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Friday, May Twenty-First, Two Thousand Twenty-One
Nine Thirty in the Morning
Malibu, California



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GREGORY L. OGDEN
Professor of Law

Graduate Recognition

Pomp and Circumstance (Elgar)

**Invocation
and
Pledge of Allegiance**

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Class of 2021

National Anthem

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**Presentation of Distinguished
Alumnus Award**

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Class of 1997
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**Presentation of Commencement
Speaker**

JAMES S. AZADIAN
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THE HONORABLE CONSUELO M. CALLAHAN
Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

**Presentation of Candidates
For Graduate Degrees**

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Conferring of Degrees

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Benediction

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The audience will rise for the benediction and be seated during the recessional.

Recessional

Pictures at an Exhibition (Mussorgsky)





ANGELA M. POWELL

Angela M. Powell is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP, where she serves as a member of the firm's governmental entity liability team.

Ms. Powell began her legal career as a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney, where she prosecuted hundreds of violent crimes. After leaving the District Attorney's Office, she was a successful plaintiff's attorney in a boutique Beverly Hills law firm, representing employees in sexual harassment and discrimination litigation.

Ms. Powell's dedication and commitment to public service led her back to representing governmental and public entities—now as a civil defense attorney. She counsels governmental entities, public agencies, and individual police officers in civil rights actions and has also represented management in employment and general litigation. As a litigator, Ms. Powell is a master strategist; having worked as a prosecutor, plaintiff's lawyer, and defense counsel, she can quickly assess the strengths and weaknesses in her opponent's case. She has tried more than 60 cases in her 20-year career.

Ms. Powell is a member of the California State Bar and is also admitted to the Bar of the United States District Courts for the Central and Eastern Districts of California. She currently serves as a member of the Pepperdine Caruso School of Law Board of Advisors.

Angela Powell received her bachelor's degree in political science from Seaver College in 1993 and went on to receive her juris doctor from the Pepperdine Caruso School of Law in 1997.



THE HONORABLE CONSUELO MARIA CALLAHAN

Judge Consuelo Maria Callahan was nominated by President George W. Bush on February 12, 2003, to serve as a circuit judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In May of 2003 she was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate. She was the first judge in San Joaquin County history to be appointed to the federal court.

Prior to being appointed to the federal bench, Judge Callahan was a state court judge, serving as a justice for the Third District Court of Appeal for the state of California, a superior court judge for San Joaquin County, and a commissioner of the Stockton Municipal Court. She was the first woman and first Latina to be appointed to the San Joaquin County Superior Court, as well as the first judge from San Joaquin County to be elevated to the Court of Appeal in 73 years. Before that, Judge Callahan was a Stockton deputy city attorney and a San Joaquin County deputy district attorney.

The recipient of numerous awards, Judge Callahan served on the board of regents of the University of the Pacific for nine years. She currently serves on the board of trustees for both Western University of Health Sciences and the American Inns of Court. Judge Callahan is also a frequent instructor to judges and lawyers both domestically and internationally and is a coauthor of the Rutter Group *California Practice Guide: Employment Litigation*.

Judge Callahan received her bachelor's degree from Stanford University; her juris doctor from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law; and her master of laws from the University of Virginia School of Law.

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