

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School

Commencement Exercises Class of Two Thousand Twenty-Five

The Rialto Center for the Arts

One Thirty p.m.

May 17, 2025 Atlanta, Georgia

| PRELUDE | Prelude, Sigurd Jorsalfor by Edvard Grieg |
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| PROCESSIONAL | <i>Pomp and Circumstance March</i> by Edward Elgar |
| PROCESSIONAL MARSHALS | Jesse Moore, <i>Class of 2025</i> Anthony Zahn, <i>Class of 2025</i> |
| NATIONAL ANTHEM | Amadeus String Ensemble |
| INVOCATION | Rev. Dr. David Anthony Spencer, Jr. Dixon Grove Baptist Church, Senior Pastor |
| WELCOME | Jace C. Gatewood Dean |
| REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT OF STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION | Jodi-Ann Salters President, Student Bar Association |
| AWARDS | Jace C. Gatewood Dean |
| INTRODUCTION OF HONORABLE JUDGE GLENDA A. HATCHETT | Jace C. Gatewood Dean |
| ADDRESS | Judge Glenda A. Hatchett Stewart Miller Simmons Trial Attorneys |
| CONFERRING OF DEGREE | Jace C. Gatewood Dean Adam Malone Chairman, Board of Directors |
| REMARKS FROM THE CLASS | Jesse Moore 2025 Valedictorian – Part-Time Division Anthony Zahn 2025 Valedictorian – Full-Time Division |
| REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI BOARD | D. Wesley Jordan President, Alumni Association Board of Directors |
| BENEDICTION | Rev. Dr. David Anthony Spencer, Jr. |
| CLOSING REMARKS | Jace C. Gatewood Dean |
| RECESSIONAL | Grand March from "Aida" by Verdi |

The Audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional.

As a courtesy to our guests, we ask that you silence all communication devices and assure that all small children are monitored or removed if causing a distraction.

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Honors The Honorable Judge Glenda A. Hatchett

A graduate of Mount Holyoke College and Emory University School of Law, where she was an Earl Warren Scholar, Judge Glenda Hatchett began her legal career as the first Black federal clerk in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. She then spent nearly a decade at Delta Air Lines, rising to become the company's highest-ranking woman of color globally. As Senior Attorney, she handled labor, antitrust, and commercial litigation. Later, as Public Relations Manager, she led global crisis management and media relations across 50 U.S. cities and internationally. Ebony Magazine recognized her as one of corporate America's most outstanding women.

In 1990, Hatchett was appointed Chief Judge of Fulton County Juvenile Court, becoming Georgia's first Black Chief Judge of a state court. She presided over one of the country's largest juvenile court systems and earned national acclaim for innovative reform initiatives. Her work earned the U.S. Justice Department's Roscoe Pound Award—its highest honor for criminal justice reform—and the NAACP's Justice Thurgood Marshall Award.

Currently Of Counsel at Stewart Miller Simmons in Atlanta, Hatchett litigates high-profile cases nationwide involving wrongful deaths, catastrophic injuries, maternal deaths, sexual assaults, and police misconduct. She also leads Hatchett Consulting Group, bringing over 40 years of experience as a judge, attorney, crisis management expert, and television personality. She advises in crisis communications, risk management, and provides motivational speaking.

Hatchett has served on the boards of three Fortune 500 companies: HCA, The Gap Inc., and ServiceMaster Company. While on HCA's Board, she chaired the Ethics, Compliance, and Quality of Care Committee and served on the Nominating and Governance Committee. She played a key role in HCA's historic \$32.7 billion leveraged buyout—the largest in U.S. corporate history at the time. At The Gap, she served on the Governance, Nominating, and Social Responsibility Committee and the Compensation and Management Development Committee.

She has also advised major sports leagues, serving on the Atlanta Falcons' Board of Advisors and consulting with the NBA on legal and social issues. The State Bar of Georgia honored her with the Social Justice Advocacy and Action Award, becoming only the fourth recipient. She has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumna by Mount Holyoke College and received the Emory Medal—Emory University's highest alumni honor. She is admitted to practice law in Georgia and the District of Columbia.

A sought-after speaker, Hatchett has led sessions for companies including PepsiCo, Procter & Gamble, Wal-Mart, Georgia-Pacific, and HCA. She has delivered keynote addresses at numerous national conferences and moderated events such as the CEO Forum on Diversity Leadership and Wells Fargo's Forum on the Economic Impact on Higher Education. She also taught corporate ethics at Vanderbilt University's Directors College.

Hatchett starred in the Emmy-nominated television series Judge Hatchett, now in its 23rd season, and currently presides over her latest show, The Verdict. She is also a best-selling author of Say What You Mean and Mean What You Say (HarperCollins, 2003) and Dare to Take Charge (Center Street/Hachette, 2010).

Dedicated to community service, Hatchett has served on nonprofit boards including the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the After School Alliance, and the Women's Resource Center at Spelman College. She formerly advised Play Pumps International and currently serves as the national spokesperson for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), receiving their prestigious President's Award.

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