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School of Law

Center for Music and the Worship
Arts, Concert Hall

May 16, 2026 | 11 a.m.

*“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you? To act
justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly
with your God.”*

MICAH 6:8 (NIV)



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MESSAGE *from the* DEAN

Class of 2026,

On behalf of Liberty Law, congratulations on reaching this very special day! We are so very proud of you! Today represents a momentous occasion — the realization of years of hard work, commitment, and even sacrifice. Importantly, it is also a day to remember and to be grateful for God’s faithfulness and providence in your life.

As we celebrate this special day, let us also remember that “[to whom] much is given, of him shall be much required” (Luke 12:48, KJV). Therefore, although your time at Liberty Law is ending, your time for ministry, impact, and serving others is just beginning.

As you go out to serve others and fulfill the unique calling on your lives — as ministers of justice and legal professionals — be guided by the exhortation of Deuteronomy 16:20: “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue” (NASB).

In Christ,

Timothy M. Todd, Ph.D.

Dean



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Please rise if you are able.

Welcome Dr. Timothy M. Todd
Dean

Invocation Dr. Yuri Mantilla
Professor of Law

School of Law Graduates' Remarks

Class of 2026 JM Valedictorian Shawn Kiphart

Class of 2026 SBA President Faith Dellinger Estep

Class of 2026 JD Valedictorian Rebekah E. Bynum

Dean's Remarks Dr. Timothy M. Todd
Dean

Presentation of Degrees Suzanne F. Caruso
*Associate Dean for
Assessment & Online Operations*

Rodney D. Chrisman
*Vice Dean for Academic Affairs
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David P. McGinley

*Visiting Associate Professor of
Law and Roger C. Bern Award Recipient*

Dr. Timothy M. Todd

Dean

Benediction Cynthia E. Tompkins
Professor of Law

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Please remain seated until dismissed.

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