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"Freedom of expression is the matrix, the indispensable condition, of nearly every other form of freedom."

Justice Benjamin Nathan Cardozo

Palko v. Connecticut, 302 U.S. 319, 327 (1937)

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Commencement Address

U.S. Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D - Del.)

SENATOR BIDEN TO ADDRESS LOYOLA LAW GRADUATES

Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D-Del.), senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a member and former chairman of the Judiciary Committee, will be the keynote speaker at Loyola Law School's Commencement Ceremonies on May 16. Biden also is the top Democrat on the European Affairs Subcommittee and co-chair of the Senate NATO Observer Group.

Senator Biden has served in the United States Senate since January 1973 (term expires 2002), and is the second



youngest person in U.S. history elected to the Senate. A law graduate of Syracuse University, Biden has earned international recognition as a policy innovator, effective legislator and party spokesman on a wide range of domestic and foreign issues, from

international relations and arms control to crime prevention and drug control. Author of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act (1994), he is now the senior Democrat on the Subcommittee on Youth Violence and co-chairs the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control. In 1998, *Congressional Quarterly* named Biden one of "Twelve Who Made A Difference" for playing a lead role in the Senate on foreign policy, including NATO enlargement and the successful passage of bills to streamline U.S. foreign affairs agencies. ■

Student Speaker

Joseph Anthony Valenti '99 Day Division

At first, we were strangers. Today, we're a family. During the past few years we have stood side by side and have endured the challenge of the study of law. We have shared the same thoughts, the same fears, the same triumphs -- and have relied upon one another for support along the way. It is here today where we gather for one final moment

together -- a moment to say farewell.

Personally, my experience at Loyola has truly been an awakening. As a result, I am strong, yet sensitive. I am proud, yet humble. I am prepared to move on -- though I find it difficult to let go. This program is all I have known for some time now -- the administration, faculty, staff, and you, my colleagues -- this way of life. And along with my family and my fiancée, Clare, you all have taught me more about myself than I could have ever figured out on my own.

Today is a victory. We have fulfilled the task. This should come as no surprise. We have the capability and thus should expect nothing less of ourselves. More will be demanded of us in the future. But for now, we are doing that what we should -- using our God-given talents to enrich our minds and souls as well those whose lives we touch.

Law is history. Law is philosophy. Law is the foundation and the framework of our society. Formulas to co-exist. Ideals to contemplate. Law is about humanity. It is about advancing civilization amidst turbulent times, shifting economies, and little tolerance. Our mission is to make things whole again in whatever manner possible -- to absorb what our profession empowers us with and to navigate across the seas of conflict, temptation, and greed to a safe harbor of justice.

Before we part, I wish for you to ask yourselves one question. Put aside the black letter law, the Socratic method, your class rank. Put aside the Bar exam, the hunt for employment, and where you want to be in ten years. Instead, think about *what it is you stand for*. Why are you here? What is the fuel that drove you through *this trial* day after day? In pursuit of what? Before we can progress, the question must be posed. Beyond the measure of a transcript, it is what lies within us that will propel us forward, enabling us to tackle greater endeavors during our careers -- from defending the liberty of an individual in a courtroom, to determining the fate of an entire nation on Capitol Hill. Ask yourself '*what do I stand for?*'

Do not, however, become frustrated if the answer is not readily apparent. For some, there will be no immediate impulse. My suggestion is to persist. Continue to seek the answer. Be patient because what it is we are searching for is not out there somewhere waiting to be discovered like buried treasure. Not at all. What we are searching for in this lifetime is not to be *found*. It is to be *made*.

And ultimately, when you arrive at your final destination, be prepared to look back upon your journey and testify as to your own character. Charm is deceptive. Beauty is hollow, Honor is eternal. I pray we shall remain free enough in spirit and in conscience to then stand and be proud of every choice we made. ■

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Student Speaker

Lesa Ann Slaughter '99 Evening Division

I think all of us graduating today can remember a simpler, gentler time just before we started Loyola Law School. Back then, words were just that -- words. Things certainly have taken on a new meaning since we started law school, and I think we can all agree that nothing has changed more for us than the meaning of some very common phrases.

