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School of Law
May 20, 2023 ♦ 3:00 P.M.

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Approved by the Board of Trustees, September 24, 2021.

164th Annual Commencement Exercises

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

SCHOOL OF LAW

MAY 20, 2023, 3:00 PM

Today, the University welcomes you — the graduates and candidates of the classes of 2023 — into the ranks of the proud alumni of the University of San Francisco.

We also welcome your families and friends to the celebration, mindful and appreciative of their contribution to your achievement, through their support, sacrifice, and encouragement.

The University of San Francisco has made every attempt to include in this program all persons deserving of recognition. If there have been any errors or omissions, please accept our sincerest apologies.

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Procession

The University Mace
The University Commencement Marshals
The Class of 2023
The Faculty of the School of Law
Members of the Law Society Board
of Governors
Members of the Law Society Board
of Counselors
The Student Speaker
The Dean of the School of Law
The University Leadership Team
The Members of the University Board
of Trustees
The Honorary Degree Recipient and
Commencement Speaker
The President of the University

Prelude Processional

Baroque Ceremonial Music
"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar

Opening of Ceremonies

Chinyere Oparah

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

National Anthem

Donna L. Creasman

*Associate Director for Administrative Services,
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Invocation

Rev. Dónal Godfrey, S.J.

University Chaplain

Official Opening of the Ceremony

Member, Board of Trustees

Master of Ceremonies

Chinyere Oparah

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Remarks from the Dean

Susan A. Freiwald

Dean and Professor of Law

Remarks on Behalf of
the Class of 2023

Brea Cinco Aguas

Presentation of the
Honorary Degree

Susan A. Freiwald

Dean and Professor of Law

Recipient:

The Honorable Lucy Haeran Koh

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

Commencement Address

The Honorable Lucy Haeran Koh

Presentation of Degrees
and Conferral

Susan A. Freiwald

Dean and Professor of Law

and

Daniel Lathrope

*E.L. Wiegand Distinguished Professor in Tax and
Academic Director of the Graduate Tax Program*

and

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Academic Director of International Programs*

and

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Recessional

“Crown Imperial” by Sir William Walton

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B.A., Bethel University

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B.A., University of San Francisco

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THE HONORABLE LUCY HAERAN KOH

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

Trailblazing jurist who demonstrates an unparalleled understanding of the legal complexities and privacy issues in today's Digital Age. One of America's top judicial minds whose legal opinions are grounded in intellectual rigor, solid factual evidence, and unwavering integrity.

The Honorable Lucy Haeran Koh made history in 2021 as the first Korean American woman to be elevated to the United States Court of Appeals. Judge Koh is recognized as a brilliant jurist with a profound commitment to safeguarding our constitutional rights and a lifelong dedication to public service. Her understanding of the legal complexities and privacy issues of today's technology is extraordinary. Legal experts have lauded both her practical approach to the law and her ability to interpret how dated legal theories apply to modern problems. Her decisions in intellectual property cases have brought focus to challenging legal questions, dealing with both design and technology, and led to a manageable set of actions. Judge Koh brings to the bench a willingness to work with both the law and technology, and a well-honed, incisive mind.

Judge Koh holds herself and those who bring cases before her to the highest legal and ethical standards. In her 13 years on the bench, she has presided over nearly 300 trials and issued more than 3,000 written decisions in high-profile cases that involve cybersecurity, intellectual property, antitrust, and other complex subjects. Judge Koh's technology-heavy case-load has made her one of the most influential jurists in the Silicon Valley and beyond.

