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North Carolina Central University

School of Law

Class of 2017

Commencement Exercises



James E. Shepard, Founder

Saturday, May 13, 2017

King's Park

11:00 a.m.

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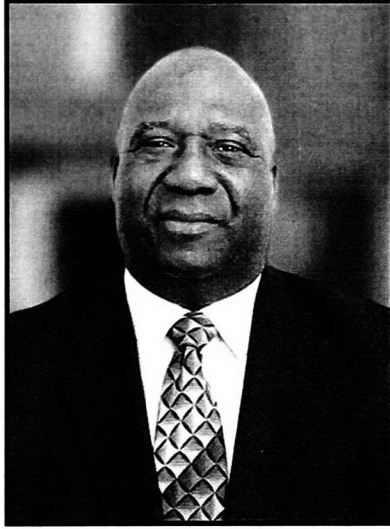
<i>Welcome</i>	Nicole L. Little SBA President
<i>Remarks by Students with Highest Honors</i>	Hannah M. Munn Day Program Thomas C. Wolff Evening Program
<i>Dean's Ambassador Program</i>	Phyliss Craig-Taylor Dean
<i>Introduction of the Speaker</i>	Charles W. Hands III Dean's Ambassador
<i>Speaker</i>	Justice Milton A. Tingling County Clerk, Commissioner of Jurors and Clerk of the Supreme Court, County of New York
<i>Charge to the Class</i>	Darrion R. Holloway Class President

The Class of Two Thousand Seventeen

<i>Presentation of Degrees</i>	Phyliss Craig-Taylor Dean Angela Gilmore Associate Dean Adrienne L. Meddock Assistant Dean
<i>Alumni Oath</i>	T. Greg Doucette President, NCCU Law Alumni Association
<i>Closing</i>	Phyliss Craig-Taylor Dean

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JUSTICE MILTON A. TINGLING



Justice Milton A. Tingling is the County Clerk, Commissioner of Jurors and Clerk of the Supreme Court of New York County. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University in 1975 and his Juris Doctor degree, *cum laude*, from North Carolina Central University School of Law in 1982, the same year his father, the Honorable Milton F. Tingling, was elected to Civil Court.

Justice Tingling was admitted to the Bar in New York in 1983 and went on to clerk for three Harlem judges. He then established a solo practice in Harlem, New York.

In 1996, he became the first Black elected from the 7th Municipal Court District, which encompasses Harlem and Washington Heights and is the largest non-countywide District in the State of New York. His assignments included presiding in both Criminal and Civil Court.

In 2000, Justice Tingling became the first, and currently, the only graduate of North Carolina Central University School of Law elected to the New York State Supreme Court. His most notable decision from the bench was striking down New York City Mayor Bloomberg's so-called soda ban law. Justice Tingling also issued the decision that permanently enjoined the statewide policy of shackling youths being transported to Family Courts.

Justice Tingling re-established the Special Election Court in Harlem in 2001 and presided over every primary and election for the next 14 years.

In November 2014, he was re-elected to the Supreme Court in New York. Justice Tingling subsequently retired in December 2014 to accept an appointment by the New York State Appellate Division, 1st Department, as New York County Clerk, Commissioner of Jurors and Clerk of the Supreme Court. Justice Tingling is the first and only Black County Clerk and Commissioner of Jurors in the history of New York State.

He chairs the board of the West Harlem Development Corporation and Community League of the Heights.

In 2016, Justice Tingling's daughter Aija, a 2005 graduate of North Carolina Central University School of Law, was elected to the Civil Court of the City of New York. The Tinglings became the first three-generation family of Black judges in the nation.

