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THE HISTORY OF CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW

Salmon P. Chase College of Law is known for the strength of its people and its rich and storied history. Chase was initially founded in 1893 as an evening law school affiliated with the Cincinnati YMCA, and in 1972 it became a part of Northern Kentucky University. Chase is recognized as a trailblazer for offering an evening program, and many graduates have remarked that had it not been for the flexibility of attending classes in the evening, they would not have otherwise had an opportunity to earn their degrees.

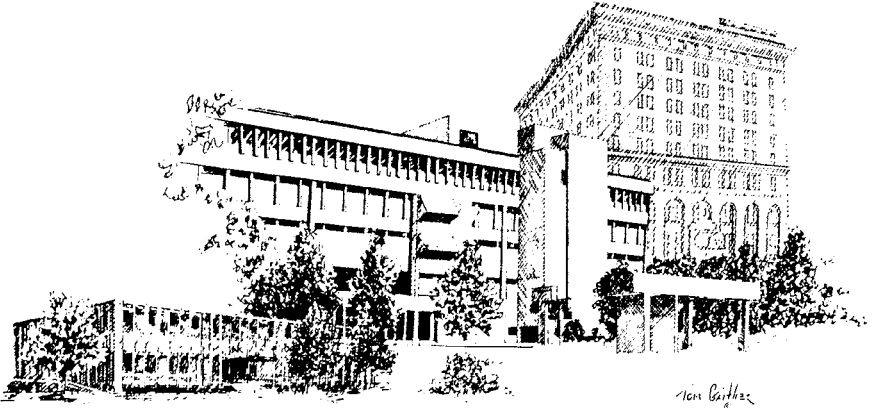
Chase is known for its innovative programming, which has been nationally recognized. The W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology and the Law + Informatics Institute provide a unique, technology-focused legal education. Chase also offers specialized opportunities for students to participate in two practice-focused centers, the Center for Excellence in Advocacy and the Center for Law and Entrepreneurship. These centers help students develop litigation and dispute resolution skills, while gaining knowledge and training in the ecosystem of emerging business and technology.

Chase has a strong dedication to community service and helping those in need through programs including the Children's Law Center Clinic, the Constitutional Litigation Clinic, the Kentucky Innocence Project and the Chase Pro Bono Service Program. Chase's Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic students provide legal services to entrepreneurs, small businesses and nonprofit entities in the local community. Finally, the newly launched Center on Addiction Law & Policy aims to convene stakeholders around the vexing problem of addiction.

Chase's ongoing commitment to excellence in legal education continues to prepare the next generation of practice-ready lawyers. At Chase, we build lawyers, and we build leaders.



Class of 1929



Salmon P. Chase College of Law

DEANS

Robert M. Ochiltree	1893 – 1916	William R. Jones	1980 – 1985
YMCA Officers	1916 – 1918	Henry L. Stephens, Jr.	1985 – 1992
Charles C. Benedict	1918 – 1919	W. Jack Grosse	1992 – 1993
Gilbert Bettman	1919 – 1929	David C. Short	1993 – 1999
Floyd Williams	1929 – 1936	Gerard A. St. Amand	1999 – 2006
Judge Stanley Mathews	1936 – 1952	Richard A. Bales (<i>interim</i>)	2006 – 2006
Ray P. Hutchens	1952 – 1967	Dennis R. Honabach	2006 – 2013
C. Nicholas Revelos	1967 – 1970	Jeffrey A. Standen	2013 – 2018
W. Jack Grosse	1970 – 1978	Michael Whiteman (<i>interim</i>)	2018 – 2019
Ovid C. Lewis	1978 – 1979	Judith Daar	2019 – Present
Glenn Wells (<i>interim</i>)	1979 – 1980		

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SALMON PORTLAND CHASE 1808-1873



Salmon Portland Chase was born on January 13, 1808, in Cornish, New Hampshire, to Janet Ralston and Ithamar Chase. Ithamar died in 1817, leaving Janet with 10 children and few resources. At 9 years old, Salmon Chase was sent to Ohio to live with his uncle—prominent Episcopal leader Bishop Philander Chase. He graduated from Dartmouth College and completed his legal studies under U. S. Attorney General William Wirt. He passed the Ohio bar examination in 1829 and opened a law practice in Cincinnati.

