

>>†ALL RISE.
HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE.
THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
IS IN CEREMONIAL SESSION.
GOD SAVE THESE UNITED STATES,
THE GREAT STATE OF FLORIDA
AND THIS HONORABLE COURT.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE
SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA.
PLEASE BE SEATED..

>>> WELCOME TO THE FLORIDA
SUPREME COURT.

ON BEHALF OF THE COURT, IT'S
MY HONOR TO WELCOME TO YOU
THE INDUCTION CEREMONY FOR
NEW MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA
BAR.

THIS IS A GREAT DAY FOR EACH
OF YOU INDUCTEES, YOUR
FAMILIES AND FRIENDS,
EVERYONE WHO HELPS YOU
OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES AND
DIFFICULTIES YOU FACED ALONG
THE WAY TO THIS PROUD
OCCASION.

THIS CEREMONY IS A TIME FOR
CELEBRATION, SO UNLIKE MOST
OTHER COURTROOM EVENTS,
YOU'RE FREE TO TAKE PHOTOS OR
CLAP.

[LAUGHTER]

>>> BEING A MEMBER OF THE
LEGAL PROFESSION IS A GREAT
PRIVILEGE, IT'S A GREAT
RESPONSIBILITY.

LAWYERS GIVE LIFE TO THE RULE
OF LAW IN OUR SOCIETY.

THE LEGAL PROFESSION IS AN
ESSENTIAL PILLAR FOR OUR
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND A
BULWARK FOR OUR LIBERTIES AS
AMERICANS.

WITHOUT THE LEGAL PROFESSION,
OUR WAY OF LIFE, THE FREEDOM,
AND RIGHTS WE TOO OFTEN TAKE
FOR GRANTED WOULD NOT BE
POSSIBLE.

AS YOU ENTER YOUR
PROFESSIONAL LIFE TODAY, I
ENCOURAGE YOU TO ALWAYS

REMEMBER THE CRUCIAL ROLE
YOUR CHOSEN PROFESSION PLAYS
IN OUR SOCIETY.

IT'S MY HONOR TO CALL UPON MY
DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUE HERE
ON THE BENCH TO MAKE A FEW
REMARKS AND TO INTRODUCE THE
PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA BAR,
OUR SPECIAL GUEST.

MRS. †PARIENTE, YOU ARE
RECOGNIZED.

>> THANK YOU JUSTICE POLSTON.
40 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH, I
SAT WHERE YOU'VE SAT AS I
TOOK MY OATH TO BECOME A
MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA BAR.
MY LEGAL CAREER WAS THEN AN
UNWRITTEN BOOK WITH NO
THOUGHT OF A JUDICIAL
CHAPTER.

THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE AS A
LAWYER BEGINS TODAY.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE FLORIDA
BAR LOOKS VERY DIFFERENT IN
1973; ONLY 12,000 LAWYERS.
AND I WAS ONE OF ONLY 600
WOMEN.

TODAY, WE ARE FAST
APPROACHING 100,000 LAWYERS,
AND WOMEN COMPRISE 40%,
ALMOST 40% OF OUR NUMBER.
SO WHILE MUCH IS CHANGED OVER
40 YEARS, THE CORE VALUES OF
OUR PROFESSION HAVE NOT.

PRACTICING LAW, AS JUSTICE
POLSTON SAID, IS A PRIVILEGE
GRANTED TO YOU JUST LIKE IT
WAS TO ME 40 YEARS AGO.
PROFESSIONALISM, YOU HEAR A
LOT ABOUT THAT.

PROFESSIONALISM AND THE
ADHERENCE TO THE HIGHEST
ETHICAL STANDARDS WERE MY
PULL STAR AND SHOULD BE YOUR
GUIDING THEME, ALWAYS TAKING
THE HIGH ROAD, TREATING YOUR
COLLEAGUES AND CLIENTS AND
JUDGES YOU APPEAR BEFORE WITH
DIGNITY AND RESPECT.

FIERCELY DEFENDING

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND UPHOLDING AND DEFENDING THE CONSTITUTION ARE WHO WE ARE AS LAWYERS AND JUDGES. LAW IS ALSO A HELPING PROFESSION.

