



COMMENCEMENT 2017

CEO of BGE encourages students to harness the power of a legal education during commencement address.

Surrounded by family and friends, 250 graduates earned their J.D., LL.M., or M.S.L. from Maryland Carey Law during the 2017 hooding ceremony. Each student showed poise and pride as they proceeded from the halls of the law school, through a gallery of applauding faculty, and down West Baltimore Street to the event, marking the beginning of their next steps as legal professionals.

As the head of Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE), the largest electric and natural gas utility in central Maryland and one that has been nationally recognized for its pro bono, commencement speaker Calvin G. Butler Jr. gave graduates advice on using their new-found power for good.

“What I love about joining you here on your graduation day is that I simply get to reinforce a lesson that you have learned each and every day at Maryland Carey Law,” said Butler. “This is an esteemed institution, not because it’s one of the oldest law schools in the nation or because of its impressive list of alumni. It is this institution’s commitment to public service, to our community, to harnessing the power of the law to effect positive change that sets you apart.”

Butler is deeply engaged with Baltimore’s civic life and business community, serving on the boards of the University of Maryland Medical Center, the Greater Baltimore Committee, the Enoch Pratt Free Library and the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation, and as the 2016 chair of the United Way of Central Maryland’s giving campaign.

Speakers also included Dean Donald B. Tobin, Courtney Kuhn, president of the graduating day class, and Natalie Johnson, representing the evening class.

“In the process of all that reading, writing and arguing, in the hours spent with your clinic clients, during the days working at a nonprofit organization, a law firm, congressional office, government agency or corporation, you were on the path to becoming one of the great lawyers or legal professionals who have distinguished themselves and this law school as thought leaders,” remarked Dean Tobin as he lauded graduates, faculty, and family for the hard work that brought them to the day’s ceremony.

Graduation activities throughout the week also included receptions for the Law and Health Care Program, the Trial Team, the Environmental Law Program, the Business Law Program, and the Women, Leadership and Equality Program. New this year, the Center for Health and Homeland Security recognized the first-ever Maryland Carey Law J.D. graduates to receive certificates in Cybersecurity and Crisis Management Law. The Master of Science in Law program recognized the first graduating class with students specializing in Health Law, Environmental Law, Cybersecurity Law, and Homeland Security and Crisis Management Law. ♦

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