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2017
Commencement

PETE MARAVICH ASSEMBLY CENTER
JUNE 2, 2017 🌸 10:00 A.M.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

By Francis Scott Key

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



THE PROCESSIONAL

Patrick Thomas Geddes, 3L Class President, leads the Class of 2017 in the Processional march while carrying the ceremonial mace, donated by the Class of 2014 as their legacy gift to the LSU Law Center. Made of sinker cypress, the mace was crafted by a Louisiana craftsman and artist.

The official platform party enters the Pete Maravich Assembly Center to the music *Triumphal March* from *Aida*, by Guiseppe Verde.

Graduates enter the Pete Maravich Assembly Center to the music *Pomp and Circumstance* by Sir Edward Elgar.

It is customary for the audience to stand during the Processional, National Anthem and Invocation, and again at the end of the ceremony until the Recessional is over.

Program

10 A.M., JUNE 2, 2017
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THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

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Thomas C. Galligan Jr.
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INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dean Galligan

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Louis J. Freeh
Former Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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2017 Commencement Speaker



LOUIS J. FREEH FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*L*ouis J. Freeh has devoted his life to the practice of criminal law and federal law enforcement. His appointment as the fifth director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1993 by former President Bill Clinton placed him as head of the agency responsible for defending and protecting the United States against terrorists and foreign intelligence threats. As director, Freeh upheld and enforced the criminal laws of the United States and provided criminal justice services to international, federal, and state agencies, and municipalities. He served as director until June 2001.

Freeh was in the center of many high-profile criminal cases during his tenure as an agent and director of the FBI and in his earlier positions as a federal prosecutor and U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York. Freeh's career began in 1975 when he was assigned to the FBI's New York office to work in the organized crime unit. He headed an investigation of corruption on the New York waterfront that resulted in the conviction of 125 union and waterfront officials on federal racketeering charges, earning Freeh a special FBI commendation and promotion to supervisor in the Organized Crime Unit at FBI headquarters in Washington.

In 1987, Freeh prosecuted and helped convict 16 crime leaders in the so-called "Pizza Connection" case, a case involving pizza parlors as fronts for drug sales and money laundering. The successful prosecution led to his promotions, first to head the Organized Crime Unit in the New York office and then, in January 1989, to deputy U.S. Attorney.

In 1995, his agency led the investigation of the Oklahoma City bombing and the capture and prosecution of Timothy McVeigh; in June 1996, the department peacefully ended an 81-day standoff with the fringe political group Montana Freeman; and in April 1996, Theodore Kaczynski, the "Unabomber," was apprehended in a joint effort by Freeh's FBI and Attorney General Janet Reno.

Freeh left the FBI in 2001 and joined MBNA America Bank in Delaware as vice-chairman and general counsel. Currently, he is a founder and partner of Freeh Sporkin & Sullivan, LLP, a Washington, D.C., law firm established in 2007. He is also founder of the consulting firm Freeh Group International Solutions, LLC, also established in 2007.

In his career as a civil servant, Freeh was recognized on several occasions for his exemplary accomplishments. In 1987 and 1991, he received the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service, the second highest annual honor given by the Department of Justice. Other commendations include the John Marshall Award for Preparation of Litigation, awarded annually by the Attorney General, and the Federal Law Enforcement Officers' Association Award.

Freeh graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Rutgers College in 1971, Rutgers School of Law in 1974 and New York University School of Law in 1984, where he earned an LL.M.

Freeh and his wife, Marilyn, have six sons.

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Students graduating with these honors are recognized at Commencement by wearing honor cords. Students graduating *summa cum laude* wear two gold and two purple cords. Those graduating *magna cum laude* wear two gold cords; *cum laude* graduates wear two purple cords. The preliminary list of students graduating with honors is included below.

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