

REMARKS BY THOMAS SCRIVO

On behalf of the Seton Hall Law School Board of Visitors, it is my honor to stand before you and offer congratulations on this milestone.

You are part of a storied tradition here at Seton Hall Law School. The education you have received is more than just a pathway to a career; it is the foundation on which you will build your professional and personal lives. Whether you find yourself in a courtroom, a boardroom, or a community organization, the principles and values instilled in you at Seton Hall will be your guiding light. Just as importantly, the relationships that you built here at Seton Hall can either be left behind or strengthened. Let me make a pitch for the latter.

Reflecting on the last 30-plus years in our profession, I can honestly say that among the most rewarding and

fulfilling experiences have been those spent giving back to

Seton Hall alumni, whether it be:

- **Taking time to assist someone with a law school application.**
- **Returning to the Law School to visit with faculty and students.**
- **Engaging with fellow alumni at one of our annual events, such as the Annual Dinner or Red Mass.**
- **Or through our Firm's endowment of the McLaughlin Trial Advocacy Workshop, which many of you experienced.**

You too can experience that same level of fulfillment by giving back to your fellow alumni. Think back to a time when an alum helped you out ... or just as importantly, when you wish one had.

So today, as you officially join the ranks of Seton Hall Law School Alumni, look around and celebrate your connection to one another. Your experience here has made

you part of a larger family of Seton Hall alumni. Commit to helping one another. When one of us succeeds, we all share in that success. And if you happen to see one of your fellow graduates who needs help, don't look the other way. Stop. Reach down. Lend a hand. And lift them up.

I can promise you this: if you come from a place of pure gratitude, give your time unconditionally, and ask for nothing in return, you will be lavished with fulfillment beyond what this profession already provides.

Thirty years ago, Seton Hall's status in the legal community was quite different than it is today. Very few judges in the State were graduates of Seton Hall. We were still waiting for our first graduate to become a federal judge. And we were in the bottom half of law school rankings nationally.

Since that time, Seton Hall has risen to prominence. Our alumni represent the finest lawyers in the region and we are consistently in the top third of law school rankings. And in that time, our alumni have filled more than 100 state court judgeships, 2 Third Circuit judgeships, 11 federal district court judgeships (including our Commencement Speaker, Judge Michael Shipp), two Associate Justices of the New Jersey Supreme Court, 2 of the last 4 United States Attorneys, the Attorney General of New Jersey, members of the New Jersey General Assembly and Senate, and a Governor.

This is not by accident. When Seton Hall Law alumni have each other's backs, good things happen. Just imagine what the Class of 2024 will accomplish in the next 30 years by supporting one another. Seton Hall Law School is a

family. Treat it that way. Nurture it. This is not the end of your relationship with Seton Hall; it is merely the beginning.

Congratulations Class of 2024!