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*University of North Dakota  
School of Law  
Commencement*



*Class of 2021*

*Saturday, May 8, 2021  
Grand Forks, North Dakota*

# Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, May 8, 2021  
Chester Fritz Auditorium  
10:00 a.m.

Processional	"Pomp and Circumstance," by Edward Elgar
Welcome	Michael S. McGinniss Dean, School of Law  Nick Hacker Chair, North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
Commencement Address	Jon J. Jensen Chief Justice, North Dakota Supreme Court
Conferring of Academic Degrees	Andrew P. Armacost President, University of North Dakota
Proctor	Bradley W. Parrish Assistant Dean for Student Services
Honorary Hooders	Jennifer Cook Assistant Professor of Law  Denitsa Mavrova Heinrich Rodney & Betty Webb Associate Professor of Law
President's Remarks	Andrew P. Armacost
Closing Remarks	Michael S. McGinniss
Recessional	Piano Concerto in F Major (No. 19), by Mozart





## Commencement Speaker

# Chief Justice Jon J. Jensen

Jon J. Jensen, 55, was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He is a 1987 graduate of Minnesota State University Mankato, B.S. Accounting, and a 1990 graduate of the University of North Dakota School of Law. From August 1990 to August 1991 he was a judicial law clerk for Chief Justice Ralph Erickstad of the North Dakota Supreme Court. From August 1991 through 2013 he was in private practice in Grand Forks, North Dakota. During private practice he was a trial attorney, eventually migrating toward a practice consisting primarily of criminal and civil tax trials, and representing clients throughout the Midwest. He took a leave of absence from private practice

in 2000 and 2001 to work as Tax Counsel for Northwest Airlines. He served as a special assistant attorney general for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (valuation litigation), State Board of Higher Education (tax litigation), North Dakota State University (tax litigation), and the University of North Dakota (tax litigation). In 2012, with his spouse, he started a new law firm located in Grand Forks, North Dakota, focusing on estate planning, commercial litigation and tax litigation.

In 2013, Jon was appointed to the District Court by Governor Jack Dalrymple. He served as a trial judge for the Northeast Central Judicial District which consists of Grand Forks and Nelson counties. He was elected to that position in 2016. In 2017, Jon was appointed to the North Dakota Supreme Court by Governor Doug Burgum to replace Carol Kapsner following her retirement from the Court. In 2020, he was elected to a full ten-year term. In December 2019, Jon was elected Chief Justice by vote of the district court judges and Supreme Court justices and re-elected for a full five-year term in 2020.

During law school Jon met and married Linda Bata. They share similar interests and backgrounds. Both have undergraduate degrees in accounting, are licensed as Certified Public Accountants, and are graduates of the University of North Dakota School of Law. Jon and Linda reside in Bismarck, North Dakota with Storm, their four-year old Doberman Pinscher. Linda and Storm are a registered therapy team and several times each week they visit senior living facilities and memory care facilities to perform trick dog shows as well as traditional pet therapy.

