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June 4, 2024
The New Jersey Performing Arts Center
Newark, New Jersey

## PRAYER OF <br> St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

# Honorary Degree Recipient and Gommencement Speaker 



The Honorable Michael A. Shipp<br>United States District Judge<br>for the District of New Jersey

Judge Michael A. Shipp was appointed to the federal bench to serve as a United States District Court Judge for the District of New Jersey in July 2012. Prior to his elevation to the District Court, Judge Shipp served as a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Jersey. He is a respected jurist known for his dedication to justice and fairness in the legal system. Judge Shipp displays a keen understanding of complex legal matters and a steadfast commitment to impartiality. His rulings reflect a deep respect for the law and a dedication to ensuring fair and equitable outcomes. To this end, Judge Shipp is one of a limited number of judges selected by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to oversee complex multidistrict litigations, and he currently oversees one of the largest multidistrict litigations in the country.

Prior to his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Shipp served in several different capacities in both government and private practice. He began his legal career with a clerkship for the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Thereafter, he spent eight years with the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher \& Flom LLP. At Skadden, he worked across multiple practice areas including complex commercial litigation, labor and employment, products liability, and contracts.

Judge Shipp's commitment to public service led him to various roles within the legal community. In September 2003, he joined the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety as the Assistant Attorney General in-charge-of the State's Consumer Protection Practice Group. As an Assistant Attorney General, he managed and assisted counsel in the litigation of large institutional investor class actions and individual lawsuits, served as the primary point person on consumer protection enforcement issues, and reviewed and commented on proposed legislation and policy issues. In February 2007, Judge Shipp was named Counsel to the Attorney General, where he served as a top advisor to the Attorney General, assisted in managing day-today issues, and strategized with attorneys and other government officials on significant litigation matters. Judge Shipp's unwavering dedication to upholding the principles of justice earned him recognition and respect from his peers and the legal community at large.

Judge Shipp is an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University School of Law. He is a graduate of Rutgers University and Seton Hall University School of Law. He also received a master's degree from Duke Law School. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Alumni of the Year Public Service Award and Adjunct Professor of the Year Award from Seton Hall University School of Law.

Outside of the courtroom, Judge Shipp is actively involved in legal education and community outreach initiatives, striving to promote legal literacy and access to justice for all people. His tireless efforts have left a lasting impact on the legal profession and the communities he serves.

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At the Law School's Commencement Exercises, Seton Hall University confers four law degrees:

Master of Legal Studies (M.L.S.) (formerly Master of Science in Jurisprudence (M.S.J.)) program is designed for non-lawyers eager to advance their careers and enhance their marketability. M.L.S. students concentrate in Corporate Compliance, Health and Hospital Law, Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Law and Compliance, Gaming Regulation and Compliance, Sports Law and Compliance, or General Legal Studies. Joint concentrations are also available. M.L.S. students complete the 31-credit-hour master's degree online, or as a hybrid online/traditional (in-person) degree program.

The Juris Doctor, the traditional law degree, is pursued post-college and requires 88 credit hours. The program is three years of fulltime study or four years of part-time study. All credits must be earned within six years. Seton Hall graduates are eligible to take the bar examination in all states. Seton Hall designs its course of study to ensure that all students gain basic competence for the many opportunities and responsibilities that will confront them. It offers substantive law taught in classroom settings, predominantly through the casebook, problem or simulation methods of instruction. Students not only learn the law, but are also encouraged to analyze related policy issues and to consider the effect laws have on people's lives. The required course curriculum is the foundation upon which later electives, seminars, and clinical work build. Upperclass students have wide latitude in program planning and may pursue a "concentration" in several areas of law or informally specialize in a number of other fields. Through diverse clinical and skills offerings, students have a first-hand opportunity to engage in a highly supervised law practice.

The Health Law, Financial Services Compliance, and Intellectual Property programs provide attorneys with an opportunity to broadly explore each of these areas. The Health Law LL.M. program is designed for both practicing health care attorneys and those seeking to expand their practice to health care clients. The Financial Services Compliance LL.M. program offers students the opportunity to broadly explore financial services or to focus more narrowly on areas such as securities regulation and compliance, taxation, or data protection. The IP program is designed for attorneys who wish to transition from other practice areas to IP, government officials, and regulators who specialize or wish to specialize in IP related issues, and law school graduates who are interested in teaching or other academic research relating to IP Law.

The LL.M. in American Law is a full-time, in-person program for foreign-educated lawyers seeking to practice law in the United States. The program is designed to satisfy the program requirements for eligibility to sit for many state bar examinations, including New York. Students take their courses on the weekends and supplement their classroom work with online activities.

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