



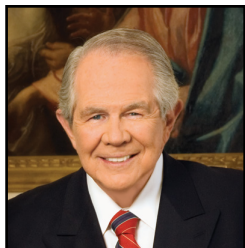
SCHOOL OF LAW COMMISSIONING SERVICE



FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020

2020 Commissioning Address

DR. M.G. "PAT" ROBERTSON



Dr. M.G. "Pat" Robertson is founder, chancellor and CEO of Regent University. Robertson has achieved national and international recognition as a religious broadcaster, philanthropist, educator, religious leader, businessman and prolific author. In addition to his significant role at Regent, he is the founder and chairman of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) Inc., and founder of International Family Entertainment Inc., Operation Blessing International, American Center for Law and Justice, The Flying Hospital Inc., and several other organizations and broadcast entities.

Robertson is the son of Gladys Churchill Robertson and A. Willis Robertson, who served for 34 years in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. He entered Washington and Lee University in 1946, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1948, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. After graduating magna cum laude from Washington and Lee University in 1950, Robertson served as assistant adjutant of the First Marine Division in combat in Korea and was promoted to first lieutenant upon his return to the states in 1952. He received a Juris Doctor degree from Yale University Law School in 1955 and a Master of Divinity degree from New York Theological Seminary in 1959.

Honors for his humanitarian efforts include:

Lifetime Achievement Award, 2017 - 25th Silver Anniversary Movieguide Awards
Winston Churchill Lifetime Achievement Award, 2013 - Faith & Freedom Coalition
Hampton Roads Business Hall of Fame, 2009
New York Theological Seminary Distinction in Ministry Award, 2009
The State of Israel Friendship Award, 2002 - Zionist Organization of America, Chicago
Cross of Nails Award for his work with The Flying Hospital, 2000
Defender of Israel Award, 1994 - Christians' Israel Public Action Campaign
One of America's 100 Cultural Elite, 1992 - *Newsweek* Magazine
Christian Broadcaster of the Year, 1989 - National Religious Broadcasters
Man of the Year, 1988 - Students for America
Humanitarian of the Year, 1982 - Food for the Hungry

Robertson is past president of the prestigious Council on National Policy. He has served on President Ronald Reagan's Task Force on Victims of Crime, the Board of Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Robertson also founded and served on the Christian Coalition of America.

He and his wife, Dede, have four children, 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, and reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Commissioning Service

Welcome and Invocation	Chief Justice Mark Martin (Ret.) Dean and Professor, School of Law
Charge to Graduates.....	Chief Justice Martin
Award Recognition**	Chief Justice Martin
Introduction of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs	Chief Justice Martin
Congratulatory Remarks	Dr. Gerson Moreno-Riaño Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs
Introduction of the Chancellor	Dr. Gerson Moreno-Riaño
Chancellor’s Message	Dr. M.G. “Pat” Robertson Founder, Chancellor, and CEO, Regent University
Closing Remarks and Prayer	Chief Justice Martin

**Please see program for award listings.

Award Recognition Descriptions and Recipients

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Award Thomas Jonathan Turner
Presented to the graduating student who has demonstrated the highest degree of excellence in alternative dispute resolution.

The American Law Institute Continuing Legal Education Scholarship and Leadership Award ..Tifani Minette Silveria
Presented to the graduating student who best represents a combination of scholarship and leadership, the qualities embodied by the American Law Institute since 1923.

The Appellate Advocacy AwardNathan Marc Hernandez
Presented to the graduating student who has demonstrated the highest degree of excellence and greatest potential in the area of appellate advocacy.

The Community Changer AwardRyan Lawrence Heath and Wesley B. Jones
Presented to the graduating student or students who demonstrated a commitment to excellence and integrity by selflessly promoting the dignity of others through the delivery of legal services to the underprivileged and/or has exhibited an outstanding commitment to the pursuit of public service and community involvement.

The Corporate, Commercial, and Transactional Law Award Samuel E. Kane
Presented to the graduating student whose academic study, career goals, leadership, and service evidence academic excellence and a commitment to Christian leadership in the area of corporate, commercial, and transactional law.

