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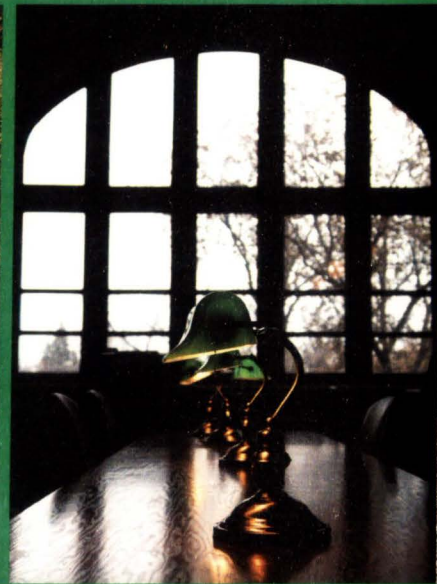
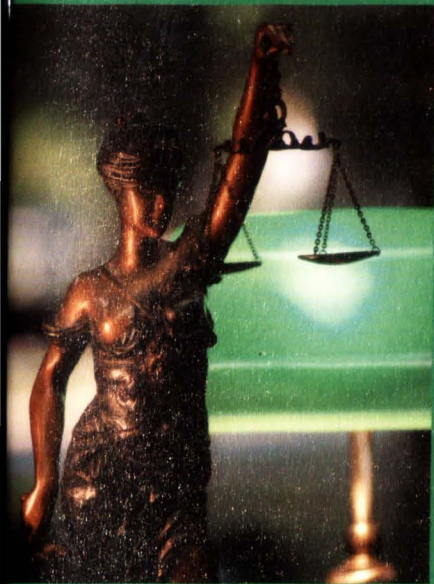
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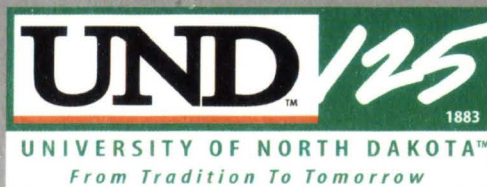
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**COMMENCEMENT**

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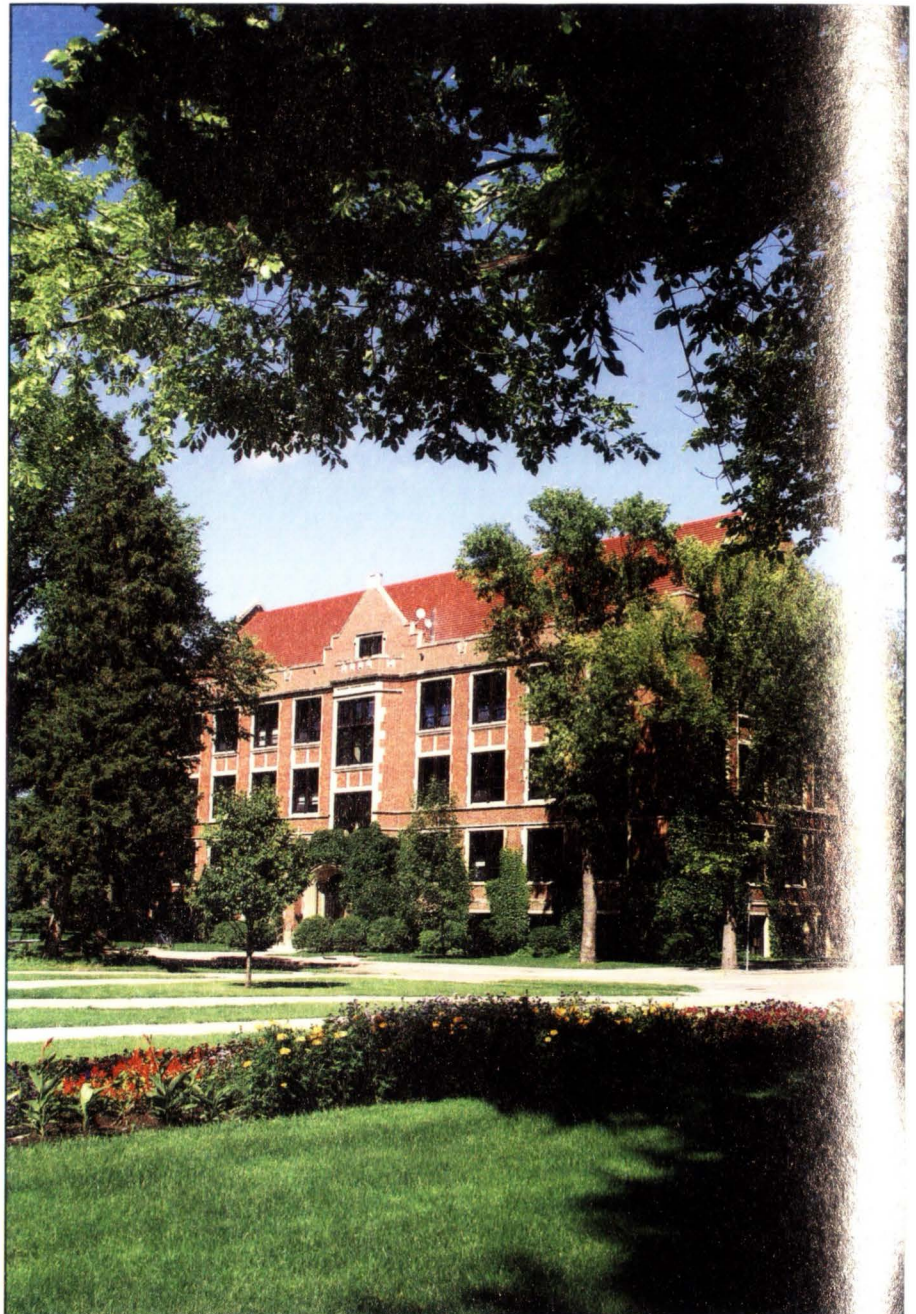


