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03:49 Please stand as you are able
03:51 as we welcome the candidates for degrees
03:53 from Suffolk University Law School.
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12:04 Please welcome the faculty of Suffolk University Law School.
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14:31 Please welcome the Board of Trustees, President
14:34 and administration of Suffolk University
14:37 and our honored guests.
14:40 (audience cheering and applauding)
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15:30 (instrumental music)
16:30 (instrumental music)
16:59 (everyone cheering and applauding)
17:07 <v ->Please be seated.</v
17:10 Good afternoon and welcome to the Commencement ceremonies
17:14 for Suffolk University Law School's Class of 2023.
17:19 (audience cheering and applauding)
17:25 My name is Andrew Perlman and I have the honor of serving
17:29 as the Dean of Suffolk Law and the true pleasure
17:33 of presiding over today's Commencement ceremonies.
17:36 Welcome to Chairman Lamb
17:38 and members of the Board of Trustees, President Kelly,
17:41 Provost Sandell, members of the faculty administration
17:44 and staff of the Law School and honored quest
17:48 including our commencement speaker President Janai Nelson.
17:52 Finally, and most notably welcome to the graduates
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17:56 of the Suffolk Law, Class of 2023, your family, friends, 18:00 and other loved ones. 18:02 (audience cheering and applauding) 18:09 Each year at Commencement I say that this is a special day, 18:14 but given the challenges that you all have faced 18:17 during your time with us, this day is special indeed. 18:23 Now, if you are able, please rise for the singing 18:25 of the national anthem by a member of the graduating class 18:28 Michele Garlit. 18:30 (audience cheering and applauding) 18:44 , \hat{o}^{TM} O say can you see by the dawn's early light , \hat{o}^{TM} 18:57 , \hat{o}^{TM} What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming , \hat{o}^{TM} 19:09 , \hat{o}^{m} Whose broad stripes and bright stars , \hat{o}^{m} 19:15 ,ô™ Through the perilous fight ,ô™ 19:22 , \hat{o}^{TM} O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming , \hat{o}^{TM} 19:34 ,ô[™] And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air , $\hat{o}^{™}$ 19:45 ,ô[™] Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there , $\hat{o}^{™}$ 19:57 ,ô[™] O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave , $\hat{o}^{™}$ 20:12 , \hat{o}^{TM} O'er the land of the free , \hat{o}^{TM} 20:19 (audience cheering and applauding) 20:21 , \hat{o}^{TM} And the home of the brave , \hat{o}^{TM} 20:28 (audience cheering and applauding) 20:40 <v ->Thank you, Michele, for that fabulous rendition</v 20:43 of the national anthem. 20:44 Michele is clearly talented. 20:46 She began choir singing in the third grade 20:50 and in high school joined a concert choir 20:52 that competed around the country. 20:54 After graduation, she will be heading back to her home state 20:58 of California where she plans to practice 21:00 transactional law in the nonprofit sector. 21:04 Congratulations, Michele. 21:06 (audience cheering and applauding) 21:10 At this time, I am pleased to introduce to you 21:14 the president of Suffolk University, Dr. Marisa Kelly. 21:18 (audience cheering and applauding) 21:24 <v ->Thank you, Dean Perlman.</v 21:27 Welcome, family, friends, honored guests, 21:29 and most importantly, welcome and congratulations 21:32 to the Suffolk University Law Class of 2023. 21:38 (audience cheering and applauding) 21:44 In the face of extraordinarily challenging circumstances, 21:49 you have made this university proud. 21:52 For many of you, Suffolk Law School career 21:55 started in the depths of a global pandemic 21:58 that was causing untold loss and tragedy. 22:02 In August of 2020, first-year law students 22:05 had their orientation fully remote. 22:08 They swore their oath of professionalism 22:10 in a fully remote ceremony. 22:13 Classes were mostly on Zoom with some socially distanced 22:17 in-person classes mixed in. 22:19 Many of our evening students 22:21 were in their second year of law school

