislature unanimously passed legislation establishing a law school at Florida A&M University and on June 14, 2000, Governor Jeb Bush signed the bill into law. The College of Law admitted its first class in fall 2002. During the 2005-2006 academic year, the College of Law had an enrollment of 394 students in its day and evening programs. The College of Law opened its new campus in January 2006.

The degree of Juris Doctor was conferred upon members of the first class of the reestablished law school on April 30, 2005 in Tallahassee, Florida.

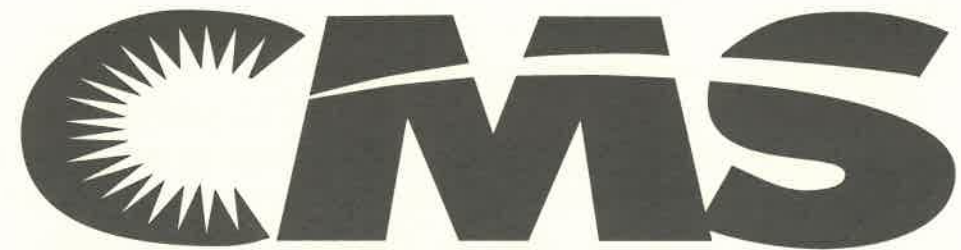
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- Ms. Indira Toolsie '06
- Ms. Marjorie Thomas '06
- Law Student Ambassadors

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