WE ARE PROBLEM SOLVERS AND ADVOCATES FOR OUR CLIENTS. WE ARE NOT FIXERS OR GLADIATORS, LIKE OLIVIA POPE AND HER TEAM IN†"SCANDAL." I SEE WE HAVE SOME†"SCANDAL" FANS HERE.

WITH THE PRIVILEGE OF PRACTICING LAW COMES THE RESPONSIBILITY. THE RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE BACK.

IN OUR STATE, THE MAJORITY OF THE THOSE WHO NEED LEGAL ASSISTANCE CANNOT AFFORD LEGAL SERVICES.

CANNOT AFFORD YOUR LEGAL SERVICES.

PRO BONO SHOULD BECOME PART OF WHO YOU ARE AS A LAWYER FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

ADICUS FINCH OF†"TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD" IS ONE OF MY FICTIONAL LEGAL HEROES.

ONE OF MY NEWEST HEROES IS REBECCA SOSA.

WHO IS SHE?

SHE IS A YOUNG LAWYER WHO WAS LAST SPRING'S RECIPIENT OF THE YOUNG LAWYER'S PRO BONO AWARD.

AFTER THREE YEARS AS A LAWYER, MS. SOSA ALREADY CONTRIBUTED AN ASTOUNDING 1500 HOURS IN PRO BONO.

THAT'S 25 TIMES THE ASPIRATIONAL GOAL OF 20 HOURS PER YEAR.

UPON ACCEPTING HER AWARD, MS. SOSA TOLD THE AUDIENCE GATHERED IN THIS COURTROOM, I PROMISE YOU, IF YOU REACH OUT YOUR HAND TO SOMEONE IN THEIR TIME OF NEED, YOU CAN SAVE

THEM FROM HITTING THE FLOOR
AND WORSE.

20 HOURS A WEEK IS AN
ASPIRATIONAL GOAL -- I'M
SORRY, NOT A WEEK, A YEAR.

[LAUGHTER]

YOU GOT WORRIED, DIDN'T YOU?
NOW IT'S SO MUCH EASIER.

AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW FROM
FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE,
WATCHING ALL EPISODES
OF "BREAKING BAD" WOULD TAKE
ALMOST 50 HOURS.

NOT "BREAKING BAD" FANS?

YOU HAVEN'T HAD TIME.

BUT IT TAKES -- IF YOU'VE
WATCHED, IT'S ALMOST 50
HOURS.

FINDING THE TIME TO
CONTRIBUTE ONLY 20 HOURS OF
PRO BONO WORK A YEAR IS
CERTAINLY AN ATTAINABLE GOAL.
SO, TO THE NEW LAWYERS HERE,
YOU ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON AN
EXCITING JOURNEY, I HAVE
NEVER LOST MY PASSION FOR THE
LAW AND THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF
LAWYERS AS PART OF THE
JUDICIAL BRANCH IN OUR
DEMOCRACY.

THE BOOK OF YOUR LIFE AS A
LAWYER BEGINS TODAY.

MAKE IT A GREAT BOOK, AND I
HOPE 40 YEARS FROM NOW, YOU
WILL BE PROUD OF YOUR LIFE AS
A LAWYER.

YOUR REPUTATION FOR
PROFESSIONALISM, AND YOU'RE
CREDO OF GIVING BACK TO THOSE
LESS FORTUNATE.

IT IS NOW MY PRIVILEGE TO
INTRODUCE AN EXTRAORDINARY
LEADER AND LAWYER WHOSE BOOK
OF HIS LEGAL CAREER IS A
GREAT READ.

HIS LEGAL CAREER HAS BEEN
DEFINED BY IMPRESSIVE LEGAL
AND LEADERSHIP ABILITIES AND
HIS COMMITMENT TO GIVE BACK
TO HIS PROFESSION AND

COMMUNITY.

I GIVE YOU MY FRIEND, THE
PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA BAR,
GENE PETTIS.

[APPLAUSE]

>> MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT?

CHIEF JUSTICE POLSTON,
MEMBERS OF THE COURT, HONORED
GUESTS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

IT INDEED IS AN HONOR TO
WELCOME OUR NEWEST LAWYERS TO
THE FLORIDA BAR.

ON BEHALF OF OVER 98,000
LAWYERS OF THE FLORIDA BAR,
IT IS AN HONOR TO WELCOME YOU
TO THE PROFESSION.

