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Commencement May 13, 1989

Class of **1989** 

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# HE SCHOOL OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA was

founded in 1899 and is among UND's oldest degree-granting units. It was the first of UND's professional schools to begin operations. Its first dean was Guy H. Corliss, who had served as the first chief justice of the North Dakota Supreme Court. Until it was moved to the campus during World War I, the School of Law was located in downtown Grand Forks. Despite its meager resources, the School grew quickly in popularity. The occupation had considerable prestige, and there was much demand for lawyers in this new state. In his history of UND, ''University of the Northern Plains,'' Louis Geiger observed that ''perhaps no other college paid off so quickly in broadening the University's influence in North Dakota.''

**S**ince 1911, the School of Law has been a member of the Association of American Law Schools. The School of Law was approved in 1923 by the American Bar Association's Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar and has been continuously reaccredited since. The ABA is the official accreditation body for American law schools by designation of the Department of Education.

**T**oday, the School of Law maintains an enrollment of about 200, of whom about one-third are women. This graduating class numbers 58, including 21 women.

The University of North Dakota was established in 1883 — six years before North Dakota became a state — by an Act of the Council of Dakota Territory. Since it graduated its first class in 1889, the University has awarded more than 60,000 degrees. Presently, more than 11,000 students enroll each year at the University. The faculty Of the University of North Dakota School of Law Presents the Class of 1989

Chester Fritz Auditorium 1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 13, 1989





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## PRELUDE MUSIC

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Alberti String Quartet

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#### PRESIDING

W. Jeremy Davis Dean, School of Law

The audience will remain seated during the processional and the recessional but will stand during the Invocation and Benediction

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#### PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance, by Edward Elgar Alberti String Quartet

#### INVOCATION

Father Timothy Schroeder Associate Pastor, Holy Family, Grand Forks

#### **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Major General Keithe E. Nelson, judge advocate general United States Air Force

#### **CONFERRING OF ACADEMIC DEGREES**

President Thomas J. Clifford University of North Dakota (Order of candidates begins on page 8) Proctor: Barry Vickrey, Associate Dean of Law Hooders: Marcia O'Kelly, Professor of Law Michael Ahlen, Professor of Law

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#### **UNIVERSITY MARSHALS**

A long time tradition at the University of North Dakota, the University Marshals are the honorary marshals and ushers for commencement exercises. The University Marshals for this ceremony have been selected from the first and second year students, primarily on the basis of academic excellence.

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# C O M M E N C E M E N T S P E A K E R

#### **COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**



Major General Keithe E. Nelson, who holds two degrees from the University of North Dakota, is judge advocate general of the U.S. Air Force. In this position, he heads one of the largest law firms in the world —

1,385 military attorneys, more than 200 civilian attorneys, and approximately 1,100 reserve attorneys, assigned to more than 160 locations throughout the world. Its practice consists of constitutional issues, environmental law and lawsuits, government contracts, international law, space law, military justice, and many other specialized areas.

General Nelson was born and reared in Grand Forks, and was awarded a Ph.B. from UND in 1958 and the L.L.B. in 1959 (he explains that Air Force ROTC requirements then required his undergraduate degree be delayed to coincide with his commissioning).

His first assignment was in August 1959 as assistant staff judge advocate, 806th Combat Support Group, Chennault Air Force Base, La. His career subsequently took him to posts in various parts of the U.S. (including Grand Forks Air Force Base), Germany and England. He is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, and was promoted to major general in 1985.

General Nelson's military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon. In 1988 he received the UND Alumni Association's highest distinction, the Sioux Award.

HE GRADUATES would like to recognize and thank our families and friends for the support and encouragement they have given us throughout our law school careers. D E G R E E C A N Ι D D A Т E S

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