22:23 when the pandemic hit and the world began to shut down, 22:27 those who came to campus had to mask up, test weekly, 22:32 show your phone to a test you had no COVID symptoms. 22:35 For many, it was isolating. 22:38 Those critical connections did not come easily 22:42 and yet you persisted with resilience, patience, 22:49 and determination you pushed forward. 22:53 Despite the pandemic, you found ways to create connections 22:58 and community, and here you are. 23:02 (audience cheering and applauding) 23:10 That is incredibly impressive 23:12 and something to be celebrated. 23:14 There's something else about the Class of 2023 23:17 that I also find inspiring and very worthy of celebration. 23:22 In these most trying of times and in the face 23:25 of significant personal obstacles, 23:29 you have sought to help others. 23:32 You refuse to turn away from the adversity around you. 23:36 Instead, you used your legal education and ingenuity 23:41 to help others face some of their most difficult 23:44 and complicated challenges. 23:47 You have embraced this university's great legacy of service. 23:54 In fact, through our legal clinics, 23:56 you and your law school colleagues have provided 23:58 more than 37,000 hours of legal service 24:03 to low-income communities 24:05 assisting hundreds of clients at no charge. 24:09 (audience cheering and applauding) 24:15 Now the value of those services is roughly \$4.6 million, 24:22 and you and your colleagues provided an additional 24:25 5,500 hours of pro bono service outside of the clinics. 24:32 You represented domestic violence survivors, 24:35 combated housing discrimination, 24:37 and taught constitutional law in the Boston public schools. 24:41 Graduating law students in the immigration clinic 24:44 successfully obtained asylum for a Darfuri man 24:47 preventing his being persecuted at the hands 24:50 of Sudanese militia. 24:54 Two students in the health law clinic 24:57 successfully represented a disabled and unhoused veteran 25:01 who was unable to work. 25:04 You helped that person obtain over \$50,000 in back pay. 25:09 (audience cheering and applauding) 25:17 Students in the transactional law clinic 25:19 helped to create the legal structure for what may be 25:22 the first worker-led and owner childcare cooperative 25:26 in the state. 25:27 (audience cheering and applauding) 25:28 One graduating student 25:30 working in Suffolk Law's Fair Housing Clinic created an app 25:33 that helps low-income people 25:35 who are receiving public rental assistance 25:37 track their interactions with landlords, 25:40 a key to maintaining government aid

25:43 and avoiding homelessness. 25:46 (audience cheering and applauding) 25:51 Two of you in the intellectual property 25:54 and entrepreneurship clinic guided a small business owner 25:57 through the formation of her eco-friendly 25:59 freight transportation optimization business, 26:03 including preparing 11 applications 26:06 for trademark registrations. 26:09 (audience cheering and applauding) 26:10 Some of you were among the discrimination testers 26:13 who participated this academic year 26:15 in 177 undercover fair housing tests 26:20 conducted across the state 26:22 by Suffolk Law's Housing Discrimination Testing Program. 26:27 (audience cheering and applauding) 26:31 And graduates representing the Federalist Society 26:35 and the Black Law Students Association convened a discussion 26:39 on the affirmative action cases 26:41 before the United States Supreme Court, 26:43 a conversation that was both nuanced and constructive, 26:47 and a heartening example of our community's ability 26:50 to come together to listen and share divergent views. 26:56 (audience cheering and applauding) 27:01 All of these examples and so many more that I could mention 27:05 are a testament to your commitment to community impact. 27:12 Our communities need Suffolk lawyers more than ever. 27:17 Our communities will be better because of you. 27:21 When tested with enormous challenges, 27:24 you have not backed down, rather you have stepped up, 27:28 you have served, and you have succeeded. 27:31 You are Suffolk ready, and you have been, 27:36 and you will continue to be a powerful force for good. 27:43 Today, we celebrate you. 27:46 We are honored to count you among our alumni. 27:49 Again, congratulations 27:51 to the Suffolk University Law School Class of 2023. 27:55 Thank you. 27:56 (audience cheering and applauding) 28:00 (suspenseful music) 28:03 <v Announcer 2>Each year by awarding Honorary Degrees, </v 28:08 we recognize leaders, artists, scientists, activists, 28:19 change makers, and public servants. 28:25 (upbeat music) 28:37 Working to improve communities, nations, and the world, 28:46 who succeed in improving lives through leadership, 28:52 scientific discovery, artistic vision, 28:56 and creative innovation. 29:00 (upbeat music) 29:07 Who exemplify the power of education to transform lives. 29:18 <v ->That video is a perfect lead into the introduction</v 29:22 to this year's Commencement speaker. 29:24 To introduce that speaker, I'm pleased to ask 29:26 Associate Dean for Academic Affairs 29:29 and Clinical Professor of Law, Kim McLaurin,