For example, I remember when discovery was just a cable t.v channel and Miranda was a girl I went to high school with, not a constitutional requirement prior to interrogating a suspect. Back in the old days, IRAC referred to a country in the Middle East, briefs were an alternative to boxers, not something you spent weeks and days writing, and consideration was something that you gave to others -- not the final element needed to form a contract. FOB meant friend of Bill Clinton, not a shipping term to determine risk of loss, battery was something that died in your car, bad faith used to mean you took communion prior to going to confession.

Before we took Constitutional law, de jure referred to a soup, not a type of discrimination, ripeness referred to fruit, not a law

suit, and the free exercise clause was what your gym tried to get you to sign up for -- it had nothing to do with religion. Back before Civil Procedure, Erie was just a lake to some of us, demurrer was how you acted on a first date, a special appearance was what you did when you had more than one party to go to, and on all fours meant... well, never mind.

Criminal law changed things around too. The accused used to be a movie starring Jodie Foster, not my client for the class assignment, double jeopardy was the bonus round of my favorite game show, bail meant to leave, and venire referred to a type of wood finish, not a list of jurors. Now -- we all know that the term accessory has nothing to do with scarves and handbags, and fruit of the poisonous tree is a rule referring to evidence -- not Adam and Eve. Remember when we used to think In Re was the opposite of x-ray, and minimum contacts was what you maintained on blind dates.

Remedies opened our eyes as well. Who knew that unclean hands could mean anything other than dirty digits? Did you ever think that latches could mean an equitable remedy and not just refer to hardware?

What humbles me the most though is who would have thought that garnishment could be something other than parsley.

I think I speak for all of you in saying that perhaps our experience and education in the law of property will leave the most profound impact on us. We are all a little wiser knowing that a remainderman is not simply someone who has been left behind.

But seriously, our experience in law school hasn't just been about expanding our lexicon and gaining an understanding of legal applications and implications. Our education at Loyola has meant far more than that. We have been given a solid foundation upon each of us can begin to develop into the best attorneys we can be, we have been given friendships that will last a lifetime, opportunities to practice that which we may never experience at any other time in our careers, and memories that will remain with us always. I think I speak for all of us in thanking Loyola, its founders and faculty for what they have given us. Now, let us grasp our diplomas at the end of this day, knowing that we are the few and the proud who understand a tort just isn't dessert anymore. ■

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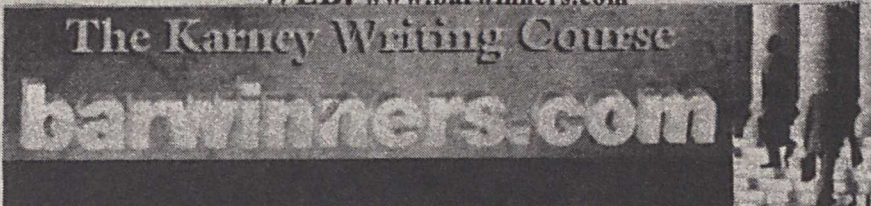
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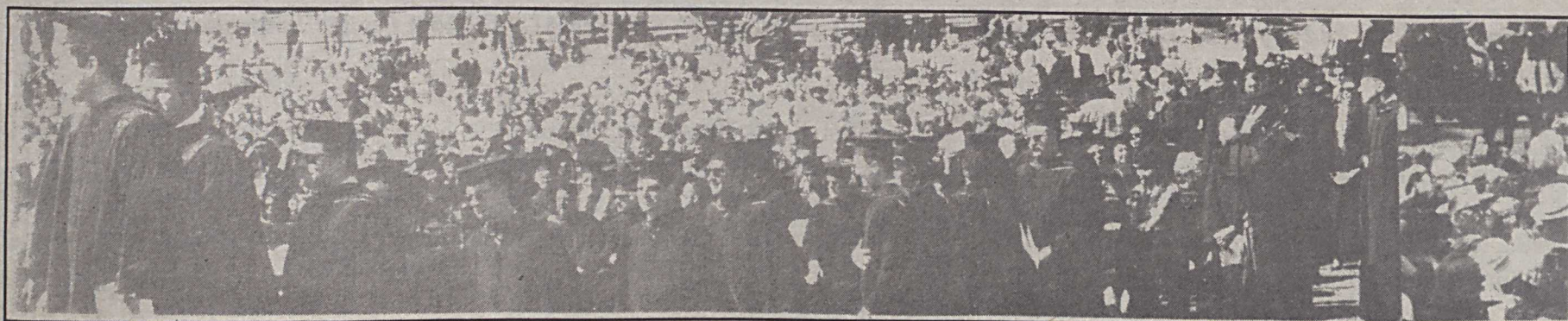
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Nicole Catanzarite, Matthew Hippler, Mary Reed, and Rachel Richman. National Moot Court Competition. Team of Hippler and Richman winners of the Pacific Regional Rounds. Professors Rick Hasen and Karl Manheim, team coaches.