# The UND School of Law

Founded in 1899, the School of Law is among the oldest degree-granting units of the University of North Dakota. 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 the 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 influences in North Dakota."

Since 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. Today, the school has an enrollment of 250 students from across the United States and around the world.



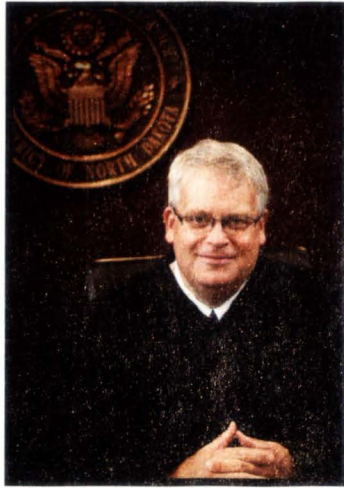
# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 10, 2008

Chester Fritz Auditorium

9:00 a.m.

<b>Prelude Music</b>	<b>Michael Wittgraf</b> pianist
<b>Processional</b>	<b>"Pomp and Circumstance,"</b> by Edward Elgar
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Paul LeBel</b> Dean, School of Law
	<b>John Q. Paulsen</b> President State Board of Higher Education
<b>Commencement Address</b>	<b>The Honorable Ralph R. Erickson</b> UND Law, Class of 1984
<b>Conferring of Academic Degrees</b>	<b>Charles E. Kupchella</b> President University of North Dakota
<b>Proctor</b>	<b>Mark Brickson</b> Director, Career Services
<b>Hooders</b>	<b>Patti Alleva</b> <b>Rodney &amp; Betty Webb</b> Professor of Law
	<b>Al Boucher</b> Affiliated Faculty
<b>President's Remarks</b>	<b>Charles E. Kupchella</b>
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Paul LeBel</b>
<b>Recessional</b>	<b>Voluntary on "Alma Mater"</b> <b>Michael Wittgraf</b>



# The Honorable Ralph R. Erickson

## Commencement Speaker

One of two active U.S. District Judges in North Dakota, Ralph Erickson earned his undergraduate degree from Jamestown College and his J.D. from the University of North Dakota School of Law in 1984.

Following his graduation from Law School, Judge Erickson was in the private practice of law in West Fargo with a broad general trial practice.

Prior to his appointment to the federal bench Erickson served as a state district judge, a judge of the county court, and a county court magistrate. While on the state bench he presided over civil, criminal and juvenile matters. He was the first judge of the Juvenile Drug Court in the East Central Judicial District.

Erickson serves as a member of the 8th Circuit Judicial Council and is a member of the Defender Services Committee (CJA), Chair of the Jury System Committee, Pattern Jury Instruction Committee, and the Tribal Court Committee. He is a member of the State Bar Association of North Dakota, the Cass County (ND) Bar Association, and the Ronald N. Davies Inn of Court.

He and his wife Michele currently reside in Fargo, ND and have two school aged daughters.

## UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

The University Marshals escort the degree candidates and platform personnel during the ceremony. They have been selected from the second-year and first-year students primarily on the basis of academic excellence.