29:31 to step forward. 29:34 (audience applauding) 29:40 <v ->I have the privilege of presenting Janai Nelson</v 29:44 with the citation for the degree of Doctor of Laws 29:48 and ask that she approached the podium. 29:52 (audience applauding) 30:00 Janai Nelson, you are an inspirational leader, 30:04 attorney, advocate, and teacher. 30:07 You are the eighth president and director counsel 30:11 of the Legal Defense Fund or LDF. 30:15 You stand on the shoulders of legal giants. 30:20 LDF was founded in 1940 by Justice Thurgood Marshall, 30:25 the first African-American justice appointed 30:28 to the US Supreme Court. 30:30 Your work as an advocate began in earnest 30:34 when you first joined LDF as an NAACP Fried Frank Fellow. 30:40 At LDF, you developed exceptional litigation skills 30:44 and were appointed 30:46 as director of LDF'S Political Participation group. 30:51 You served as the people's advocate for voting rights. 30:55 You fought voting disenfranchisement, 30:58 you challenged gerrymandering and redistricting, 31:02 and you represented underserved 31:04 and underrepresented communities. 31:07 Your work on voting rights transitioned to a global stage 31:11 when you became a Fulbright Scholar 31:14 at the Legal Resources Center in Ghana. 31:17 While there, you researched political disenfranchisement 31:21 of people with criminal convictions 31:24 and the advancement of democracy in that country. 31:28 Your work as a scholar-activist, 31:30 continued during your distinguished career 31:34 as a law professor at St. John's University Law School. 31:39 You are still a renowned scholar writing and teaching 31:44 about voting rights, election law, 31:47 and voting disenfranchisement in underserved communities 31:51 and in communities of color. 31:53 At St. John's, you also served as Associate Dean 31:57 for Faculty Scholarship and Associate Director 32:00 of the Ronald H. Brown Center 32:03 for Civil Rights and Economic Development. 32:07 In 2022, when you were appointed President 32:11 and Director Council, you indicated that our democracy 32:15 requires three key ingredients to thrive, the right to vote, 32:21 the freedom to protest, and the truth. 32:25 By zealously protecting and upholding these ideals, 32:29 you have worked to ensure that our democracy 32:33 rests upon these three key ingredients 32:36 so that it may meet the challenge of serving all people. 32:40 Indeed, you have consistently defended, educated, 32:45 and empowered us. 32:48 Janai Nelson, you and your work embody 32:51 the Suffolk University Law School motto, 32:54 "Honestas et diligentia", your honesty, your diligence,

33:00 and your steadfast commitment 33:03 to translating our democratic ideals into action, 33:07 make you a much-needed model for our times 33:11 and for future generations of Suffolk Law Students. 33:17 Chairman Lamb, and President Kelly, 33:20 I now have the honor of presenting Janai Nelson 33:23 to receive the university's Degree of Doctor of Laws. 33:28 (audience cheering and applauding) 33:43 <v ->With the authority vested in me</v 33:44 by the Suffolk University Board of Trustees 33:47 and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. 33:51 I hereby confer upon you Janai Nelson, 33:54 the Degree of Doctor of Laws, 33:57 and thereby add your name to Suffolk University's role 34:00 of most distinguished alumni. 34:04 (audience cheering and applauding) 34:33 (audience cheering and applauding) 34:47 <v ->Hello, Suffolk, how are you?</v 34:49 (audience cheering and applauding) 34:52 Thank you very much for that generous introduction, 34:54 Associate Dean McLaurin and thank you to Dean Perlman 34:59 and the Board of Trustees for conferring 35:02 this Honorary Degree to me. 35:04 I am deeply humbled. 35:07 It's truly a pleasure to be here 35:10 and deliver the 2023 Commencement Address 35:15 and I'm grateful to President Kelly, Provost Sandell, 35:20 and Dean Perlman for the invitation. 35:24 Let me begin by extending my warmest congratulations 35:29 to the graduating Class of 2023 along with your family, 35:34 and friends, and loved ones, 35:36 and those who have been an integral part 35:39 of your support system. 35:41 You all have so much to be proud of. 35:45 (audience cheering and applauding) 35:53 As President Kelly mentioned, many of you graduating today 35:58 began your law school journeys 36:00 amid a thundercloud of uncertainty. 36:07 In 2020, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic ripped away 36:13 most of the trappings of what we considered 36:17 to be normal life. 36:19 Millions of lives were tragically lost. 36:22 Livelihoods were upended and we did not know when or whether 36:28 many of us would see one another again. 36:31 The pandemic altered our vision of the future 36:35 and forced us to rethink expectations, possibilities, 36:40 and our internal resolve. 36:44 That same year, 2020, the same year many of you 36:49 bravely embarked on this daring venture, 36:52 an estimated 25 million people mounted 36:57 a multiracial, multi-ethnic, multi-generational uprising 37:02 for racial justice creating one of the largest movements 37:07 in US history, which I'm sure included some of you. 37:12 Following the unjust killings of George Floyd,

