



Atlanta's John Marshall Law School

*Commencement Exercises
Class of
Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

The Rialto Center for the Arts

One Thirty p.m.

*May 16, 2026
Atlanta, Georgia*

PRELUDE	<i>Prelude, Sigurd Jorsalfor</i> by Edvard Grieg
PROCESSIONAL	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March</i> by Edward Elgar
PROCESSIONAL MARSHALS	Justin Huggins, <i>Valedictorian– Part-Time Division</i> Maria Jarman, <i>Valedictorian– Full-Time Division</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Amadeus String Ensemble
INVOCATION	Rev. Dr. David Anthony Spencer, Jr. The Lamp Christian Church, Senior Pastor
WELCOME.....	Martin L. Ellin Dean
REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT OF STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION	Jayla Hill President, Student Bar Association
AWARDS	Judith M. Barger Vice-Dean and Professor of Law
INTRODUCTION OF JASMINE RAND.....	Martin L. Ellin Dean
ADDRESS.....	Jasmine Rand Civil Rights Activist, Law Professor & Attorney to the Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown Families
CONFERRING OF DEGREE	Martin L. Ellin Dean Adam Malone Chairman, Board of Directors
INTRODUCTION OF VALEDICTORIANS	Judith M. Barger Vice-Dean and Professor of Law
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REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI BOARD	Shilpa Jadwani President, Alumni Association Board of Directors
BENEDICTION	Rev. Dr. David Anthony Spencer, Jr. The Lamp Christian Church, Senior Pastor
CLOSING REMARKS	Martin L. Ellin Dean
RECESSIONAL	<i>Grand March from "Aida"</i> 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
Jasmine Rand**

Attorney Jasmine Rand is a nationally recognized civil rights attorney, legal scholar, and advocate for social justice. She is the founding attorney of RAND LAW, L.L.C., a Miami-based civil litigation firm, where her practice focuses on civil rights, human rights, catastrophic personal injury, and wrongful death matters.

Attorney Rand gained national prominence for her representation of the family of Trayvon Martin and has since remained at the forefront of high-profile civil rights advocacy. Her work extends internationally, including serving as legal counsel in matters presented before the United Nations that contributed to the adoption of a landmark human rights resolution addressing excessive use of force by law enforcement.

In addition to her legal practice, Attorney Rand is an accomplished educator and speaker. She serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law and has lectured at institutions around the world, including Harvard Law School, the University of the West Indies, and Mohammed V University in Morocco. Her global engagement has included consulting with members of the Moroccan judiciary on the implementation of international human rights standards.

Attorney Rand's professional distinctions include recognition by the National Bar Association as one of the nation's "Top 40 Lawyers Under 40" and the Distinguished Civil Rights Advocate Award from the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. She is also a frequent legal analyst appearing on national and international media outlets.

A graduate of the University of Georgia and Florida State University College of Law, Attorney Rand continues to inspire future legal professionals through her commitment to advancing justice, equality, and the rule of law.

Attorney Jasmine Rand now brings her extensive experience, expert teachings and unmatched passion to her thought provoking and gripping keynotes. Recognized by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law's national Distinguished Civil Rights Advocate Award, "For fulfilling the legal profession's highest ideal in advancing equal justice for all," Rand's programs promise to be a must for America's future leaders and champions for change.

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