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*As a courtesy to our graduates and guests, please silence all phones and electronic devices during the Commencement Ceremony.*

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**Dear Graduates,**

**T**he rule of law is one of the cornerstones of our democracy. With that bedrock principle under fire in recent years, your graduation from the Thomas R. Kline School of Law matters more than ever.

Lawyers and legal scholars play indispensable roles in a free, civil society. We need highly skilled lawyers who will defend the Constitution, guard our liberty, ensure free and fair elections,

advocate for justice, prosecute wrongdoing, provide learned counsel and represent clients from marginalized communities. As graduates of the Kline School of Law, you are eminently prepared to assume these critical roles.

Navigating the demands and enduring the grueling pressures of law school is always challenging. The pandemic and the national reckoning over racial injustice exponentially increased the degree of difficulty. You not only remained focused through much uncertainty, stress and heartache, but also demonstrated an unwavering commitment to promoting equal justice for all.


I am honored to congratulate you on your graduation from the Kline School of Law, and to join your friends and loved ones in celebrating your achievement.

John F. Kennedy famously noted that “success has many fathers, but failure is an orphan.” So, be sure to thank your family, friends and classmates whose support helped you achieve this success. And let us all recognize our outstanding faculty, led by Dean Filler, for their leadership, guidance and support.

In just 16 years, the Kline School of Law has grown into a distinguished institution that produces outstanding lawyers, legal scholars, judges, jurists and senior executives. With the Thomas R. Kline Institute of Trial Advocacy firmly established in Center City, we have secured the Law School’s reputation as the top training facility for trial advocates in the country.

It also is no coincidence that our Law School is named after one of the best trial lawyers in the country. I would like to thank Tom Kline for his generous support and ongoing commitment to our Law School.

On behalf of the trustees, faculty and professional staff of Drexel University, I wish you all the best in achieving your career and personal goals and in creating a more just society.

Sincerely,  
  
 John Fry  
 President

Please rise for the processional at the opening of the ceremony and the recessional at the close.

**Processional**

Selection by Symphony in C

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**Dean's Welcome**

Daniel M. Filler  
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**National Anthem**

Johanna Simpson  
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**President's Welcome**

John Fry  
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**Greeting from the Trustee Chair**

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**Greeting from the Law School Advisory Board Chair**

Thomas R. Kline  
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**Remarks from the Dean**

Daniel M. Filler  
Dean  
Professor of Law

**Greeting from the Alumni Council**

Hannah J. Molitoris '16  
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**Ceremonial Awards**

Carl "Tobey" Oxholm III Outstanding Contribution to the Law School Community Award

Dean Jennifer L. Rosato Excellence in the Classroom Award

Dean Roger J. Dennis Distinction in Teaching Award

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Mary K. McGovern Exceptional Contribution to the Student Experience Award

**Introduction of Speaker**

John Fry  
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**Commencement Address**

Dana Remus  
Assistant to the President of the United States  
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**Greeting from the Class of 2022**

Noelia M. Wiegand  
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**Conferring of Degrees**

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*Assistant to the President of the United States & White House Counsel  
Formerly Inaugural Faculty Member, Kline School of Law*



**D**ana Remus is currently serving as assistant to the president and White House counsel. Previously, she served as general counsel on Joe Biden’s presidential campaign. Prior to the campaign, Remus was general counsel of the Obama Foundation and President and Mrs. Obama’s personal office. During the Obama-Biden administration, Remus was the deputy assistant to the president and deputy counsel for ethics.

Previously, she was a professor of law at the University of North Carolina School of Law, where she specialized in legal and judicial ethics and the regulation of the legal profession. Notably, Remus began her academic career in 2006 as an inaugural faculty member of the Kline School of Law (known at that time as Drexel College of Law.)

Remus clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. and Judge Anthony J. Scirica of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and was an associate at the law firm Cravath, Swaine & Moore. She earned her BA from Harvard University and her JD from Yale.

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**Nihir Uday Nanavaty**

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*University of Florida National Trial Advocacy Tournament*

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