Chase strongly advocated on behalf of blacks and women, championing the right to vote and the right to an education. During the 1830s and 1840s, he was known as the “Attorney General of Runaway Slaves” for his defense of runaway slaves and the citizens who harbored them.

Chase’s dedication to the abolitionist movement was evident in his political career as well. He spoke about the “slave power conspiracy” of slave owners who attempted to seize control of the federal government. While serving as a city councilman in Cincinnati, Chase helped create the abolitionist-centered Liberty Party, which eventually merged into the Republican Party. In 1850, Chase was elected U. S. Senator of Ohio. He reportedly insisted that as a condition for his accepting the position, Ohio repeal its laws that legislated discrimination against blacks.

In 1856, Chase was elected governor of Ohio, where he served until 1860, when he was again elected U. S. Senator. In March 1861, President Abraham Lincoln appointed him Secretary of the Treasury. In this post, he created a unified nationwide banking system, developed the use of paper currency “greenback” bills—which continue to serve as today’s federal paper money—and established the Internal Revenue Service.

In 1864, Chase was appointed Chief Justice by President Lincoln. As Chief Justice, Chase presided over Reconstruction-era civil rights cases and the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson. Chase is one of the few Americans to hold office in all three branches of the federal government.

As successful as Chase was in his legal and political careers, he suffered greatly in his personal life. He was married and widowed three times, and lost all but two children during the 1830s and 40s. Chase passed away in 1873 and is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum in Cincinnati.

GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN



**JUDITH
DAAR**

Dear Chase Graduates,

Heartfelt congratulations on achieving this momentous milestone in your life and career path. Graduating from law school is no small feat in ordinary times; doing so on the (hopefully) tail end of a global pandemic is truly extraordinary. The Class of 2022 departs our campus having earned a significant portion of your law school credits via Zoom and other remote platforms. While the challenge has been steep, you have shown resilience and dedication to your legal studies in a way that uniquely prepares you to excel in your chosen profession. Early on, you mastered new technologies, embraced change, displayed flexibility and found new ways to connect with your peers, professors, employers and many others in your world. I am enormously proud of your accomplishments. Today, Chase is stronger for the time you graced our community.

You enter the legal world at a time of heightened attention to the rule of law and its impact on every aspect of society. During your time at Chase, national conversations about the membership of the U.S. Supreme Court, the role of government in public health, elections, and racial and social justice have abounded, making even clearer the vital role that lawyers play in contemporary life. You have the knowledge, skill and power to be a voice in this conversation, to shape the future into a more fair, equitable and compassionate place for us all. I urge you to wield this power with reflection that what you do as lawyers matters. It matters to your clients, to your adversaries, to your employers, to your friends and family, and to Chase. We stand by you in times of triumph and moments of difficulty, a steadfast place to anchor throughout your life's journey.

Today you join a cadre of nearly 6,000 Chase alumni across the nation and throughout the world. This robust community of attorneys, judges, lawmakers, entrepreneurs, business leaders, educators and so many more occupations welcomes you and invites your active participation in the years to come. Your faculty and I celebrate with you and your loved ones as a new chapter opens onto your bright and promising future. As ever, we are cheering you on.

With warmest wishes,

Judith Daar

Ambassador Patricia L. Herbold Dean and Professor of Law

GREETINGS FROM THE CHASE ALUMNI COUNCIL



**THE HONORABLE
JAMES R.
SCHRAND '97**

Dear Chase Class of 2022,

I want to wish each of you heartfelt congratulations on your graduation from Salmon P. Chase College of Law. As I write this, I am certain you will look back on your time at Chase, as I think back on my time there, and appreciate those who helped you during your law school years. They include not only everyone at Chase, the professors and staff, who not only taught you the law, but also gave you the practical experience to be ready to be a lawyer when you graduate, and also your mentors in the legal community. Additionally, and most importantly, your family who supported you throughout your time at Chase.

Good luck in all you do.