### Grand Marshal

Kadee Anderson

### Charter Marshal

Lori Conroy

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### Flag Marshal

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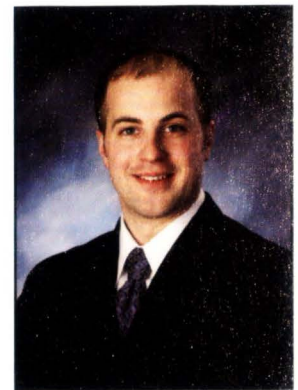


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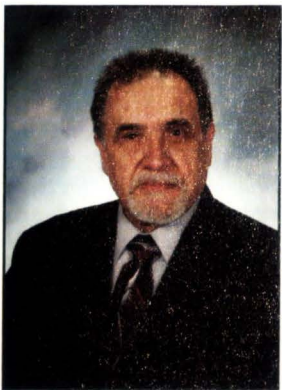
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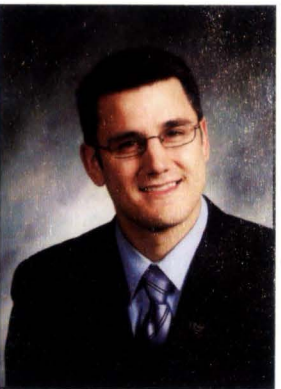
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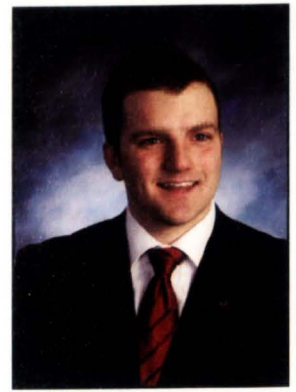


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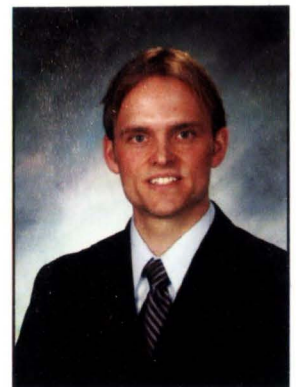
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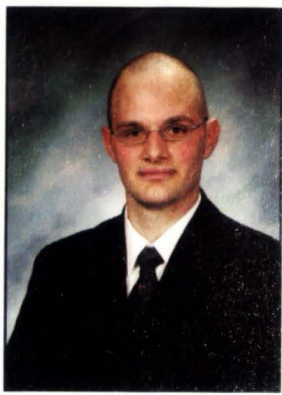
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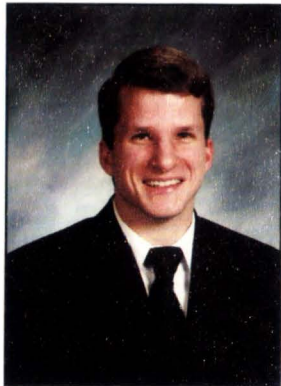
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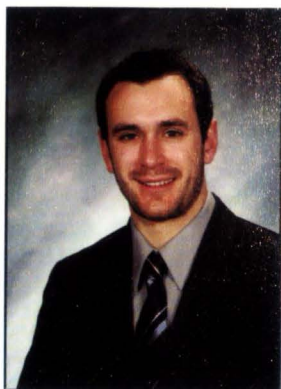
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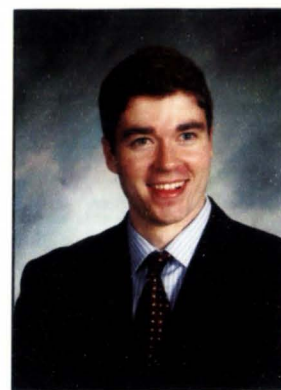


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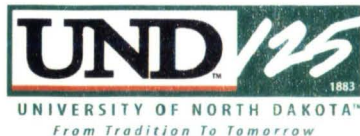
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## **From Tradition to Tomorrow** **The University of North Dakota at 125**

When the Yale-educated Webster Merrifield arrived in Grand Forks as one of the University's first three faculty members, there was virtually nothing. No library, no laboratories - just an isolated building and a vision of what could be. When he retired in 1909, including 18 years of service as president, the University had firmly established its roots as a modern, comprehensive institution and a vital asset to the state. From meager beginnings, the University of North Dakota has grown to an institution of national stature, and it is admired as both an innovator and a steward of a classic heritage. Throughout the year of 2008, the University of North Dakota will celebrate its tradition of values and achievement and anticipates the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow.

## We, the class of 2008,

would like to recognize and thank our families and friends for the support and encouragement they have given us throughout our law school careers.

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**The Baker Courtroom** at the UND School of Law becomes a live courtroom each year when the North Dakota Supreme Court visits the school. It also plays host to a variety of other courts, educational events, and guest lectures throughout the year.



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