ONE OF SOCIETY'S MOST NOBLE
AND MOST HONORABLE
PROFESSIONS.

YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO ACCEPT
YOUR OATH TO THE PROFESSION
IN OUR STATE'S HIGHEST COURT,
THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT.

ALWAYS LET THIS MOMENT BE A
REMINDER OF HOW IMPORTANT IT
IS FOR A LAWYER TO HELP OTHER
FELLOW CITIZENS TO UNDERSTAND
AND SUPPORT OUR SYSTEM OF
LAWS, AND TO APPRECIATE THE
IMPORTANCE OF A TRULY
INDEPENDENT COURT.

WE MUST CONSTANTLY AFFIRM A
COMMITMENT FOR THE
INDEPENDENT AND IMPARTIAL
JUDICIARY, FREE FROM
PARTISAN, POLITICS AND
SOCIETAL WHIMS, A JUDICIARY
THAT ACTS ON THE BASIS OF
WHAT'S RIGHT AND JUST, NOT
WHAT'S POPULAR.

IN A PROFESSION THAT'S
BECOMING MORE COMPETITIVE
WITH EACH NEW MEMBER, IN A
SOCIETY THAT IN MANY ARENAS
IS LOSING SOME MORAL COMPASS,
IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU
ALWAYS REMIND YOURSELF OF
YOUR CREED OF
PROFESSIONALISM.

I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE

THE TIME AND GO ONLINE AND
LOOK AT THE FLORIDA BAR'S
CREED OF PROFESSIONALISM.
ONE OF THE FIRST PROVISIONS
THEREIN STATE, "I REVERE THE
LAW, THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM, AND
THE LEGAL PROFESSION, AND
WILL, AT ALL TIMES IN MY
PROFESSIONAL AND PRIVATE
LIVES, UPHOLD THE DIGNITY AND
THE ESTEEM OF EACH."

FAME AND FORTUNE IS NO
SUBSTITUTE FOR YOU
MAINTAINING YOUR INTEGRITY
AND YOUR DIGNITY.

ALWAYS LET YOUR VOICE AND
YOUR DEEDS BE ADVOCATES FOR
WHAT IS FAIR AND WHAT IS
JUST.

I CHALLENGE TO YOU FULFILL
YOUR GREATEST POTENTIAL, WHAT
THAT IS WILL BE DIFFERENT,
AND UNIQUE FOR EACH OF YOU.

BUT MAKE A COMMITMENT TO
YOURSELF OF ACCEPTING NOTHING
LESS THAN YOUR BEST.

IT'S WHAT GOT YOU TO THIS
POINT IN YOUR LIFE.

I CAN'T STAND HERE AND
SUGGEST TO YOU THAT IT WILL
BE EASY OR WITHOUT CHALLENGE,
BUT IF YOU ARE -- HAVE A
STEADFAST FOCUS, A HEART AND
UNWAVERING DETERMINATION, YOU
WILL ENJOY SUCCESS IN YOUR
PROFESSION.

SOME OF YOU HAVE JOBS, AND
YOU STILL HAVE TO MAKE
ADJUSTMENTS TO A NEW WORK
LIFE, AND SOME OF OTHERS MAY
BE LOOKING FOR THEIR FIRST
JOB, THAT'S OUR REALITY.
BUT YOU CAN'T ALLOW YOUR
CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCE TO
DEFINE YOUR FUTURE.

IT'S NOT WHERE YOU START;
IT'S HOW YOU FINISH THAT
COUNTS.

LASTLY, ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT
TOTAL FULFILLMENT IS BASED ON

