

University of Missouri School of Law

HOODING CEREMONY

2 p.m.

Saturday, May 17, 2025

**JESSE AUDITORIUM
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School of Law
University of Missouri

Program

Opening Remarks

Dean Paul Litton

Introductions

Dean Paul Litton

Matthew Martens, Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor, University of Missouri

Gretchen Myers, '84

Benjamin Trachtenberg, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

JR Swanegan, Assistant Dean for Enrollment Management & Financial Aid

Jenifer McGarr, Assistant Dean for Career Development & Student Services

Faculty of the School of Law

Speaker

Gretchen Myers, '84

Hooding Ceremony

Reader

Assistant Dean JR Swanegan

LL.M. Hooders

Professor Paul Ladehoff

Judge Girardo Pico, LL.M. '00

J.D. Hooders

Associate Dean Benjamin Trachtenberg

Professor Ryan Snyder

Professor Danielle Dodd

Conferring of Degrees

Matthew Martens, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

Closing Remarks

Dean Paul Litton

LL.M. - Master of Laws in Dispute Resolution

Sunil Aggarwal*
Felicia A.D. Gyamfi Ashley
Ariana Emilia Cabrera
Jeffrey Damian Carroll
Michael James Conklin*
Adanna Kembra Cudjoe*
Yarubith Carolina Escobar Bastidas
Zeina Joumaa
Michele Annette Montour-Kumm*
Chhayheng Lim
Faith Mpho Maphutha
Joaquín Moreno
María Concepcion Palacios La Manna
Peter Warren Singer
Luis Felipe Sorondo

J.D. - Juris Doctor

Hope Adamson
Anika Karina Andersen
Brittany Archer
Clayton Thomas Arnold
James Augustus
Alyssa Hope Bacon
Xitong (Helen) Bai
Dana S. Bal
Gabriel Cannon Barnes
Nathan James Beaver
Magdee Besharat
Mackenzie Blodgett
McKayla Savannah Bogda
Emily Elizabeth Bomball
Clara Rose Brand
Georgia Lillian Bronson
Noriel Eduardo Buenano
Matthew Daniel Bukovac
Jonathan Burge*
Caitlyn Carrigan

Zachary Chaney
Emma Kay Chedwick
Stephanie Nicole Chisum
Gracie Williams Clevenger
Hunter Michael Clouse
Gabrielle Stephanie Cone
Kenna Jae Cornelius*
Karen Nash Crouch
Ray L. Cunneen
Brianna M. Daniels
Ethan Schmidt Deimeke
Chase Robert Dembowski
Cody Daniel Deterding
Christa Dowil*
Sarah Kay Dowler
Brian Daniel Dresner
Justin Thomas Dussold
Heather Dyreng
Hannah Eastland
Elizabeth Anne Eastlund
Margaret Edgar
Rachel Marie Elliott
Jessica Ventura Esguerra
Adam Ezzelgot
Eloria Ruth Fedynich
Ryan Francis Gallagher
Amaris Grace Garber
Rachel Lynn Gardner
Werthen Grace Gass
Hallie Harrison Gibbs, III
Jeffrey Morgen Giesmann
Zayne Alexander Glatz
Pablo Haddock
Grant Rush Hahn
Abbey Marie Hammack
Kaia Harris
Matthew Craig Hellmann
Izaac Herebia
Annaleigh Thiessen Hobbs
Drew Hoffman
Eric Stephen Humphrey
Tasneem Huq
Crosbie K. Jarrett

Hank Allen Jenkins
Joseph F. Kellogg
Caitlin Rebecca King
Christian D. Kinghorne
Timothy Robert Knight
Annie Kathleen Kreikemeier
Thomas Riley Langdon
Mariana Larson
Kelly Victoria Hooper Leal
Erika M. LeFauve
Julianna Chu Leung
Joseph Ryan Link
Aubrey Kate Manculich
Sophia Caroine Marcolla
Abigail Jean Martin
Margaret Mary Anne McAuliff
Kennedy Leslie McGhee
Seriah Eun Young Joo McQueen
Christian A. Melhado
Kylie Laura Meyerkord*
Zachary Thomas Mikuls
Sarah Michelle Milcarek
Katherine L. Miles
Avery Carnell Moore
Meghan Reese Morris
Clark Thomas Moseley
Brett Bernadette Newberry
Jessie Louise O'Brien
Halle Ellen Ann Oerly
Juliana Payne
Jennifer A. Perry
William Stewart Alexander Rodman
Hannah Elizabeth Rodriguez
Anderson Michael Rogers
Zachary Robert Roling
Mary Claire Rose
Griffin Roster
Grace Nichole Rowden
Ozoda Saburi
Emily Anne Samisch
Luke Lawrence Sanders
Wolfgang Alexander Schaefer
Adam Clay Schexnayder

Cameron Shields
Austin Siener
Grayson Smith
Michael Isaac Smith
Sarah Kathleen Stack
Luke Ian Stange
Jack Stanley
Matthew Carl Swords
Taylor Kay Todd
Alaina Marie Valdes
Makayla V. Watson
Alexandra Grace Widick
Christian Parker Witte
Conner Joseph Wolfe
Jacob Harvey Wood
Madison Chanel Young
Thomas W. Young
Erin Rose Zimmerman

* Summer 2025 Graduate

Speaker



Gretchen Myers is one of Mizzou Law's most accomplished alumni and is regularly recognized as one of the nation's top trial attorneys. Myers, a native Missourian, double majored in political science and economics at the University of Missouri before graduating with her J.D. from Mizzou Law in 1984.

Gretchen held a judicial clerkship in the Federal District Court before practicing at a renowned personal injury firm in St. Louis. She opened her own practice in 1999.

Her many awards include the Lon O. Hocker Award, given to only three outstanding young trial attorneys in Missouri, the Award of Honor, for the outstanding trial attorney whose lifetime of service to the profession and community inspires others, and Missouri Lawyers Media Power 30 List of PI attorneys, whose leadership in the community is pervasive and recognition within the bar is undeniable.

Among her many leadership positions, Myers was the first woman elected President of the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys, President-Elect of the national organization, APITLA, and appointed to MAI, the state's civil jury instructions committee.

Myers is a fellow in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, recognized as the most prestigious organization of trial lawyers in the world, limited to 500 Fellows. She is a frequent lecturer throughout the country.

History of the Regalia

In 1932 the American Council on Education (ACE) authorized the appointment of a committee “to determine whether revision and completion of the academic code adopted by the conference of the colleges and universities in 1895 is desirable at this time, and, if so, to draft a revised code and present a plan for submitting the code to the consideration of the institutional members of the Council.” The committee reviewed the situation and approved a code for academic costumes that has been in effect since that year.

Doctoral robes are typically black. In general, doctoral gowns are similar to the gowns worn by bachelor’s graduates, with the addition of three velvet bands on the sleeves and velvet facing running down the front of the gown. The Code calls for the gown trim to be either black or the color designated for the field of study in which the doctorate was earned. The robes have full sleeves, instead of the bell sleeves of the bachelor’s gown.

The Code calls for the outside shell of the hood to remain black. The shell material of the hood matches the robe, and for the color to be black regardless of the color of the robe being worn. The interior lining - generally silk - displays the colors of the institution from which the wearer received the degree, in a pattern prescribed by it (usually, if more than one color is used, chevrons or equal divisions). The opening of the hood is trimmed in velvet or velveteen. In most American colleges and universities, the color of the velvet hood trimming is distinctive of the academic field for which law is purple.