### HONORARY UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

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

#### Grand Marshal

Krista Sauber

#### Faculty Marshal

Jacob Strinden

#### Entrance Marshals

Elizabeth Rotherham

Charles Loken

Keaton Ostir

Tanner Langley

#### Charter Marshal

Samantha Schmidt

#### Platform Marshal - Registrar

Katherine Wong

#### Flag Marshal

Tiffany Findlay

#### Platform Marshals - Hooder

Erik Wallevand

Kylee Carlin

#### Lobby Host Marshal

Haley Finch

Gavin Mindt

Casey Orvedal

#### Candidates Marshal

Kylie Sollie

#### Inside Host Marshals

Austin Eggl

Brittney Macht



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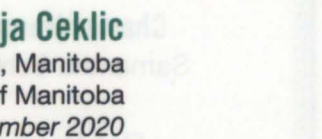
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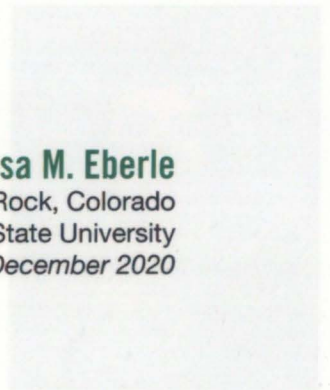
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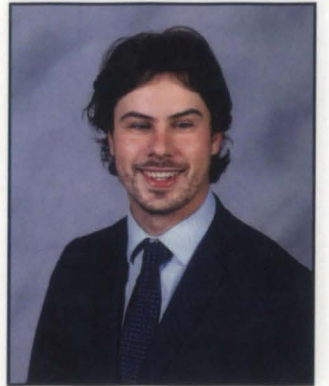
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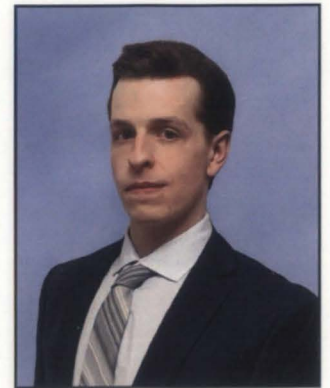
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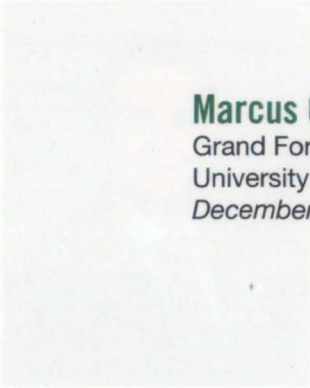
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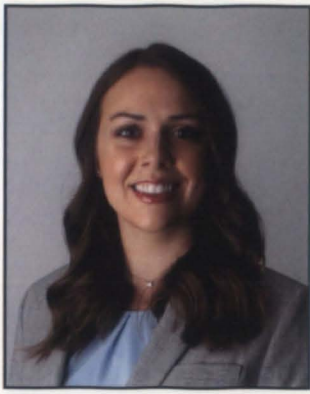
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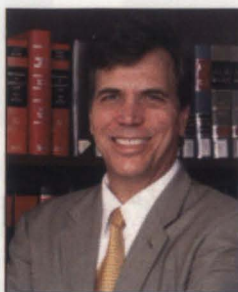
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# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF LAW

Founded in 1899 and steeped in rich tradition, 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 inaugural Chief Justice of the North Dakota Supreme Court.

Despite its meager resources, the law 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, "perhaps no other college paid off so quickly in broadening the University's influences in North Dakota."



Since 1911, UND 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 law school was located in downtown Grand Forks until it was moved to the UND campus during World War I. It shared a building constructed in 1922 on the corner of University Avenue and Centennial Drive with other campus departments for many years. The Law School continued to grow and ultimately took over the entire building, becoming what is known today as the School of Law. In 1973, the law school received its first major addition of a new law library, which was attached to the west side of the 1922 building.

More than 40 years later, in the 2015 fall semester, the UND School of Law took another historic step forward by completing and dedicating a \$14.4 million renovation and building addition. As a result of the project, the educational space improved significantly as additional classrooms were added, featuring a state-of-the-art teaching courtroom, deliberation room and a high-tech "case study" classroom. Additional student study, collaboration and gathering space can be found throughout the addition and the renovated law library. This project has had a dramatic effect on the delivery of the education, and it has enhanced the unique spirit of community among the students.

As the state's only law school, the UND School of Law produces well-rounded legal professionals with the necessary skill set to serve as effective, innovative, and ethical leaders in North Dakota, our region, and our nation. The UND School of Law has a proud tradition of success of its graduates. A sense of pride among our alumni creates a strong alumni network that spreads across the country and around the world.



# *We, the Class of 2021,*

would like to recognize and thank our family members and friends for the support and encouragement they have given us throughout our law school careers. Without that support and understanding, this would not have been possible.




The Class of 2021 in front of the law school during orientation in August 2018.



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