In a landmark case, Judge Koh found that Google's practice of "scanning user messages for advertising means" should be prohibited from student, governmental, and business email accounts. Google also was required to change its terms of service to ensure the transparency of the company's scanning policies. Judge Koh has a well-deserved reputation for fairness and efficiency when judging 21st century issues. She is known to "get the Internet" in a way that many other judges do not.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Koh had a distinguished career in public service and private practice. After graduating from Harvard Law School, she served as a Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. She went on to work at the U.S. Department of Justice, first as special counsel for legislative affairs, next as a special assistant to the deputy attorney general, and finally as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Central District of California. In the U.S. Attorney's Office, she earned the FBI Director Louis J. Freeh Award for her successful prosecution of a \$54 million securities fraud case. After first working on intellectual property cases in the U.S. Attorney's Office, she further developed this expertise in private practice. Her broad scope of criminal and civil experience prepared her for the complexities of the Northern District of California and now as a U.S. Appellate Court judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Koh's honors include the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Trailblazer Award and Women's Leadership Award, the American Bar Association's Mark T. Banner Award, and the California State Bar Intellectual Property Law Section's Judiciary Award, among others.

Judge Koh grew up in Mississippi, the child of immigrants, and today she fiercely advocates for making the legal profession more accessible and inclusive. She has observed that diversity on the bench serves not only to enhance confidence in the justice system, but also, "to reaffirm the American dream that anyone can aspire to become a judge." Judge Koh and her husband, Justice Mariano Florentino-Cuéller, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and a former California Supreme Court justice, are the parents of two children.

Judge Koh graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard University, and went on to Harvard Law School, where, while still a student, she assisted the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, represented Central American asylum seekers, and worked on issues for low-income tenants. She also assisted permanent residents with their naturalization applications. She was awarded the Irving R. Kaufman Public Service Fellowship as a graduating Harvard Law student who demonstrated great potential for an outstanding career ahead in public service.

Throughout her career, she has been generous with her time, wisdom, and expertise. She is at the forefront of legal issues of vital importance to our graduates who will be practicing in the areas of technology, immigration, and criminal law as people for and with others.

That all may know of our great esteem for her as a judicial trailblazer for Korean American women and for her vital work on justice and respect for the rule of law in the Digital Age, the University does, therefore, confer upon the Honorable Lucy Haeran Koh the degree of Doctor of Humane letters, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto, given this twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three, and of the University, the hundred and sixty-eighth, in San Francisco, California.

FACULTY AWARDS

John Adler Distinguished Professor Award

Presented annually by the graduates of the School of Law to the professor deemed to have contributed most significantly to the educational development of their students.

Jonathan Chu

The Hon. Ira A. Brown Adjunct Faculty Award

Named in memory of Hon. Ira Brown Jr. who inspired and enriched scores of students throughout his many years of teaching. Presented annually to the adjunct professors who bring the same quality, character, and dedication to the education of our students.

Devin Kinyon '11

UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARD

Academic Innovation Award

The Academic Innovation Award was created by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs in order to recognize and celebrate one or more faculty, librarians and/or staff who have discovered and implemented innovative ways of serving students, and/or advancing a more just, humane and sustainable world. Eligible projects may include academic and co-curricular programs, administrative systems, new technologies, start ups and research discoveries.

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School of Management

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Office of Information and Technology Services

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School of Law

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STUDENT AWARDS

Andersen Tax Awards

This award is sponsored by Andersen Tax and is given to both a graduating J.D. student and a graduating LL.M. in Taxation student for superior academic performance and excellence in the tax curriculum and demonstrated commitment to the field.

LLM: Heidi Imsand (July 22)

JD: Chelsea Olsen

Student Bar Association Award

Presented annually by the graduates of the School of Law to the graduating student who has contributed significantly to the character of the School of Law through outstanding service and leadership.

Adena Chen

Academic Excellence Award

Presented to the graduating student who has made an extraordinary contribution to the intellectual life of the School of Law.

Madi Cassulo

Pursuit of Justice Award

Presented to the graduating student who best exemplifies the School of Law's commitment to providing service to others in the pursuit of justice.

Heather Franco Philson

USF Pemberton Award for Achievement in Labor and Employment Law

This award is sponsored by the American Bar Association's Section of Labor and Employment Law and The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. and is given to graduating law students each year based on their superior academic performance in the labor and employment law curriculum and their demonstrated commitment to the field.

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Gabriel Rishwain

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