37:17 Brianna Taylor, and Ahmad Arbery, and countless others, 37:22 people in collective isolation, collective grief, horror, 37:29 and awakening, took to the streets to demand accountability 37:34 and bravely take up the call of justice. 37:38 And in addition to these challenges wrought by COVID 19 37:41 and a racial uprising January 6th, the Ukraine war, 37:47 climate change, and myriad crises that impact our future 37:51 in the United States and abroad added another layer 37:54 of uncertainty to your lives. 37:57 But against this backdrop, you persevered. 38:01 You persevered in your law school studies, 38:04 whether as a day student or as a student 38:06 in the renowned JD Evening program without knowing what jobs 38:12 would await you upon graduation 38:14 or what kind of world you would inherit, 38:18 that you chose to embark or continue upon this journey 38:23 despite these vast unknowns and uncertainties tells me that 38:28 you not only have the courage necessary 38:31 to face the challenging realities of our time, 38:34 but you possess intrepid imagination 38:39 and instincts of survival that animated the founders 38:44 of the Legal Defense Fund 83 years ago. 38:47 It animated them to see and pursue a future 38:51 that was wholly incongruent with the reality they faced. 38:56 And I want to invite you to carry forward 38:59 that same resilience and vision as you move forward 39:03 in your careers because in this moment of flux, 39:07 you have both the opportunity and the responsibility 39:12 to help shape the future of this country. 39:16 With your knowledge of the law and the power it confers 39:20 you will be positioned at the center 39:23 of some of our nation's most pressing questions. 39:27 In fact, many of you have already taken impressive action 39:32 to utilize your training and skills to contribute 39:36 to your communities and address the urgent demands 39:39 of the moment. 39:40 President Kelly lauded your clinical and pro bono service 39:44 to migrant families in need, advancing human rights, 39:48 addressing complex issues of racism, 39:51 applying business tax and administrative law 39:54 to empower vulnerable communities. 39:57 Your service demonstrates your commitment 40:00 to advancing justice and equality, 40:03 which I hope will only deepen as you advance your careers. 40:08 You have also hosted first-rate events to raise awareness 40:11 about critical social justice issues. 40:14 The Student Bar Association's Diversity Week in March 40:18 interrogated the meaning of systemic discrimination 40:22 and the misunderstood subject of critical race theory. 40:26 The Suffolk Law Journal of Health and Biomedical Law's 40:30 annual Symposium thoughtfully examined the implications 40:35 of the incursions into reproductive rights 40:39 and the linkages among law, health, medicine, 40:43 and civil and human rights.

40:46 Sitting here today, you have amassed 40:49 all these inspiring accomplishments. 40:53 You are proof that life can and does go on even in the face 40:57 of existential threats when we act collectively 41:01 in interest of humanity. 41:04 Today, however, America still faces significant uncertainty 41:10 about whether the rise in mass shootings 41:13 will finally force our lawmakers to act, 41:16 whether reproductive rights will be fully eviscerated, 41:20 whether people of all genders can enjoy basic human rights, 41:26 whether we will be able to read books, speak out, 41:29 and teach the truth of our history, 41:33 and whether this country will live up 41:35 to the promise of democracy. 41:38 But I firmly believe that it is in moments of precarity 41:44 that there is an opportunity to confront 41:47 our structural frailties and transform our laws and systems 41:52 to deliver the justice that our constitution 41:56 and other laws have never fulfilled. 41:59 And if the pandemic taught us anything, 42:02 it is that the possibility of radical transformation 42:06 is not only possible but potentially powerful and positive. 42:12 The pandemic instigated a widespread mindset shift 42:17 from a traditional in-person office mentality 42:22 to a variety of hybrid concepts to suit a more humane, 42:26 accommodating, and sensible work and learning environment. 42:31 Even courtroom proceedings adapted to video conferencing. 42:36 We began to reconsider how, where, 42:39 when and what conditions we work, learn, and interact. 42:44 Upheaval offers opportunity for radical transformation. 42:50 As President and Director Counsel of the Legal Defense Fund, 42:53 It is my job to use these opportunities 42:56 to advance profound and durable change for good, 43:01 especially as we find ourselves at another crossroads 43:05 facing renewed attacks on essential rights. 43:10 Access to abortion care is under assault 43:13 even though it has been a fundamental part 43:16 of reproductive freedom for over four decades, 43:21 especially for people who are in the same age group 43:24 as many of you and whose futures will be determined 43:28 by whether they have continued access. 43:32 There is an alarming coordinated attack on truth 43:36 and the right to free expression, 43:38 including book bans aimed at erasing the lives 43:42 of people of color and LGBTQ plus Americans, 43:46 and new laws criminalizing protest, 43:49 these dangerous and in many cases unlawful maneuvers 43:55 threaten to take us back decades 43:57 and reverse hard-won progress. 44:00 Progress needed to support 44:03 the extraordinary demographic transformation 44:06 that will result in a majority people of color population 44:10 within the next 20 years, 44:13 which will have an undeniable impact on the views