The Counselor at Law Award Elisabeth Ann Moore
Presented to the Litigation Clinic graduating student who has demonstrated a commendable level of skill in mediating, advocating, negotiating, or litigating on behalf of, and facilitating a positive outcome for, a clinic client.

The Honorable Richard B. Kellam Professionalism Award Maricris Lactao Real-Prendingue
Presented to the graduating student who has shown outstanding performance in the Professional Responsibility course and who has demonstrated professionalism, character, and promise of legal excellence. Given annually by the James Kent American Inn of Court in memory of the late Richard B. Kellam, a judge, jurist, and widely recognized model of professionalism.

The National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Graduate AwardCourtney Taylor Hitchcock
Presented to the graduating student who has demonstrated academic achievement, exhibited motivation, tenacity, and enthusiasm; contributed to the advancement of women in society; promoted issues and concerns of women in the legal profession; and earned the respect of the dean and law faculty.

Award Recognition Descriptions and Recipients

The Virginia Family Law Book Award Tysharah Kandace Jones
Presented to the graduating student who has demonstrated the most promise and potential for the practice of family law.

The Virginia Trial Lawyers Foundation Trial Advocacy Award..... Marcus Khalid Mitchell
Presented each year by the Virginia Trial Lawyers Foundation to the graduating student who best exemplifies excellence in trial skills.



The Outstanding Scholastic Achievement AwardCharlie D. Morrison
Presented to the graduating student who attains the highest academic achievement in the class.

The Faculty Recognition Award Julianne Elizabeth Fleischer
Presented to the graduating student who deserves special recognition from the faculty for his or her contribution to the school.

The Most Inspirational Award Wesley B. Jones
Presented to the graduating student who has been a very positive inspiration to the class.

The Spiritual/Servant Leadership Award Lawrence Martin King III
Presented to the graduating student who has demonstrated leadership qualities in a mature Christian manner.

The Outstanding Graduate Awards
Presented to the graduating student who, in the opinion of the faculty, is the overall outstanding graduate. Factors include not only academic achievement, but also other contributions and accomplishments. An award is presented to a recipient in the Master of Laws, Juris Doctor, and Master of Arts in Law programs.

The Outstanding Graduate (LL.M.) Award Woon Ko

The Outstanding Graduate (J.D.) AwardCharlie D. Morrison

The Outstanding Graduate (M.A.) Award Robin Snell Ireland

Candidates for Graduation

MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) AMERICAN LEGAL STUDIES

Anar Alimaa
Taejean An
Eun Soo Bang
Hannah Yunsun Cho
Jin Sol Choi
Seo Rin Choi
Da I Chung
Jeongseon Eo
Eunji Han
Kyungsun Han
Wonyong Jang
Jueun Jeong
Seungrok Jeong
Eunhae Jung
Hee Wung Jung
Nuri Jung
Hee Gil Kang
Hwan Hee Kang
Junga Kang
David Minsoo Kim
Eunjung Ashley Kim
Gyunghee Kim
Haeram Kim
Jun Young Kim
Seonmin Kim
Seungsoo Kim
Sieun Kim
Taeheon Kim
Youngsoo Kim
Woon Ko
Eric Guedeng Ledjebgue
Jah Yeon Lee
Kangwoo Lee
Min Lee
Jieun Lim
Yesol Min
Wung-Jae Moon
Ana Miluska Moran
Visot Nom
Eunhae Oh
Ayoung Park
Kisung Park
Dawn Nicole Patterson
Raju S. Pusapati
Sharad Kumar Sharma
Seoyeon Won

