

Despite—or perhaps because of—the shock and disarray created by the events of the preceding week, by Monday, May 26, the Law School was able to truly celebrate its Commencement. Dean Anthony T. Kronman '75 summed up the feeling of the day: “Graduation is a glorious farewell, but this year it feels more like a reunion.

How good it feels to be back together, all of us, in each other's company again.”



Commencement 2003



Dean Kronman and flag bearer Giselle J. Pinto led a soggy Class of 2003 in the march to the Yale University Commencement ceremony, which is held—rain or shine—on Old Campus.



Although the Law School building was almost completely reopened after the explosion five days before and prepared to host the Law School Commencement ceremony, the heavy downpour forced a last-minute move to the William K. Lanman, Jr. Center in the Payne Whitney Gymnasium.



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Deputy Dean Jed Rubinfeld (below left) filled in as host for Dean Kronman, who opened the Law School ceremony but then departed to be with his son Matthew, who was graduating from the Yale School of Medicine. New Haven Mayor John DeStefano, Jr. (below right) also participated in the Law School festivities.



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Two recipients of honorary degrees from Yale University attended the Law School Commencement and gave brief remarks to the YLS graduates before departing to join a luncheon being held in their honor by Yale President Richard C. Levin.

John Hart Ely '63 received an honorary Doctor of Laws in recognition of his contributions to the field of constitutional law, including his seminal book, *Democracy and Distrust: A Theory of Judicial Review*. **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, was recognized with an honorary Doctor of Laws for promoting the law's recognition of women's full citizenship stature. The full honorary degree citations can be found on the Yale University website at www.yale.edu/opa/newsr/03-05-29-01.all.html.

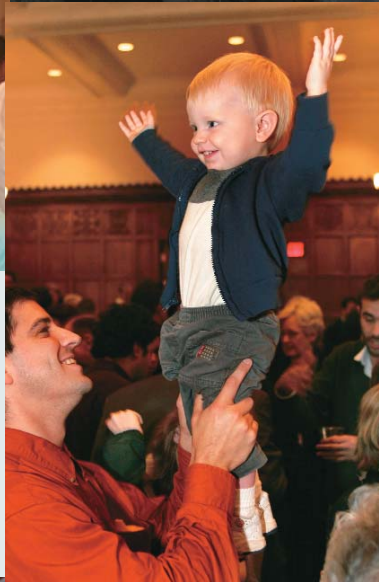


Professor Steven J. Gunn '95, who was selected by the Class of 2003 as its Commencement speaker, noted that his three-year term as visiting associate clinical professor and supervising attorney matched the class's term as students. He reminded them that, "It's possible to enjoy the world while working to improve it. Seek out and embrace the beauty in life: the first blooms of spring; the orange glow of the sunlight as it warms the walls of the Law School; the laughter of your loved ones.

You will do the greatest good for society if you nurture your soul along the way."



After the speeches and provisional graduation ceremony (because the Law School faculty does not vote on degrees until after Commencement), graduates, their families, and friends returned to the Law School Dining Hall for conversation, congratulations, and a champagne reception.



Dean Kronman's and Professor Gunn's remarks are available at the @ YLS section of the Law School website: www.law.yale.edu.