The Honorable James R. Schrand '97
Chair, Chase Alumni Council

COMMENCEMENT GREETINGS FROM THE SUPREME COURT



**JUSTICE
MICHELLE
M. KELLER '90**

**SUPREME COURT
OF KENTUCKY**

Justice Michelle M. Keller was appointed to the Kentucky Supreme Court in April 2013 by Governor Steven Beshear and was subsequently elected to a full eight-year term on the Court in November 2014. Prior to her service on the Supreme Court, Justice Keller was elected as Judge on the Kentucky Court of Appeals in November 2006. Justice Keller has served as the Court of Appeals representative on the Judicial Conduct Commission, Chairperson of the Court of Justice's Technology Governance Committee, and is currently serving as Chairperson of the Kentucky Access to Justice Commission and Criminal Rules Committee.

Prior to her service on the bench, Justice Keller practiced law for 17 years. She served as an assistant county attorney for her home county of Kenton. Her private practice concentrated in the areas of medical negligence and product liability defense, personal injury and family law, and criminal defense. Justice Keller also practiced administrative law, representing numerous clients before state regulatory and licensure boards. She is Chairwoman Emeritus of the Kentucky Personnel Board and has served as a hearing officer and member of that Board. Justice Keller is licensed to practice law in Kentucky, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and the United States Supreme Court. She has twice been commended by the Kentucky House of Representatives for her service to the Commonwealth.

Justice Keller attended Northern Kentucky University's Chase College of Law while working as a licensed registered nurse in critical care. At Chase, Justice Keller was an IOLTA Scholar, earning her Juris Doctor in 1990. Chase presented Justice Keller with both the Chase Excellence and Chase Exceptional Service Awards in 2007 and 2011 respectively.

Additionally, Justice Keller was named a 2012 Outstanding Woman of Northern Kentucky honoree for her commitment to public service and community involvement. She was honored on Law Day in 2013 with the Richard D. Lawrence Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Northern Kentucky Bar Association ("NKBA"). After delivering the Law Day address on May 1, 2014, she was honored with the Liberty Bell Award for her service to the Court of Justice, and in December 2017 was the first woman presented with the Distinguished Lawyer of the Year Award by the NKBA. Most recently, the Kentucky Bar Association ("KBA") designated Justice Keller to receive the 2020 Distinguished Judge Award.

Justice Keller has served in various positions for the NKBA, KBA, and the American Bar Association. In 2009, she received the KBA's Donated Legal Services Award for her commitment to Pro Bono service and support of Kentucky's legal services organizations. She is a Master in the Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court and served as president of the Inn from 2012-13. Justice Keller is also a Fellow of both the American and Kentucky Bar Foundations.

A lifelong Northern Kentuckian, Justice Keller and her husband, Jim, a physician, are the proud parents of daughters, Brenna, a research fellow with the Centers For Disease Control (CDC), and Olivia, a practicing attorney.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



**THE HONORABLE JOHN B.
NALBANDIAN**

**JUDGE, UNITED STATES
COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE
SIXTH CIRCUIT**

The Board of Regents at Northern Kentucky University is privileged to award an honorary degree to Judge John B. Nalbandian.

DOCTOR OF LAWS

John B. Nalbandian serves as a United States Circuit Judge from Kentucky on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He was nominated and confirmed to that position in 2018. Prior to that, Judge Nalbandian was a partner in the litigation practice group of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP in Cincinnati, where he served as the firm's lead appellate lawyer and also practiced complex litigation in state and federal courts. Judge Nalbandian was board certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as a specialist in appellate law. Prior to joining Taft, Judge Nalbandian practiced for five years in the appellate section of Jones Day in Washington, DC. Upon graduation from law school, Judge Nalbandian clerked for the Honorable Jerry E. Smith of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in Houston. While in private practice, he also served as a board member of the State Justice Institute, a nonprofit organization established by the federal government to improve the administration of justice in state courts. He served as President of the Cincinnati Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society. He has also been involved in his community as a board member of the Greater Cincinnati Minority Counsel Program, and as a board member of the Asian Pacific Bar Association of Southwest Ohio. Judge Nalbandian earned his B.S., magna cum laude, from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was inducted into the Order of the Coif and served as managing editor of the Virginia Law Review.