MORE THAN YOUR PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
OFTEN WE FIND THE BEST THAT LIFE HAS TO OFFER THROUGH SERVING OTHERS.
EVERY ONE OF US HAVE BENEFITTED FROM OUR COMMUNITIES AND THOSE AROUND US, AND IT'S GOING TO BE -- IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL, THAT IS EVEN MORE TRUE IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW. CONNECT WITH YOUR LOCAL BAR, JOIN A COMMITTEE OF THE FLORIDA BAR, FIND A CAUSE IN YOUR COMMUNITY THAT YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE AND COMMIT TO. OUR CREED OF PROFESSIONALISM ALSO STATES, I WILL FOLLOW MY PROFESSION'S DEVOTION TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND TO THE PUBLIC GOOD.
BUILD A CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO OTHERS, AND I WILL ASSURE YOU THAT IT WILL ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF YOUR OWN LIFE.
ALWAYS KNOW THAT WHAT YOU DO MATTERS.
IN CLOSING, I ASK THAT YOU TAKE THE OATH YOU SPEAK TODAY VERY SERIOUSLY, AND REMEMBER, AS LAWYERS, WE MUST DISPLACE BRUTE FORCE WITH MERCY, JUSTICE AND EQUITY.
WE MUST BE THE SPOKESPERSONS OF RIGHTEOUS CAUSES.
WE MUST TEACH MANKIND TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS, THEIR PROPERTY, THEIR PERSONAL LIBERTIES, THE FREEDOM OF CONSCIOUS, TO SPEAK FREELY AND THE FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY.
WE MUST PLEAD FOR THE POOR AND THE PERSECUTED.
WE MUST STAND IN THE WAY OF PUBLIC CLAMOR, AND THE TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY.
WE MUST SPEAK EQUALITY OF

MANKIND, REGARDLESS OF RACE,
GENDER OR RELIGION.
AND WE MUST AT ALL TIMES BE
OFFICERS OF THE COURT,
PROTECTORS OF FREEDOM,
JUSTICE AND THE PUBLIC GOOD.
MY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU,
AND MY BEST WISHES FOR A MOST
SUCCESSFUL LEGAL CAREER.
THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> EACH YEAR WE SELECT A
CANDIDATE WHO HAS EXCELLED ON
THE BAR EXAM TO MAKE REMARKS
ON BEHALF OF THE NEWLY
ADMITTED LAWYERS.
FOR THIS PURPOSE, IT'S MY
HONOR TO CALL UPON NICOLE
KUNCL.

[APPLAUSE]

>> MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT.
CHIEF JUSTICE POLSTON,
MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT,
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY.
I AM HONORED AND DEEPLY
HUMBLED TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF
NEWLY ADMITTED MEMBERS OF THE
FLORIDA BAR.

TO THOSE WHO HAVE SPOKEN
ALREADY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ADVICE AND ENCOURAGEMENT.
TO MY FELLOW INDUCTEES,
CONGRATULATIONS ON MAKING IT
THROUGH ONE OF THE TOUGHEST
CHALLENGES YOU FACED SO FAR.
WE THOUGHT LAW SCHOOL WAS
HARD, THAT WAS NOTHING
COMPARED TO THE BAR EXAM.
YOU AND I KNOW IT'S NOT JUST
THE TWO DAYS AT THE END OF
JULY.

IT STARTED ABOUT TWO MONTHS
BEFORE THAT AND DIDN'T END
UNTIL WE FOUND OUT WE PASSED.
AS WE PREPARED FOR THE BAR
EXAM OVER THE SUMMER, MOST OF
US ALTERNATED BETWEEN BRIEF
WAVES OF CONFIDENCE WHEN WE'D
DONE WELL ON A PRACTICE TEST,

AND SHEER TERROR WHEN WE
THOUGHT ABOUT HOW MANY
SUBJECTS WE STILL NEEDED TO
STUDY.

I QUICKLY REALIZED THAT,
APART FROM THE INCREDIBLE
VOLUME OF MATERIAL COVERED, A
LARGE PART OF THE EXAM WAS
FIGURING OUT HOW TO HANDLE
THE STRESS.

FOR ME THAT INVOLVED TAKING A
LOT OF BREAKS TO WATCH "LAW
AND ORDER: SVU."

MY BOYFRIEND AND I WERE
CONVINCED BINGE-WATCHING
"SVU" IS THE SAME AS STUDYING
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE IN
EVIDENCE.

IN ALL SERIOUSNESS, EACH OF
US PUT IN A GREAT DEAL OF
WORK TO GET HERE.

GOING THROUGH LAW SCHOOL AND
THE BAR EXAM IS NOT FOR THE
FEINT OF HEART.