Juris Doctor Degree Candidates

May 13, 2017

- Justin A. Abney
◄ Rhonda K. Alexander
Paul M. Allen
Toya M. Allison
◆*Zachary C. Allred
◄ Juan A. Arreola
•Christopher J. Ashley
Latasha S. Bembury
Lisa M. Benjamin
Alycia N. Blackwell-Pittman
Sara E. Guerra Blalock
Sarah Elizabeth Mills Blessing
*Eugene K. Boakye
•◆André M. Board
Kevin M. Boston
Daniel I. Braswell
▲Jonathan L. Braverman
Shelia Marie Brown
◆Jennifer Batton Bryan
•Cortney D. Bryson
Brianna D. Buchanan
Brian K. Buckley
◆Jonathan W. Burns
◄ Rachel M. Cane
Habekah B. Cannon
◄ Rachel A. Cash
◆Gary T. Chavis
•Dayna V. Cheek
◄ Jocelyn N. Chidsey
Naomy C. Chimenge
Ronnie K. Clark
Raemi F. Cobb
◄ *Jasmine M. Cobbs
Rachel M. Cole
Phoenix Coleman
Fiona Colin
◄ Margaret T. Collins
◄ *Katashia L. Cooper
Allie Marie Craver
Trisha M. Crutchfield
+Reko M. Currie
Monica L. DaSilva
Shane L. Davidson
◆Robert T. Davis III
Andrew J. Dickerhoff
◄ Casey N. Duncan
▲Kimberly A. Edwards
Erin B. Elam
•Teia C. Evans
◆Nicholas I. Fisher
Ashlee E. Fogle
Ashley Renee Foster
◄ Charisma C. Fozard
•Montré D. Freeman
◆Dananai E. Gardner
Shaquansia D. Gay
Mark V. L. Gray II
◄ De'Erricka T. Green
Whitney C. Griffin
◄ Khalil A. Haddad
*Channel K. Hall
▲Shyra A. Hall
◄ Charles W. Hands III
John W. Haskins Jr.
Searra S. Hazel
◆Edward L. Hedrick V
Kanika D. Henderson
Shiekel D. Hendricks
Christian S. Hewitt
Aranda D. Holley
Miranda S. Holley
◆Nicholas P. Holloman
Darius R. Holloway
◄ Darrion R. Holloway
◄ Dorwin L. Howard Jr.
•◆Hugh A. Hudson
•Jasmine N. Hunt
◄ ◆Dondrea A. Jackson
* Alicia A. John
◆Charlene G. Johnson
* Erika E. A. Johnson
Dax A. Jones
Spencer A. Jones
◆Tiffany L. Jones
Anthony M. Kehoe
◄ Earl R. King
▲Brandon A. Konecny
◄ ◆Christina J. Koscianski
Kenny J. Lee
◄ Preston W. Lesley
◆Nicole L. Little
Stephanie M. Lopez
Sharnett D. Love
Mejgan Loynab
Leroy K. Martin
◄ Randall T. Martin-Franks
Rachel S. Matthews
Lauren Ariell McKoy
Princess-Kasharae J. Middleton
Sherika S. Miller
Whitney M. Mitchell
Tesfaye H. Mohamed
Amber K. Monroe
▲Candice Z. Morales
•Ashley D. Morris
Tempestt Head Morton
◆Abby Moua
Brooke Moultrie
▲Hannah M. Munn
Barbara I. Nelson
*Reginald O. Nwala
Janel O. Okafor
Julie A. Parker
William O. Parra
•Jessica M. Parrish
Jakeana S. Paul
◄ Suzanne McLamb Plunket
Emily Polanco-Barahona
Marcus O. Pollard
+ ◆Marwan M. Rashed
Brittany Roberts
Justin L. Rogers
Kiara B. Ross
◄ *Marquitta M. Rouse
◄ Joshua R. Rowland
+Rosalyn D. Scriven
*India Dorothy Shaw
Michael A. Simmons
John E. Sloan III
Jasmine Spence
◄ Sheila R. Spence
◄ Alton D. Stainback II
Amber M. Staples
▲Rashida J. Stevens
◄ *Prince Anthony Stokley II
Emila J. Sutton
+Carina E. Tate
Jovon A. M. Thompson
Kaitlyn L. Tickle
Jessica Patrice Timmons
◆Clarence Turpin V
Ravyn Annette Tyndall
▲◆David T. Vaught
Corey D. Vines
*Antoine H. Wade
Grace Bianca Cha'misse Wallace
•Soraya M. Watkins
◄ Kelly Elizabeth Watson
Tamikiyo Cartwright Watters
Dylan S. Webster
Karen F. Wellington
Jaynell D. White
◆Benjamin F. Williams
Nique V. Williams
Kristen L. Wills
▲Beth E. Wolfe
▲Thomas C. Wolff
Ashley D. Wright
▲Gabriel J. Wright
•Tracy M. Wright
Doaw Xiong
Gbiamango F. Yewawa
▲Summa Cum Laude
◆Magna Cum Laude
◄Cum Laude
•JD/MBA
•JD/MPA
+Civil Rights and
Constitutional Law Certificate
◆Dispute Resolution Certificate
* Justice in the Practice
of Law Certificate
* Tax Certificate

The colors of the cords the graduates are wearing symbolize the following:

Gold: Graduating with highest honors (summa cum laude)

Purple: Graduating with high honors (magna cum laude)

White: Graduating with honors (cum laude)

Red, white and blue: Members and Veterans of the U.S. Military

Maroon and gray: Student Service Impact Award Recipients

Green and silver: Earned the Civil Rights and Constitutional Law Certificate

Kelly and royal: Earned the Dispute Resolution Certificate

Teal: Earned the Justice in the Practice of Law Certificate

Silver and gold: Earned the Tax Certificate

Red, black and yellow: African Law Students Association

Red and silver: American Constitution Society

Maroon: Animal Law Organization

Light blue: Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Law Review

Red, black and green: Black Law Students Association

Maroon and gold: Business Law Society

Maroon and white: Christian Legal Society

Black and silver: Civil Rights and Constitutional Law Society

Navy blue and maroon: Death Penalty Project

Black and gold: Dime Initiative

White, yellow and maroon – Durham Maroons

Kelly green and black: Environmental Law Review

Dark green and gold: Environmental Law Society

Orange: Hispanic Law Students Association

Royal blue and white: Innocence Project

Navy blue and silver: Intellectual Property Society

Navy blue and green: International Law Society

Royal blue: Moot Court Board

Silver: North Carolina Central Law Review

Rainbow: Outlaw Alliance

Purple and gold: Phi Alpha Delta

Red, blue and yellow: Phi Delta Phi

Purple and silver: Public Interest Law Organization

Red and white: Republican and Libertarian Law Students Association

Navy blue and red: Sports & Entertainment Law Society

Light blue and yellow: Tax Council

Red: Trial Advocacy Board

Lilac: Women's Law Caucus

Students with Highest Honors are wearing Gray Stoles

The Executive Board Members of the following organizations are wearing medallions:

Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Law Review – Maroon Ribbon

Class of 2017 – Gray Ribbon

Environmental Law Review – Green Ribbon

Moot Court Board – Blue Ribbon

North Carolina Central Law Review – Black Ribbon

Trial Advocacy Board – Red Ribbon

Student Bar Association – Purple Ribbon