JURIS DOCTOR

Jaclyn Ruth Aranibar
Brandon Ray Baker
Victoria Bakkeby
Clare Michelson Balawajder
Joshua D. Barbosa
Amber L. Bockin
Laura Camden
Danielle Grace Capra
Ashli Carroll
Kristen Teresa DeFiore
William Christopher Dunn
Corrie Evans
Angelo Fernandez
Julianne Elizabeth Fleischer
Abigail Michelle Gump
Christopher E. Hartle
Ryan Lawrence Heath
Nathan Marc Hernandez
Courtney Taylor Hitchcock
Sean Kerwin Hollowwa
Priscilla Alexandria Knerr Jaen
Chandler Michelle Jones
Tysharah Kandace Jones
Wesley B. Jones
Samuel E. Kane
Carolyn D. Keist-Gilbert
Eleanor Emilia Kersey
Lawrence Martin King III
Donna Elizabeth Kinney
Christian J. Kline
Teresa Doreen Kuryn Kohler
Michael Anthony LaBella Jr.
Jackson Demorest Littlejohn
Zachary A. Livesay
Amanda Lynn Lopez
Hannah Erin Mateer
Robert B. McFadden Jr.
Andrew Blair Miller
Marcus Khalid Mitchell
Jonathan Edwards Monroe
Elisabeth Ann Moore
Charlie D. Morrison
Daniel James Moxley
Jazmin Cheyenne Mullen
Thai Nguyen
Konstantin Oshchepkov

Keith M. Proctor
Maricris Lactao Real-Prendingue
Alyson Mae Reed
Jessica R. Reep
Ilinka Lakhdar Robinson
Noah Anthony Roetman
Kaytren Ann Saunders
Hans Michael Schalembier
Tylor Kaylee Schmitt
Mary Elizabeth Shelton
Charles Wesley Shumaker Jr.
Tifani Minette Silveria
Tatyana Singh
Benjamin D. Snodgrass
Kristy K. Spurgeon
Emily M. Strak
Austin Streeter
Beatriz T. Suzuki
Jennifer Lynn Szakaly
Melissa Erica Terrell
Amber Rose Terry
Thomas Jonathan Turner
Dominic James Vieira
Jared Nelson Elvis White
Natasha Rachell Williams
Joseph Woltmann
Caroline Milam Wright

MASTER OF ARTS IN LAW

Adonis Agha
Adesina O. Akinleye
Shakia Necole Alexander
Sharrell Denise Alexander
Victoria Allen
Tara Lynn Angulo
Michelle R. Augustus
Ingrid C. Babb
Ralynn Traci Barney
Amy L. Betts
Raul Blazquez
Tabita Y. Bountsebe
Matthew R. Bunn
Janet Louise Byrnes
Jalisa Sharaine Cannady

Candidates for Graduation

MASTER OF ARTS IN LAW (CONTINUED)

Anthony Carpenter
Stephanie M. Carrasco
Katherine Tyeshia Chatmon
Marjory D. Childs
Donna Clabbers
Amey Lynne Claxton
Antonio Ty'Ron Cole
Sheila Rene Cole
Alexander Jung Cotoia
Wanda Kenyatta Cox
Mildred Joanne Culbreath
%%Tammy Jo Dallman
Suzanne Overstreet Davis
Phillip R. Dixon Jr.
Kenneth Sean Dugan
Alma Iris Dumas
Lisa Marie Dutzman
Johnathan Eagle
DeLydia Zelene Eatton
Grace Efuwape
Christine G. Elmore
Colleen Enloe
Felicia Samone Fisher
Kimberly Foltz
Tetyana Fonarova
Kenneth Demond Franklin
Alexis Nicole Freeman
Gabriel Leviticus Furman
Adam Quiroz Garcia
Levette M. Gates
Monique Nicole George
Shakeelah Nicole Gilyard
Freddy Auzzell Gittens
%%Amanda Lutrell Goggins
Brandon Page Green
Jessica Eugenia Green
Billy M. Haley Jr.
Sabrina Mone' Hammond-Williams
Kori Harris
Miracle A. Harvell
Maximilian Hoes
Chasity Diondray Holland-Jones
Jessica Honesty
Ronette Latrice Hudson
Robin Snell Ireland
Jessica Jackson
Kearston Deshun Jackson