WE HAD QUESTIONS WHETHER IT
WAS WORTH IT AND WHETHER THIS
WAS WHAT WE WANTED TO DO WITH
OUR LIVES, OF COURSE THAT
ALWAYS PASSES; AND SOON
ENOUGH, WE REMEMBER WHAT MADE
US DECIDE TO ATTEND LAW
SCHOOL IN THE FIRST PLACE.

REFLECTING ON IT NOW, I THINK
THE DIFFICULTIES OF LAW
SCHOOL AND ESPECIALLY THE BAR
EXAM ARE NOT MEANT TO TORTURE
US OR KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF
PROFESSION BUT TO IMPRESS
WHAT A SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY
WE'RE TAKING ON AS MEMBERS OF
THE FLORIDA BAR.

PEOPLE WILL BE COMING TO US
TO HELP THEM.

OFTEN DURING INCREDIBLY
CONFUSING AND STRESSFUL
TIMES, IT WILL BE UP TO US TO
CHAMPION CAUSES WHILE
REMAINING TO THE OATH WE'RE
ABOUT TO TAKE.

BEYOND THAT, WE WILL

DETERMINE THE FUTURE COURSE
OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION IN
FLORIDA.

I HOPE WE ALL APPROACH THAT
TASK WITH HUMILITY, DECENCY
AND COMMITMENT TO THE IDEALS
EMBODIED IN THE OATH OF
ATTORNEYS.

FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO SAY
THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL
NEW MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA
BAR, TO THE FRIENDS, FAMILY
AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS WHO
HAVE BEEN WITH US EVERY STEP
OF THE WAY.

THANK YOU FOR PUTTING UP WITH
US WHEN WE WERE AT OUR VERY
WORST.

THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN
US, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE
DIDN'T, AND THANK YOU FOR
NEVER DOUBTING THAT THIS DAY
WOULD COME.

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO ALL
OF MY FELLOW INDUCTEES.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THE COURT NOW WILL
RECOGNIZE GAIL E. SASNETT,
CHAIR OF THE FLORIDA BAR OF
BOARD EXAMINERS TO MOVE FOR
THEIR ADMISSION.

>> THANK YOU, MAY IT PLEASE
THE COURT.

PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE
SUPREME COURT RELATING TO
ADMISSIONS TO THE BAR, THE
CANDIDATES BEFORE YOU HAVE
BEEN RIGOROUSLY EXAMINED BY
THE BOARD BOTH AS TO
KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW AND
UNDERSTANDING OF THE
STANDARDS AND IDEALS OF THE
LEGAL PROFESSION.

IN ADDITION, THEIR
BACKGROUNDS HAVE BEEN
SUBJECTED TO SEARCHING,
CHARACTER ASSESSMENT AND
INVESTIGATIONS.

ON BEHALF OF THE FLORIDA

BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS, I
CERTIFY THE CANDIDATES ARE
FULLY QUALIFIED AND EACH
ENJOYS THE ENTHUSIASTIC
RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD
FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR OF
FLORIDA.

AS YOUR NAME IS CALLED,
PLEASE STAND AND REMAIN
STANDING.

[READING OF NEW INDUCTEES'
NAMES]

MR. †ZACHARY MARK ALTENBACH.

MR. †PARKER ALLEN AZIZ.

MR. †BENJAMIN DAVID BAIRD.

MS. JESSICA LYNN BAKER.

MR. †PAUL ANDREW MCDONALD
BENNETT.

MS. BLAIR NOEL BODDENMILLER.

MR. †JOEL CAMERON BRACKEN.

MS. WHITNEY LEE BRACKEN.

MR. †DAVID J. BRENNAN, JR.

MS. ANN ELLIOTT ADAMS BRIAN.

MR. †BRADLEY STEVEN BUTLER,
JR.

MS. LETITIA M. CAMPBELL.

MR. †ROBERTO R. CASTILLO.

MS. ERIN JOANNE COBURN.

MR. †CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL DELP.

MS. CATHERINE ASHLEY ELMORE.

MS. TIFFANY FAY ENGER.

MR. †NELSON FARBER III,

MR. †COLIN G. FRAZIER.

MS. DOMINIQUE LOCKRIDGE
GONZALEZ.

MS. ALEXANDRIA DANIELLE
HITSON.

MR. †JOHN TIMOTHY HOLDEN.

MR. †CHRISTOPHER HUDWALTER.