Judge Nalbandian serves as the Jurist-in-Residence at Chase College of Law teaching Supreme Court Seminar in the spring semester.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Dennis Honabach
Jennifer Kinsley
Grand Marshals

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Megan Carlson
Arianna Catalano
Linnzie Nicole Hays
JeShaun Jackson

Students from the School of the Arts

WELCOME RECOGNITION OF FACULTY, STAFF AND PLATFORM PARTY

Matt Cecil
Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs
Northern Kentucky University

GREETINGS FROM THE COURT

Justice Michelle M. Keller '90
Supreme Court of Kentucky

SALMON P. CHASE AWARD

Aurielle March

VALEDICTORY

Samuel Otis

PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Dennis Honabach
Jennifer Kinsley
Professors of Law
Salmon P. Chase College of Law

DEAN'S REMARKS

Judith Daar
Ambassador Patricia L. Herbold Dean
Salmon P. Chase College of Law

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

Ashish K. Vaidya
President
Northern Kentucky University

Judge John B. Nalbandian
Doctor of Laws

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Judge John B. Nalbandian
United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

Ashish K. Vaidya

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Judith Daar

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Ashish K. Vaidya

SINGING OF ALMA MATER

Original lyrics and melody by Charles Wiley
rev. Carolyn Hagner/harm. Kurt Sander

Megan Carlson
Arianna Catalano
Linnzie Nicole Hays
JeShaun Jackson

Students from the School of the Arts

CLOSING

Judith Daar

RECESSIONAL

Dennis Honabach
Jennifer Kinsley
Grand Marshals

2022 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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The following degrees will be awarded provided all requirements have been met:

SALMON P. CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW JURIS DOCTOR

Elisabeth M. Allender

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Samuel A. Banasek

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Sarah Elizabeth Benedict †††

Sean E. Bolton

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Margaret M. Bruns †††

James Grant Burdette †

Noah Cable

Laura Caudill

Lincoln Hunter Caudill

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Jessica Coburn

Taylor B. Cochran

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Mackenzie Lynn Gentile

Kelly Christine Gettys

Alicia M. Gifford

Brady Malin Gisler

Madison Maile Gitschier †

Cynthia Stallard Glass †

Dylan I. Goetz †

Christina R. Griffith

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Timothy P. Hagan †

Alexander Hamilton

Elizabeth Ann Hatter

Leah Christine Heightchew

Andrew D. Hilton †††

Kourtney Salyer Howard †

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Reece Tor Kaiser

Robert L. Kellems, Jr.

Kyle E. Kelly

Baili K. Kleinmann †

Caitlin E. Klosowski

Caroline Savannah Krill †

Bailey Grace E. Leo ††

Steven J. Leesman

Martina L. Lytle †

Jayme L. Mabry

Aurielle DeVon March

Elizabeth Sloane Masden Weber

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Hannah Beth Mills †

Shawn Moore †††

Elisha Ononye

Daniel J. O'Rourke ††

Samuel J. Otis †††

Jill Pravin Patel

Devin Perry

2022 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

SALMON P. CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW JURIS DOCTOR (CONTINUED)

Harley Chase Piercy

Ryan C. Puckett †

Sarah A. Ran

Ronald M. Rawlings

Courtney Ann Roark

Kyle H. Ruber

Bianca Anastasia Rudnick †

Cory M. Rutherford

Adam J. Ruwe

Carla N. Saldivar

Andi Elizabeth Saylor

William A. Scaggs

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Hannah Howard Schmidt

Jasmyne I. Shaw

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Markie M. Smith †

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James Nicholas Thompson ††

Krystal M. Thorp †

Chase Martin Tranter †

Drury Walters

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Hannah Brooke Webb

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Riley A. Whitehouse

Nicholas E. Wood

Matthew M. Woods

Logan Woolums †

Glenda E. Wright

Kimberly Zenteno Valladares ††

Nicholas D. Zerbe

HONORS SYMBOLS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

†† Students who attain a grade point average of 3.650 to 4.333 are graduated summa cum laude.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

†† Students who attain a grade point average of 3.400 to 3.649 are graduated magna cum laude.

CUM LAUDE

† Students who attain a grade point average of 3.150 to 3.399 are graduated cum laude.

2022 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES

Kathryn Marie Baxley

Chandni Bhikha

Daniel Eaton

Sabrina Edmondson

Abigail P. Gall

Lydia LaDonna Hargrove

Ariel Johnson

Morgyn Alexis Jones

Matthew John Latzy

Erin Lynn Neal

Emmanuel Olorunfemi

Iman Salhieh

Aaron J. Yancey

DECEMBER 2021 GRADUATES

Candace N. Ayers

Taylor B. Cochran

Cayleen Dixon

Brady Malin Gisler

Cynthia Stallard Glass

Jessica M. Hagan

Alexandra Hamilton

Katherine L. Jagers

Ronald M. Rawlings

Markie M. Smith

James Nicholas Thompson

Matthew M. Woods

AUGUST 2022 GRADUATES

William A. Scaggs

Nicholas D. Zerbe

THE SALMON P. CHASE AWARD



Photo courtesy of Cincinnati Museum Center.

