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Since 1855, the University of San Francisco has dedicated itself to offering a daring and dynamic liberal arts education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. As a community, we empower and hold accountable our students, faculty, librarians, staff, administrators, alumni, and community partners to be persons for and with others, to care for our common home, including the native lands on which our campuses reside, and to promote the common good by critically, thoughtfully, and innovatively addressing inequities to create a more humane and just world.

We seek to live USF’s Mission by nurturing a diverse, ever-expanding community where persons of all races and ethnicities, religions, sexual orientations, genders, generations, abilities, nationalities, occupations, and socioeconomic backgrounds are honored and accompanied. We are committed to educating hearts and minds to cultivate the full, integral development of each person and all persons; pursuing learning as a lifelong humanizing and liberating social activity; and advancing excellence as the standard for teaching, scholarship, creative expression, and service. Inspired by a faith that does justice, we strive to humbly and responsibly engage with, and contribute to, the cultural, intellectual, economic and spiritual gifts and talents of the San Francisco Bay Area and the global communities to which we belong.

Approved by the Board of Trustees, September 24, 2021.
Today, the University welcomes you — the graduates and candidates of the classes of 2024 — 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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The University Mace
The University Commencement Marshals
The Class of 2024
The Faculty of the School of Law
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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
Eileen Chia-Ching Fung
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National Anthem
Donna L. Creasman
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Invocation
Rev. Dónal Godfrey, S.J.
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Official Opening of the Ceremony
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Eileen Chia-Ching Fung
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 2024  
Rosibeth Cuevas  
Candidate, Degree of Juris Doctor

Presentation of the Honorary Degree  
Susan A. Freiwald  
Dean and Professor of Law
Recipient:  
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Commencement Address  
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Presentation of Degrees and Conferral  
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Dean and Professor of Law
and  
Lindsay Harris  
Professor, Director, International Human Rights Clinic, and Academic Director, International Programs
and  
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Benediction  
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“Crown Imperial” by Sir William Walton
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LINDBERGH PORTER
SENIOR SHAREHOLDER EMERITUS, LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C.

Committed to leading a life of purpose and impact as a man for justice. Respected litigator who gets things done. Powerful voice for diversifying the legal profession by creating an equitable and inclusive community for all. Esteemed alumnus, engaged mentor, and tireless advocate for young people of color pursuing dreams and opportunities to build meaningful careers in the law.

Lindbergh Porter built his stellar career and sterling reputation in the law case-by-case over four decades. As a prominent litigator in the San Francisco office of Littler Mendelson, he represented employers in a broad spectrum of employment-related proceedings, including class actions, wrongful termination, discrimination, and arbitration. Always prepared, professional, and tenacious, he demonstrated the highest level of legal proficiency and personal integrity in advocating for his clients. His broad knowledge and deep understanding of law and business made him a formidable litigator and an invaluable adviser for his clients. He anticipated problems and formulated solutions to avoid the wasted time and high cost associated with litigation. When going to court was the only way forward, he defended his clients with an all-encompassing command of the law.

Mr. Porter first joined Littler as a summer associate. In 1981, with his USF law degree in hand, he went on to represent clients across the nation in a range of employment litigation cases. He specialized in employment, wage and hour, and whistle-blower litigation, including more than 75 class actions in state and federal courts. He represented employers before the National Labor Relations Board in more than 100 arbitrations. In appellate practice, he briefed or argued more than a dozen state and federal cases, including several precedent-setting appeals before the U.S. and California courts of appeal. He also chaired Littler’s Board of Directors and remains an emeritus member of the firm’s Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity Council. In honor of its star litigator’s retirement in 2023, the firm established the Lindbergh Porter San Francisco Pro Bono Champion Award to recognize “his efforts in giving back to the community and for being an inspiration to others.”

