

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

School of Law

Class of 2025

*Commencement
Exercises*

May 28, 2025

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center
Newark, New Jersey

PRAYER OF
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.

Commencement Speaker



Michael A. Chagares
Chief Judge

*United States Court of Appeals
for the Third Circuit*

Michael A. Chagares is Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and has been a Circuit Judge since April 2006. He is a member of the Judicial

Conference of the United States, the governing body of the federal judiciary, and was appointed by Chief Justice Roberts to the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference. Chief Judge Chagares served as a member and later Chair of the federal Appellate Rules Advisory Committee. He is Chair of the Working Group on Immigrant Representation in New Jersey, which aims to increase representation of low-income immigrants and to improve the quality of immigrant representation. Before taking the bench, Chief Judge Chagares was a partner in the law firm of Cole Schotz, P.A. and served as a Hearing Officer for the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund. From 1990 to 2004, he served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark, becoming Chief of the Civil Division in 1999. He has served as law clerk to the Honorable Morton I. Greenberg, U.S.C.J., whose seat Chief Judge Chagares now holds, and has been an Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall Law School since 1991. Chief Judge Chagares is a graduate of Gettysburg College and Seton Hall Law School and serves on the law school's Board of Visitors.

He has published various articles and is a co-author of the book *New Jersey Federal Civil Procedure*. He has served as President of the boards of community organizations such as his town's public library, West Bergen Mental Healthcare, and the Torpedoes Soccer Club, has served on the board of organizations such as A Future With Hope, The New Jersey Lawyer Newspaper, and the Historical Society of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, and is a former Chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Federal Practice and Procedure Section. Chief Judge Chagares has received the William J. Brennan, Jr. Award from the Association of the Federal Bar, two U.S. Department of Justice Director's Awards, and the Seton Hall Law School Adjunct Professor of the Year award from the students. Chief Judge Chagares has lectured abroad on behalf of the U.S. Department of State to foreign judges, officials, and others about the United States justice system and the rule of law.

Program

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Peter W. Rodino Professor of Law*

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*Francis Scott Key
Soloist: Emily Cavanaugh, J.D. '25*

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*Ronald Weich, J.D.
Dean*

INVOCATION

*Reverend Nicholas S. Gengaro, S.T.L.
Law School Chaplain*

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Chair, Seton Hall Law Board of Visitors
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INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

*Hüsniye Cogur, J.D. '25
President, Student Bar Association*

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

*The Honorable Michael A. Chagares
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit*

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ALMA MATER

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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 full-time 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. Upper-class 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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Alma Mater

Music by Nicola A. Montani
Revised: Walter Cohrsen, 1978
New choral and brass arrangement:
John Nowik, 2000

Lyrics by Charles A. Byrne ('37)

1. To Al - ma Ma - ter all be - loy - al, keep her
2. (When on) life's hard stones you - stum - ble pray to

name in pu - rest Light, ne - ver wa - ver from her
God to be your guide. Think of Se - ton Hall your

pre - cepts guard her ban - ner blue - and - white.
mo - ther then forge on in stead - y - stride.

Oh, sing her praise to high - est skies and be ye faith - ful

in her eyes for she will fos - ter all your dreams her name is - Se - ton

Hall, her name is - Se - ton Hall. 1. 2. When on Hall.

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