MS. PATRICIA HARRAH.

MS. ASHLEY ANN INSLER.

MS. EMILY CHRISTINE JENKINS.

MR. †JOEL JOHNSTON KELLY.

MS. JENNA G. KIRKLY.

MS. NICOLE KUNCL.

MR. †BRADLEY MICHAEL LATONE.

MS. JENNIFER RENEE LEWIS.

MS. KAY NICOLE LABELLE.

MS. AMY ELIZABETH LIPFORD.

MR. †PEDRO LOPEZ.

MS. LESLIE ANN MARKS.
MR.†TIMOTHY JAMES MASON.
MS. SHANNON LINDSEY MATTHEWS.
MR.†DOUGLAS MCARLINER.
MR.†ADRIAN THOMAS MU, JR.
MR.†COLIN MCREED MOORE.
MR.†FRANK JOHN MORELLI.
MS. ALYSSA NICOLE NICHOLSON.
MR.†PAUL EVERETT PFLUKE.
MS. SARAH JORDON
REDDING- SANDY.
MS. JENNIFER SARAH ROBINSON.
MR.†JUAN SALDIVAR, JR.
MR.†WILLIAM BRANDON SASSER.
MS. JODY LEE SNELL.
MS. CARLY ELIZABETH SOUTHER.
MS. BRAJA SPELLMAN.
MR.†BENJAMIN STEINBERG.
MR.†CHRISTOPHER CREED
STRANDBERG.
MR.†BRIAN TACKENBERG.
MR.†ANDREW BO JAMES
THORNQUIST.
MS. LAUREN MICHELLE WEISMAN.
MR.†IAN CHADWICK WALTERS.
MR.†WICKENHAUSER.
MR.†MATTHEW CLAYTON WILLIAMS.
MS. LAUREN D. WOODRUFF.
MR.†NATHAN KEVIN ZART.
AND MS. SASID ZARAWANI.
ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, I
MOVE THESE CANDIDATES BE
ADMITTED TO THE FLORIDA BAR.
>> THANK YOU, THE COURT
ACCEPTS YOUR MOTION AND
GRANTS IT.
WILL THE CANDIDATES PLEASE
REMAIN STANDING?
THE MOMENT HAS NOW COME FOR
THE FINAL STEP IN YOUR
JOURNEY TO BECOME A LAWYER.
THE OATH OF ADMISSION IS
LONG.
[LAUGHTER]
>> RAISE YOUR RIGHT HANDS AND
REPEAT AFTER ME.
I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR I WILL
SUPPORT.
>> I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR I WILL
SUPPORT.

>> THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES.
>> THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES.
>> AND THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE STATE OF FLORIDA.
>> AND THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE STATE OF FLORIDA.
>> I WILL MAINTAIN THE
RESPECT.
>> I WILL MAINTAIN THE
RESPECT.
>> DUE TO COURTS OF JUSTICE.
>> DUE TO COURTS OF JUSTICE.
>> AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS.
>> AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS.
>> I WILL NOT COUNSEL OR
MAINTAIN ANY SUIT OR
PROCEEDINGS.
>> I WILL NOT COUNSEL OR
MAINTAIN ANY SUIT OR
PROCEEDINGS.
>> WHICH SHALL APPEAR TO ME.
>> WHICH SHALL APPEAR TO ME.
>> TO BE UNJUST.
>> TO BE UNJUST.
>> NOR ANY DEFENSE.
>> NOR ANY DEFENSE.
>> EXCEPT SUCH AS I BELIEVE
TO BE HONESTLY DEBATABLE.
>> EXCEPT SUCH AS I BELIEVE
TO BE HONESTLY DEBATABLE.
>> UNDER THE LAW OF THE LAND.
>> UNDER THE LAW OF THE LAND.
>> I WILL EMPLOY FOR THE
PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING.
>> I WILL EMPLOY FOR THE
PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING.
>> THE CAUSES CONFIDED TO ME.
>> THE CAUSES CONFIDED TO ME.
>> SUCH MEANS ONLY.
>> SUCH MEANS ONLY.
>> AS ARE CONSISTENT WITH
TRUTH AND HONOR.
>> AS ARE CONSISTENT WITH
TRUTH AND HONOR.
>> AND WILL NEVER SEEK.
>> AND WILL NEVER SEEK.
>> TO MISLEAD THE JUDGE OR
JURY.