Mr. Porter was born into a loving family in a small town in Mississippi’s Holmes County. “White Only” and “Colored Only” signs were displayed everywhere when he was growing up. From first through the 12th grades, he attended “separate, but unequal” schools that would close when children were needed to pick cotton. His mother often reminded him that his job was to stay in school, so that one day he would have an opportunity to accomplish what he wanted. That opportunity presented itself after his high school graduation in 1968. He and 14 other graduates, including his future wife, from the county’s impoverished school system were awarded scholarships to attend the University of Illinois. His inaugural class on campus marked the first time he sat in a classroom with white students. He and his wonderful late wife, Mary, whom he met before kindergarten, graduated in 1972. They married four years later and became the proud parents of Clara, a 2012 graduate of the USF School of Law, and Trey, a San Francisco start-up techie.

In 1978, Mr. Porter came to USF to attend law school and quickly found his purpose and passion. He has said that our diverse student body filled him with optimism. He soon felt that he could change the world — or at least the minds of judges. He has remained engaged with and supportive of his alma mater, making time to mentor our law students. He is a trustee emeritus of the university, an active member of the law school’s Board of Counselors, an ardent fundraiser, and meets with faculty, students, and alumni. We deeply appreciate his generous investment of time, expertise, and resources in both our students and the law school, where he also has been involved in the Intensive Advocacy Program.

A National Moot Court finalist in law school, he has taught moot court at UC Berkeley School of Law and trial practice at Stanford Law School. He was president of the San Francisco Bar Association, and served on the San Francisco Giants Community Fund Board of Directors, among many other organizations. He appears annually on The Best Lawyers in America listing. He has received community service awards from the NAACP, Legal Defense Fund, and Charles Houston Bar Association, among other well-deserved honors. Mr. Porter now splits his time between San Francisco and Mississippi, where he dedicates his energies and expertise to a passion project aimed at developing and building up voting rights in the state.

That all may know of our great esteem for him as an extraordinary alumnus, exemplary trustee, and powerful voice for justice and equal opportunity, we therefore, confer upon Lindbergh Porter Jr., the degree of Doctor of Humane letters, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto, given this 17th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four, and of the University, the hundred and sixty-ninth, in San Francisco, California.
Faculty and Alumni Awards

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.

Frank Lindh

UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

Educational Effectiveness Award
The Educational Effectiveness Award (EEA) is given out annually to one team in recognition of excellence in assessment practices at the University of San Francisco. The recognized assessment work should show evidence of student learning, use of student learning evidence, and help the University, or any part of the University or community, achieve its learning outcomes, goals or mission. Exemplary assessment work should also support a culture of assessment at USF, and include a plan for closing the loop.

Amy Flynn

Innovation in Global Education Award
The Innovation in Global Education Award recognizes a faculty, librarian, or staff member who demonstrates innovation in facilitating global educational opportunities (study abroad, immersion programs, internships, research opportunities) or bringing a global perspective to campus (incorporating global into courses, developing new global courses, or broadening access to global perspectives).

Lindsay Harris

Innovation in Teaching with Technology Award
The CIT Awards honor faculty or staff who have demonstrated excellent use of technology in education. Recipients have supported the development of teaching and learning contributing to the overall quality of the USF learning environment.

Nicole Phillips
John Shafer
Student Achievements

UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

**Archbishop Oscar Romero Award**
Recognized for his ability to become a voice for the voiceless while the Archbishop of San Salvador, the Archbishop Oscar Romero Award is given to an undergraduate or graduate student who strives to alleviate poverty and oppression, and is awarded to:

*Thao “Annie” Le*

**Graduate Student Leadership Award**
This award will be given to students who have consistently worked and succeeded in enriching and having an impact on student life and the values of University Life (leadership, social justice, and cultural competency) throughout their careers at USF. This year’s student is:

*Cameron Freeman*
STUDENT OF LAW 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: Isidore Ejiofor
JD: Courtney Rockwell-Gehrett

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.

Jada Nicole Smith

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

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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.

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