44:16 of the electorate. 44:18 By way of example, as we await two Supreme Court decisions 44:23 that threaten to diminish the diversity among your peers 44:27 and professors that enriched your legal education. 44:31 Recent polling data shows that 53% of American adults, 44:35 including 77% of black Americans and 68% of Latinos 44:40 believe that affirmative action programs 44:43 are still needed. 44:45 And we are making progress. 44:49 In the incoming Class of 2022 nationally, 44:52 nearly 37% of first-year law students were racial 44:57 or ethnic minorities up from 28% a decade ago. 45:01 And right here at Suffolk Law, 45:03 there's been an uptick in diverse students 45:06 from 17% in 2017 to 27% in 2023. 45:13 Yes, please applaud that. 45:16 (audience applauding) 45:21 And that shift has been supported by the Law School's 45:24 rich DEI initiatives, but we have more progress to make. 45:29 The representation of people from all minority, 45:33 and racial, and ethnic groups combined 45:35 has increased a mere 6% since 2010 45:39 despite our increased representation in society at large. 45:44 At that rate, it will take 30 years 45:47 for the legal profession's demographics to match that 45:51 of the American population. 45:54 And though there is substantial public support 45:56 for equity policies like affirmative action 45:59 and strong disagreement with policies that infringe 46:03 on long-held rights like reproductive freedom restrictions 46:06 and book bans, regressive legislative agendas 46:11 that counter public opinion and public interest 46:15 continue to be passed. 46:17 Is it any wonder then that America is facing a crisis 46:22 in confidence, in government, and even our judicial system? 46:28 A recent Gallup poll found that public confidence 46:32 in the Supreme Court's credibility has dropped from 50% 46:36 to 25% in the past two decades. 46:40 You will undoubtedly witness the effects of this lack 46:45 of public trust as you embark upon your legal careers 46:50 and it will make your work and mine increasingly difficult 46:55 but increasingly vital. 46:58 Graduates, yes, you are entering the next chapter 47:02 of your professional careers at a critical moment 47:06 in our nation's history. 47:08 Precipitous change is happening and you as lawyers 47:12 will be called upon to help steward it. 47:16 The question of your generation is whether that change 47:20 will propel us toward greater equity, inclusion, 47:25 and freedom, or return us to a place of fewer rights 47:30 and greater inequality. 47:33 You are well trained and well prepared 47:36 through your education at Suffolk 47:39 to help this country determine the right path.

47:44 Many of you may be familiar with the popular quote 47:48 by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that says, 47:51 "The arc of the moral universe is long 47:55 but it bends towards justice." 47:58 What fewer people know is that Dr. King 48:00 was actually paraphrasing a sermon by Theodore Parker, 48:05 an abolitionist minister who lived and worked right here 48:10 in the state of Massachusetts. 48:12 In his sermon, Mr. Parker said, 48:16 "I do not pretend to understand the moral universe. 48:21 The arc is a long one. 48:23 My eye reaches but little ways. 48:26 I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure 48:30 by experience of sight. 48:32 I can divine it by conscience and from what I see, 48:37 I'm sure it bends towards justice." 48:42 Mr. Parker was standing amid uncertainty. 48:46 He could not calculate the curve of the moral arc 48:50 or complete the figure by sight, 48:52 but he could envision the outcome of justice. 48:57 With so much hanging in the balance 49:00 you too have the chance to shape your future 49:05 and that of future generations. 49:08 So I ask you at this crossroads where we can choose to rally 49:14 in the cause of justice and advance our democracy 49:18 or sit back and watch it be co-opted 49:24 by a vociferous group of dissidents. 49:27 I ask you to bring forth the same resolve, fortitude, 49:31 vision, and imagination that inspired you not only to invest 49:36 in a future that you could not calculate with precision, 49:40 but to succeed in making that future the reality 49:44 that includes you in the Class of 2023. 49:49 (audience applauding) 49:57 Graduates, I urge you to engage in the essential work 50:01 of democracy and moral arc bending. 50:05 Vote, volunteer, and organize around issues that compel you. 50:11 Serve an office whether that is on a school 50:14 or library board, on a town council or governorship 50:19 like former LDF attorney 50:21 and former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick 50:24 or the presidency. 50:26 We need your voice and your leadership. 50:29 Counter attacks on truth wherever you see them. 50:34 Normalize difficult conversations about racism 50:38 and heterosexism. 50:41 Challenge yourself to consider how much more evolved 50:45 in our thinking about humanity, equity, dignity, 50:50 and inclusion we will be in five or 50 years 50:54 because of the choices you make today. 50:58 Creating durable progress in a time of upheaval 51:01 may feel overwhelming just as it did at LDF's founding 51:07 in 1940 when the idea of dismantling centuries 51:13 of racialized violence, discrimination, 51:16 state-sanctioned segregation was not only radical

