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Commencement

Saturday, May 16, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.
Classic Center, Grand Hall, Athens, GA

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Processional of Platform Party	“Pomp and Circumstance” (E. Elgar)
National Anthem	Performed by Dustin Batchelor
Welcome	Usha R. Rodrigues <i>Dean & M.E. Kilpatrick Chair of Corporate Finance and Securities Law</i>
Remarks	Margaret A. Camfield <i>President, Student Bar Association</i> Antavious L. McCarden <i>President, Class of 2026</i> Francys Johnson (J.D.’04) <i>President-Elect, Law School Alumni Council</i> <i>Davis Bozeman Johnson Firm</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Tina Bhatt <i>Vice President, Class of 2026</i>
Address	The Honorable Nels S.D. Peterson <i>Chief Justice, Georgia Supreme Court</i>
Introduction of Faculty & Marshals	Nathan S. Chapman <i>Associate Dean for Faculty Development & A. Gus Cleveland Distinguished Chair of Law</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Benjamin C. Ayers <i>Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost University of Georgia</i>
Presentation of Master in the Study of Law Candidates	Allison G. Hale (J.D.’89) <i>Faculty Advisor for Master in the Study of Law Program</i>
Presentation of Master of Laws Candidates	Christopher M. Bruner <i>Stembler Family Distinguished Professor in Business Law & Faculty Co-Director of the Dean Rusk International Law Center</i>
Presentation of Juris Doctor Candidates	Nathan S. Chapman <i>Associate Dean for Faculty Development & A. Gus Cleveland Distinguished Chair of Law</i> Peter B. “Bo” Rutledge <i>Talmdage Chair of Law</i>
Recessional**	“Washington Post March,” <i>Recording by U.S. Marine Band</i>

***Please remain at your seat until the recessional is complete*

2025 - 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson



Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson was appointed to the Georgia Supreme Court in 2016 and was elected to full six-year terms in 2018 and 2024. He previously served in a variety of other roles in Georgia state government, including as judge on the Georgia Court of Appeals, general counsel for the University System of Georgia, Georgia's first solicitor general in the Attorney General's Office, and executive counsel to the Governor.

Before entering state government, Peterson practiced at King & Spalding in Atlanta and clerked for Chief Judge William H. Pryor Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. He is a graduate of Kennesaw State University and Harvard Law School.

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