Jennifer L. Johnson
Mark James Strachan Jones
Cedieu Murielle Joseph
Anthony Kay
Rebecca S. Kelly
Deborah Woods Kent
Teresa J. King
James Forkpa Kollie Jr.
Aurelia Caterina Lamanna
Laura K. Lavrenz
Marvin M. Levy
Suhaily Lisuet Illas Limson
Justice C. Long
Deanna Joy Longjohn
Veronica M. Mable
Marcos Mancha
Kaelynne Joye Mason
Lauren Nicole McCarter
James Harold McGar
Bernard McNair
Tonya Miller
Skye Paige Mills
Tomeka Mitchell
Mary Elizabeth Monrose
Adam Lee Moyer
%%Cedric Muhammad
Georgia Ann Neely-Major
Emily R. Nelson
Tamara Marie Nichols
Nakita Owens
Diana Owusu
Stacy Melissa Parrish
David James Payton
M. Teresa Picar
Katrina Marie Poe
Jalyn I. Powell
Tomeka Michelle Prescott
Emily Puder
Hannah K. Puder
Jazleen Yajaira Cantarero Ramos
Mallory F. Ransdell
Sarah Ann Richter
Miranda Rose Suzanne Robinson
Barbara A. Rodriguez
Emily Elizabeth Rondholz
Ashley Tempest Salmon
Antioniette Samuels

Elizabeth Ann Seamans
Diane Griffith See
Carolyn Cassiana Florina Sentino
Nandi Isatu Shaw
Breanna K. Shepherd
Rachel Lydia Skelton
Catherine Nicole Smith
Matstassia T. Smith
David Edward Solis Jr.
David Stebbins
Joelle Cana Stephens
Nathaniel Gray Stephens
Amanda L. Stewart
Maria Rhiannon Stiffler
Kristi L. Stihel
Shannon Nikole Straughn
Kynnece Acharmin Stubbs
Tashemia R. Sutton
Lashawn Sykes
Minrisha Lee Taylor
Dashonte Monique Temoney
Francisco Mark Theus
James Brent Thomas Jr.
Shantal L. Tolbert
Anika N. Trahan
CaSandra Titus Vann
Concepcion Coronado Vaughan
Domonique Vazquez
Nemexis S. Carrasquillo Vazquez
Tonia Annette Wagner
Tracey Lynette Walton
Alisha L. Washington
Anita Rachel Washington
Richard Lee Washington Jr.
Rosemary Zacharias Wessendorf
Chris Jackson Whisman
Bernadine Williamson
Kyia Chartier Wilson
Steven Yang
Sylvia L. Young

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Regent University School of Law

"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Romans 8:37

Regent University School of Law opened its doors in 1986. Today, the school offers a Juris Doctor (JD) in three-year and part-time formats, an online M.A. in Law, an on-campus LL.M. in Human Rights and an on-campus and online LL.M. in American Legal Studies. Additionally, thousands of Regent Law alumni practice law across the United States and in more than 20 countries. These capable men and women are distinguishing themselves as judges and judicial clerks, partners and associates in law firms, mayors and legislators, and in positions with government agencies and public interest organizations.

Our commitment to faith-law integration is woven into our curriculum, as our faculty, dedicated to Christ's call both personally and professionally, provide a caring and nurturing environment in which students gain an understanding of the foundations of law and learn to develop the ethical and moral code required for the recognition and resolution of ethical dilemmas. Additionally, students are encouraged to explore the call of God on their lives, the gifts God has given them and discover how this translates into the practice of law.

It is through our rigorous legal education in the context of a supportive Christian community, that our students are equipped to be purpose driven, practice ready graduates with the confidence and spiritual integrity to seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God as Christian leaders who will change the world.

Today, we salute the graduates of the Class of 2020 and congratulate them for their achievement.

A background image of pink cherry blossoms in full bloom, with some branches in sharp focus and others blurred in the foreground and background.

“We Are More
Than Conquerors.”

ROMANS 8:37

Mission & Vision

The mission of Regent University is to serve as a leading center of Christian thought and action, providing excellent education from a biblical perspective and global context in pivotal professions to equip Christian leaders to change the world.

The vision of Regent University is to be the most influential, Christian, transformational university in the world.