51:20 but seemingly unobtainable. 51:23 Yet less than 15 years later, the historic decision 51:27 of Brown versus Board of Education in 1954 51:31 proved that such radical transformation is possible. 51:37 Your work will not be easy, but it will be worth it. 51:41 I have faith that you will not shrink from the challenge, 51:44 but rise to meet it in the same way that you met uncertainty 51:48 on the journey to today with daring. 51:53 In closing and to borrow the wise words 51:56 of Thurgood Marshall, "This is your democracy. 52:01 Make it, protect it, pass it on." 52:06 Graduates, this is your time. 52:08 Continue to make us proud. 52:11 Thank you and congratulations. 52:13 (audience cheering and applauding) 52:38 <v ->Thank you very much for your inspiring remarks,</v 52:41 President Nelson, we congratulate you 52:43 on the well-deserved Honorary Degree 52:46 and we welcome you to the Suffolk Law family. 52:50 It is now my pleasure to introduce to you 52:52 the Student Bar Association's selection 52:55 to deliver class Greetings, 52:58 a graduate of this year's JD Class of 2023, Rachel Record. 53:04 (audience cheering and applauding) 53:19 <v ->Good evening and welcome family, friends,</v 53:22 President Nelson, members of the Board of Trustees, 53:26 faculty deans and staff of Suffolk Law, President Kelly, 53:29 and, of course, my fellow graduates. 53:32 It is my absolute pleasure and honor to welcome you all 53:36 to the commencement of the resilient, extraordinary, 53:39 and utterly amazing Suffolk University Law School 53:42 Class of 2023. 53:44 (audience cheering and applauding) 53:51 Congratulations everybody. 53:53 We did it. 53:54 After years of long night studying, 53:56 writing LPS memos and figuring out how to use Examplify, 53:59 to your hard work with clubs, journals, and competitions 54:03 where you represented Suffolk honorably, 54:05 to countless hours studying cases and statutes 54:08 on Westlaw or Lexus where you learn not only what the law is 54:12 but how to apply it and utilize it to serve the public good. 54:16 You've accomplished what you set out some years ago to do 54:19 to graduate with your Juris Doctor. 54:22 Take a moment to think back to the beginning 54:24 of our law school careers here at Suffolk. 54:26 Back to that week-long orientation 54:28 when our minds were racing, we were trying to figure out 54:30 what an IRAC legal memo was and many of us were both excited 54:34 and absolutely terrified to begin our legal careers. 54:38 We started to meet some of our stellar professors, 54:41 one of whom is the amazing Justice Georges, 54:44 who is a big-54:45 (audience cheering and applauding)

54:46 Give it up for Justice Georges. 54:49 (audience cheering and applauding) 54:52 And we learned that Justice Georges is a big fan 54:54 of calling us Suffolk people. 54:56 And he told us that Suffolk people 54:58 are some of the best there are in the world. 55:01 And I didn't realize how right he was 55:03 until I had the honor and privilege of meeting 55:05 so many of you. 55:07 So who are these renowned Suffolk people? 55:09 What makes them so great? 55:11 As I thought about the answers to those questions, 55:13 I also thought of Justice Georges' evidence class. 55:15 Now don't worry, I'm not about to go into the exceptions 55:17 of hearsay, I know you don't want to hear that, 55:20 but this may help you get started on your bar studying, 55:23 for evidence to be admissible in a trial, 55:25 it must be reliable, authentic, and relevant, 55:29 among other qualities. 55:31 You as Suffolk people embody those qualities. 55:34 First, Suffolk people are reliable as we all demonstrated 55:38 through our ability to tackle 55:39 at least part of our law school career over Zoom, 55:42 we showed our reliability not just to our school 55:45 and to our classes, but to one another. 55:48 We adapted by making accountabilibuddies, 55:50 Zoom logins to answer each other's questions. 55:53 We shared outlines, Quimby logins, 55:55 whatever we had to help raise one another up. 55:58 More importantly than anything academic though, 56:01 we were there for one another, 56:03 we supported each other through for what many of us 56:06 were some of the most challenging years of our lives. 56:10 Reliability is not a quality that can be learned in torts 56:13 or contracts, but rather it's a trait 56:15 that requires commitment and dedication, 56:18 making hard choices and sticking to them. 56:21 Reliability is something that this world needs more of 56:24 and you are going to provide as you serve your clients 56:26 and your causes. 56:28 Now, Suffolk people are also pretty darn authentic. 56:31 In other words, Suffolk people are who they say they are. 56:35 We have come from all over the world or just down the street 56:38 to be a part of this community. 56:40 Some of us came fresh out of college, 56:41 others after years in industry, 56:44 some of us knew exactly what type of law we wanted to study 56:47 and a lot more of us are still figuring that one out. 56:51 Our strength lies in our diversity, 56:53 in the bonds that we have forged, 56:54 and the people that we are. 56:56 No matter how you chose to spend your time here at Suffolk, 56:59 you used your skills and your experiences you've gained 57:02 in your life to make someone else's better.