Cheryl Conn, Elliot Nahmias, Rose Sorensen, and Hyunah Suh. Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition. Professor Derek Asiedu-Akrofi, team coach.

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Lucia Gonzalez, Gilbert Serrano, and Javier Serrano. Fourth Annual Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Competition. Dean David Burcham and Professor Chris May, team coaches.

Robert Kayne, May Mallari, Lesa Slaughter, and Alexandra Rosati. American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition. Lesa Slaughter named as one of the top oralists. Professor Harry Zavos, team coach.

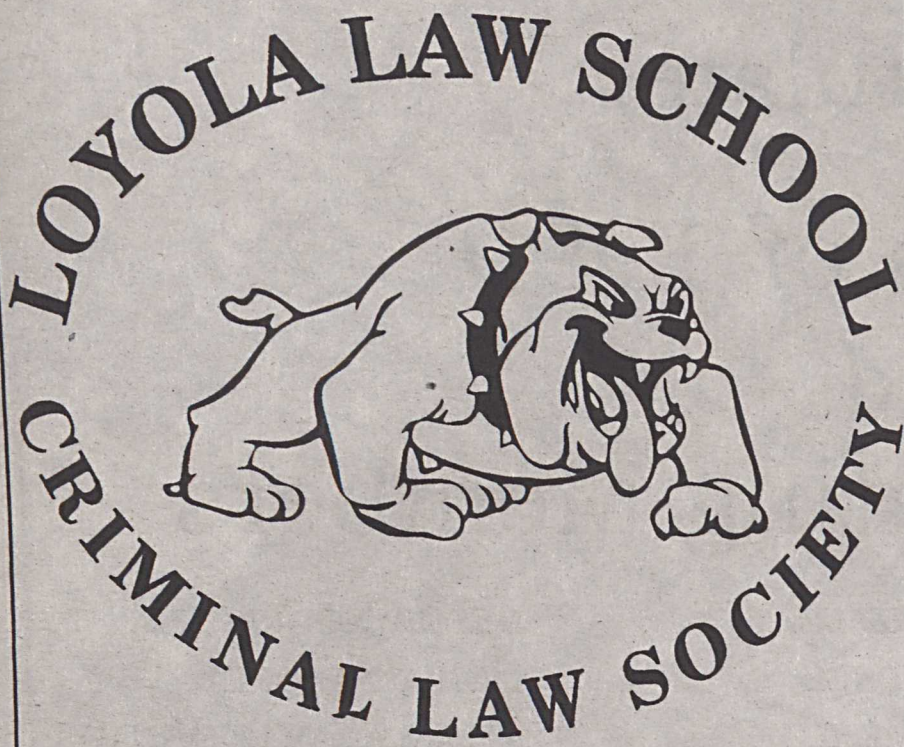
Trina Saunders and John Henry. Frederick Douglass Moot Court competition (sponsored by the National Black Law Students Association). Winners of the Western Region competition and honored for submitting the best brief. John Henry was named outstanding oralist. Professor Gary Williams, team coach.

Christina Sprenger and Bryan E. Thompson. Native American Law Students' Ass'n (NALSA) Moot Court Competition. Professor Karl Manheim, team coach.

The committee also congratulates the Justices of the Scott Moot Court Board, for running the Scott competition: **Lobat Ghatan, Chief Justice; Michelle Humphrey, Mauricio Rauld, and Sonia Sanchez, Associate Justices**

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