>> TO MISLEAD THE JUDGE OR
JURY.
>> BY ANY ARTIFICE.
>> BY ANY ARTIFICE.
>> OR FALSE STATEMENT OF FACT
OR LAW.
>> OR FALSE STATEMENT OF FACT
OR LAW.
>> I WILL MAINTAIN THE
CONFIDENCE.
>> I WILL MAINTAIN THE
CONFIDENCE.
>> AND PRESERVE INVIOATE.
>> AND PRESERVE INVIOATE.
>> THE SECRETS OF MY CLIENTS.
>> THE SECRETS OF MY CLIENTS.
>> AND ACCEPT NO COMPENSATION
IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR
BUSINESS.
>> AND ACCEPT NO COMPENSATION
IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR
BUSINESS.
>> EXCEPT FROM THEM OR WITH
THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL.
>> EXCEPT FROM THEM OR WITH
THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL.
>> TO OPPOSING PARTIES AND
THEIR COUNSEL.
>> TO OPPOSING PARTIES AND
THEIR COUNSEL.
>> I PLEDGE FAIRNESS,
INTEGRITY AND CIVILITY.
>> I PLEDGE FAIRNESS,
INTEGRITY AND CIVILITY.
>> NOT ONLY IN COURT.
>> NOT ONLY IN COURT.
>> BUT ALSO IN ALL WRITTEN.
>> BUT ALSO IN ALL WRITTEN.
>> AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS.
>> AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS.
>> I WILL ABSTAIN.
>> I WILL ABSTAIN.
>> FROM ALL OFFENSIVE
PERSONALITY.
>> FROM ALL OFFENSIVE
PERSONALITY.
>> AND ADVANCE NO FACT.
>> AND ADVANCE NO FACT.
>> PREJUDICIAL TO THE HONOR.
>> PREJUDICIAL TO THE HONOR.

>> OR REPUTATION.
>> OR REPUTATION.
>> A PARTY OR WITNESS.
>> A PARTY OR WITNESS.
>> UNLESS REQUIRED.
>> UNLESS REQUIRED.
>> BY THE JUSTICE OF THE
CAUSE.
>> BY THE JUSTICE OF THE
CAUSE.
>> WITH WHICH I AM CHARGED.
>> WITH WHICH I AM CHARGED.
>> I WILL NEVER REJECT.
>> I WILL NEVER REJECT.
>> FROM ANY CONSIDERATION.
>> FROM ANY CONSIDERATION.
>> PERSONAL TO MYSELF.
>> PERSONAL TO MYSELF.
>> THE CAUSE OF THE
DEFENSELESS OR OPPRESSED.
>> THE CAUSE OF THE
DEFENSELESS OR OPPRESSED.
>> OR DELAY ANYONE'S CAUSE.
>> OR DELAY ANYONE'S CAUSE.
>> FOR LUCRE OR MALICE.
>> FOR LUCRE OR MALICE.
>> SO HELP ME GOD.
>> SO HELP ME GOD.
>> CONGRATULATIONS.
[APPLAUSE]
>> YOU MAY BE SEATED.
LET ME BE THE FIRST TO
CONGRATULATE YOU AS YOU START
YOUR NEW CAREERS.
MAY EACH OF YOU ALWAYS BE
FAITHFUL TO THE SOLEMN OATH
YOU'VE JUST TAKEN.
I HAVE ONE ANNOUNCEMENT.
WE ASK THAT THE NEWLY SWORN
ATTORNEYS REMAIN HERE IN THE
COURTROOM STANDING IN FRONT
OF THE BENCH FOR A GROUP
PHOTOGRAPH, AND WE ASK THAT
ALL OUR OTHER GUESTS PLEASE
MAKE ROOM FOR THE NEW
ATTORNEYS TO GATHER HERE IN
FRONT OF THE BENCH.
THEN THE NEW ATTORNEYS SHOULD
SIGN YOUR OATHS IN THE
PRESENCE OF ONE OF THE

COURT'S DEPUTY CLERKS.
COURT IS NEW ADJOURNED.
[APPLAUSE]
>> ALL RISE.