57:05 By being your authentic selves, 57:07 you are going to better the public trust in lawyers 57:09 and you are going to be in a better position 57:12 to make a positive difference in this world. 57:14 And last but most certainly not least, 57:16 Suffolk people are relevant 57:18 because of the choices we've made and the work we've done. 57:21 Many of you sought out Suffolk so you could be a part 57:23 of a clinic like the Innocence Clinic 57:25 to help overturn wrongful convictions or to be a part 57:28 of the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project 57:31 to help educate high school students 57:32 about their constitutional rights. 57:34 Even more of you came here to be transactional attorneys, 57:37 learning how to resolve conflicts and to give your clients 57:40 the best future you possibly could. 57:42 Many more of you have already published articles 57:44 being used today by lawyers, judges, 57:47 and practitioners in law journals. 57:49 You chose to be relevant by taking action 57:52 to make this world better even before you got your degree. 57:56 You see, a Juris Doctor is much more than a law degree 57:59 or a piece of paper that was built on caffeine 58:01 and class outlines. 58:03 It's an honor awarded to those in society, or sorry, 58:07 those who society turns to when they need help. 58:10 It's a representation that we chose to act 58:13 to better ourselves and that we seek 58:15 to better the world around us. 58:18 It's evidence of our efforts and our ability to advocate 58:22 for the people we serve, the laws we abide by, 58:26 and the constitution that serves 58:27 as the foundation of our justice system. 58:30 Because you earn that Juris Doctor here at Suffolk, 58:33 you leave here today not only with the skills 58:35 to handle any challenge that this world has to offer, 58:38 but with the determination and the resilience 58:40 to conquer those challenges 58:42 and make this world a better place. 58:45 Each and every one of you has your own story to tell. 58:49 The experiences that have led you to this moment 58:50 have been different for each of you. 58:52 And I'm not going to pretend that I represent them all. 58:55 Rather, I will thank you for the honor of being among you. 58:59 Continue being the reliable, authentic, 59:02 relevant people you all are. 59:04 Have courage and be kind because how you do something 59:07 is just as important as what you do. 59:09 And remember that no matter what we are all Suffolk people 59:14 and that already makes you 59:15 among the greatest in the world. 59:18 Congratulations and good luck. 59:21 (audience cheering and applauding) 59:38 <v ->Terrific job, Rachel.</v

59:40 In light of the job she did today, 59:42 it will probably come as no surprise 59:45 to hear that she is graduating summa cum laude 59:48 and will be joining the international law firm 59:50 of Hogan Lovells as a litigation associate. 59:53 (audience cheering and applauding) 59:59 But even more, I've just gotta add this. 01:00:01 In addition to her obvious gifts as a speechmaker, 01:00:05 she is an accomplished violin player 01:00:06 and teacher occasionally playing 01:00:08 with the New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra. 01:00:12 Impressive, very amazing accomplishment, Rachel. 01:00:15 Congratulations. 01:00:17 (audience applauding) 01:00:21 We will now begin the conferring of degrees. 01:00:25 (audience cheering and applauding) 01:00:29 Which will include the SJD Degree, 01:00:31 the Master of Laws Degrees, the Masters of Science and Law, 01:00:35 and the Juris Doctor. 01:00:36 Will the candidates for all of these degrees please rise? 01:00:41 (audience cheering and applauding) 01:00:48 President Kelly, on behalf of the faculty 01:00:51 of Suffolk University Law School and by its authority, 01:00:55 I present to you these candidates. 01:00:57 We declare that they have fulfilled the requirements 01:00:59 for their respective degrees. 01:01:05 <v ->By virtue of the authority vested in me</v 01:01:08 by the Board of Trustees 01:01:09 and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. 01:01:12 And with the recommendation of the faculty 01:01:15 of the Suffolk University School of Law, 01:01:18 I am pleased to confer on you the law degree 01:01:21 for which you qualify and thereby admit you 01:01:25 to the fellowship of this educated profession. 01:01:30 (audience cheering and applauding) 01:01:37 <v ->Please be seated.</v 01:01:38 I'll now ask the graduates to come up to the stage 01:01:40 to receive their diplomas. 01:01:41 And we will begin by inviting the candidates 01:01:44 for the Doctor of Juridical Science Degrees or SJD 01:01:47 to approach this stage to receive their diplomas. 01:01:55 <v ->Mohammed Binshihon.</v 01:01:59 (audience cheering and applauding) 01:02:02 Kissinger Sibanda. 01:02:05 (audience cheering and applauding) 01:02:08 Bianca Stella Bruschi. 01:02:11 (audience cheering and applauding) 01:02:13 Ivette Alexandra Cuenod Lorenzo. 01:02:17 (audience cheering and applauding) 01:02:20 Pietro Giordano. 01:02:21 (audience cheering and applauding) 01:02:27 Paula Bomtempo. 01:02:29 (audience cheering and applauding) 01:02:32 Aline Filipek.