NKU's Chase College of Law created the annual Salmon P. Chase Award to recognize a graduating student for selfless advocacy on behalf of others. It is named for Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, inspired by Chase's extensive advocacy on behalf of the oppressed and his condemnation of the legality of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1793. In recognition of his passion, dedication and advocacy, Chase was presented with a sterling silver pitcher, recently added to the Cincinnati Museum Center's extensive Chase collection, which is inscribed as follows:

"A Testimonial of Gratitude to Salmon P. Chase, from the Colored People of Cincinnati, for his various public services in behalf of the oppressed, and particularly for his eloquent advocacy of the rights of

man, in the case of Samuel Watson, who was claimed as a fugitive slave, February 12, 1845."

Chase students, peers and faculty nominate graduating students for the award. The award is presented to the recipient each year at commencement. The recipient of this year's Salmon P. Chase Award is **Aurielle March**.

2022 SALMON P. CHASE AWARD RECIPIENT



AURIELLE MARCH

The recipient of this year's Salmon P. Chase Award is Aurielle D. March. Aurielle received her B.A. in International Studies, with a minor in Spanish from Centre College. While at Centre, Aurielle dedicated her summers to working as an English teacher for underserved minority middle school students who scored below grade level in reading comprehension and writing. As a teacher, she raised students' scores to grade level and instilled confidence in their academic abilities. During her junior year, Aurielle spent a semester abroad in Yucatán, Mexico. While abroad Aurielle, worked with a local organization to provide internet access and tutoring to children

in rural and impoverished areas of Mexico, to improve their academic standing and diversify their worldview. After graduation, Aurielle continued her interest in social justice by working to expunge misdemeanor and felony offenses for individuals living in Kentucky.

While in law school Aurielle strengthened her passion to fight for the most vulnerable and underserved in our community. Aurielle worked at the Hamilton County Municipal Court Help Center at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and the eviction moratorium. She worked with a special emphasis on helping low-income families prevent evictions and connecting with community resources to aid in rental assistance. Her other duties involved assisting indigent pro se litigants to navigate the civil court system, prepare for court hearings, draft pleadings, and combat other critical legal needs. In her final year at Chase, Aurielle received her limited law practice license and worked with Chase College of Law's Children's Law Center Clinic protecting the rights of children and youth through legal advocacy. While at the Children's Law Center Clinic, Aurielle represented a wrongfully accused 14-year-old facing felony prosecution and acted as guardian ad litem in two contested custody cases.

After graduation, Aurielle plans to continue advocating and protecting the legal needs of underrepresented communities. Aurielle comes from a long line of public advocates and plans to continue her familial legacy throughout her legal profession.

SALMON P. CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT



DENNIS HONABACH

Professor Dennis Honabach arrived at Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 2006 as dean of the college, and stayed as a professor when, seven years later, he stepped down to follow a common course among higher-education deans to concentrate full-time on teaching. By selecting him as Professor of the Year, the Class of 2022 is recognizing how much his decision has meant to students in their classrooms.

His stature as a professor is apparent from the first classes students have with him. "My favorite class so far has been Torts, with Professor Honabach. I really enjoyed his teaching style, and found the material to be extremely interesting," one graduating student said, recalling courses prior to his final semesters.

In addition to Torts, Professor Honabach has taught Agency, Partnership and Limited Liability Corporations; Business Basics for Law Students; Business Organizations; Contracts; Corporations; and Property. As dean, he initiated a requirement for students to complete a specified amount of community pro bono service as a graduation requisite, establishing Chase as a leader among American Bar Association-approved law schools in emphasizing pro bono work.

Prior to his appointment at Chase, Professor Honabach was dean and professor of law at Washburn University School of Law, in Topeka, Kansas, and president, dean, professor of law and director of the Entrepreneurial Law Center at Western State University College of Law, in Fullerton, California. He previously held faculty appointments at Vermont Law School, Rutgers University-Camden School of Law and the University of the District of Columbia School of Law.

Professor Honabach is co-author of D&O Liability Handbook and Proxy Rules Handbook, regularly updated practice guides for lawyers. He has served as a chair and as a member of numerous committees of the American Bar Association and of the Association of American Law Schools.

SALMON P. CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT



JENNIFER KINSLEY

By selecting Professor Jennifer Kinsley as Professor of the Year, the Class of 2022 of Salmon P. Chase College of Law is recognizing her inspiration to students both in the classroom and beyond.

In the words of one graduating student: "My Chase experience will help me achieve my goal because I've gotten a solid foundation on constitutional issues from Professor Kinsley's Constitutional Law class." And of another: "Professor Kinsley has helped me better understand the hurdles certain groups face and how attorneys can assist."

As an educational innovator, she has helped students prepare for a new type of digital practice experience they may encounter. When a global pandemic closed most American law offices and courtrooms to in-person proceedings, she turned to her own experience in online practice and her research with other lawyers and judges to nimbly create and teach a first-of-its-kind course in remote representation.

Since joining the Chase faculty in 2012, she has also taught such courses as Constitutional Law, Legal Analysis and Problem Solving and Trial Advocacy.

In addition to her classroom presence, Professor Kinsley guides experiential education for students through her roles as associate dean for professional development and as director of the field placement program, and mentors them by supervising independent projects. Academically and professionally, she is a role model as an author of law review articles and a speaker at seminars, and as a volunteer lawyer for pro bono matters.

On campus, she has been active at both Chase and Northern Kentucky University in planning and oversight committees. In Kentucky, she is a member of the commonwealth Public Advocacy Commission, which oversees the public defender system. In the performing arts community, she serves on the board of a modern dance organization.

HISTORY OF ACADEMIC COSTUME

The history of academic dress reaches far back into the early days of the oldest universities. A statute of 1321 required that all "Doctors, Licentiates and Bachelors" of the University of Coimbra wear gowns. In England, in the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade "excess in apparel" and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. It is still unknown whether academic dress finds its sources chiefly in ecclesiastical or in civilian dress. Gowns may have been counted necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings frequented by medieval scholars. Hoods seem to have served to cover the tonsured head until they were superseded by skull caps. These were themselves displaced by a headdress somewhat like those now recognized as "academic." Both Cambridge and Oxford have made academic dress a matter of university control to the extent of minor details and have repeatedly issued revised regulations governing it. In 17th-century Oxford, it was prescribed that any tailor who departed from the authorized design "by a nail's breadth" in the making of any article of collegiate costume was to be punished by the vice-chancellor of the university.

European institutions continue to show a great diversity in their specifications of academic dress, while American colleges and universities have adopted, through the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume and the American Council of Education, a standard code of dress for academic ceremony. Created in 1902, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume serves as a source of information and guidance in such matters and, through occasional review by the American Council of Education, these standards have been adopted and followed by hundreds of colleges and universities in the United States.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors' gowns, edgings of hoods and tassels of caps, the color associated with law is purple.

Those wearing academic costumes wear caps in the academic processions and throughout the ceremony. Members of the university governing body are entitled to wear doctoral gowns. The regents' regalia is a gold gown with three black chevrons and trim and an eight-sided tam with gold tassel. This attire is distinctive of the Board of Regents of Northern Kentucky University.

GRAND MARSHAL

The Grand Marshals are Dennis Honabach and Jennifer Kinsley.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The mace, which traces its roots to medieval weaponry, has become a symbol of scholarship and integrity for universities since the 11th century. Today, the university's grand marshal carries the mace to indicate the solemnity of the occasion and the confirmation of the academic process.

Northern Kentucky University's mace is rich in symbolism. The spiral base, made of walnut-stained mahogany, suggests growth, evolution and higher achievement. The gold-leaf flame, inspired by NKU's official seal, the lamp of learning, symbolizes eternal light and learning. The gold and white braided cords flowing from the base of the flame represent purity, as well as NKU's school colors.

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ALMA MATER

**Northern, let your vision lead us,
hearts of women, men and youth.**

**Help us seek the higher virtues,
guide us to the greater truth.**

**Northern, Northern, alma mater,
may our lives enrich your name.**

**And in time leave us, your children,
better far than when we came.**

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