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01:38:10 to show your appreciation and support 01:38:13 for the faculty responsible for teaching you, 01:38:16 the faculty of Suffolk University Law School, 01:38:18 and for all the staff and administrators 01:38:20 who work so hard to get you to this point. 01:38:24 (audience cheering and applauding) 01:38:29 And now please turn around and face the audience 01:38:33 and show your appreciation from your family, friends, 01:38:37 and other loved ones who have supported you 01:38:39 throughout your lives and gotten you to this milestone. 01:38:44 (audience cheering and applauding) 01:38:56 Please be seated. 01:38:58 Graduates, as we near the end 01:39:00 of these commencement ceremonies, 01:39:02 I wanna take just a moment to tell you 01:39:05 how special you truly are. 01:39:08 It's not that you just graduated from law school, 01:39:11 which of course is impressive enough, 01:39:14 you did it while navigating a pandemic 01:39:16 that raised challenges unlike any of us have ever seen 01:39:20 in our lifetimes. 01:39:22 It is hard enough in normal occasions 01:39:25 to pursue a legal education, 01:39:27 but for a significant amount of your time with us, 01:39:29 you did it while wearing a mask or watching classes on Zoom. 01:39:33 And despite any challenges you encountered, 01:39:36 you quite remarkably may even have learned 01:39:40 the rule against perpetuities or not, 01:39:44 few people really understand it. 01:39:46 But seriously, you have shown during your years with us 01:39:50 the kind of determination, grit, and perseverance 01:39:54 that have defined Suffolk law graduates 01:39:56 since our founding in 1906. 01:40:00 These traits will prove invaluable in a world 01:40:03 that is increasingly defined by constant rapid change 01:40:08 and where the very nature of work is evolving 01:40:11 due to technology such as generative AI. 01:40:15 And in case you're curious, no, 01:40:17 I did not write this speech with ChatGPT. 01:40:21 What you have learned during your time at Suffolk Law 01:40:25 will prepare you and future-proof your careers. 01:40:29 You not only learned the law 01:40:31 but you learned how to problem solve, how to think clearly, 01:40:35 and how to help clients navigate an uncertain world. 01:40:39 The future is not going to be technology versus lawyers. 01:40:44 The future will be lawyers who know how to use technology 01:40:47 and the critical skills you have learned with us 01:40:50 to solve clients' problems versus those who don't. 01:40:54 But even more, the skills you have learned 01:40:56 will enable you to serve as the kinds of leaders 01:41:00 our world desperately needs. 01:41:03 Your skills in fact-finding can be an antidote 01:41:06 to the troubling rise in the public's embrace 01:41:08 of conspiracy theories and growing distrust

01:41:11 in facts and science. 01:41:13 You've been trained to see and respect opposing viewpoints, 01:41:16 which can help to address the growing coarseness 01:41:19 of our politics and the intolerance too many of us have 01:41:23 for those who have views and beliefs 01:41:26 that differ from our own. 01:41:28 You and your fellow graduates 01:41:30 are already making a difference, 01:41:32 and you are now joining 24,000 Suffolk Law alumni 01:41:36 around the country and the world who are doing the same 01:41:40 and thriving in so many different ways. 01:41:44 For example, many of you heard me say 01:41:46 that when you walk into a courtroom in Massachusetts, 01:41:49 there is a more than 25% chance that the judge 01:41:53 sitting on the bench, graduated from Suffolk, 01:41:56 three of seven Justices on the Supreme Judicial Court 01:41:59 graduated from Suffolk and numerous federal judges. 01:42:02 more than 1000 Suffolk Law alumni 01:42:05 are working as in-house lawyers from Google to the Red Sox. 01:42:09 We even had a visit last fall from an alum 01:42:12 who is the head of legal in the Americas for TikTok, 01:42:15 he has been busy. 01:42:17 Suffolk law graduates are political leaders 01:42:20 both within and outside of Massachusetts. 01:42:22 Your fellow alumni are district attorneys 01:42:25 and public defenders. 01:42:26 They are lawyers who have founded their own law firms 01:42:29 of all sizes, and they are partners in the largest law firms 01:42:33 in the world. 01:42:34 They are legal aid lawyers. 01:42:35 They are civil rights advocates who follow the model 01:42:39 of people like our commencement speaker today. 01:42:42 All of them use the knowledge and skills that they learned 01:42:45 at Suffolk Law to make a difference. 01:42:48 I am fortunate to have the opportunity 01:42:50 to meet with hundreds of those alumni each year, 01:42:54 and when I do, at some point during the conversation, 01:42:58 they will inevitably say to me something along the lines of, 01:43:02 if it weren't for Suffolk Law, 01:43:04 I never would have been able to. 01:43:06 What follows is a story of remarkable personal 01:43:09 and professional accomplishment. 01:43:11 Sometimes it is I never would have become a judge 01:43:14 or the general counsel of an international company 01:43:17 or a public interest lawyer or a public servant 01:43:20 or a business executive or a leader who makes the world 01:43:23 a better place in both big ways and small. 01:43:27 It is now your turn to follow in their footsteps. 01:43:32 It is our expectation and greatest hope that years from now, 01:43:37 you too will be able to say, "If it weren't for Suffolk Law, 01:43:42 I never would have been able to." 01:43:44 Thank you very much and congratulations again to you all. 01:43:47 (audience cheering and applauding) 01:43:57 This brings the law school commencement to a close,

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01:43:59 members of the audience please remain seated
01:44:01 until the last graduate is filed out.
01:44:03 The recession will be led by an alumni marshal,
01:44:06 Alan Sheriff, who is a member of the Suffolk Law
01:44:08 Class of 1987 and leading the graduates during the recession
01:44:12 will be our 2023 student marshals.
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