

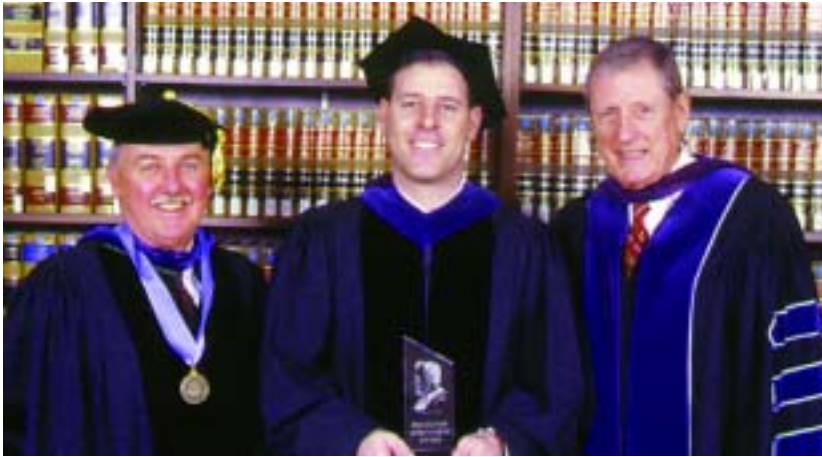
Graduation

HIGHLIGHTS



Thomas Johnson Class

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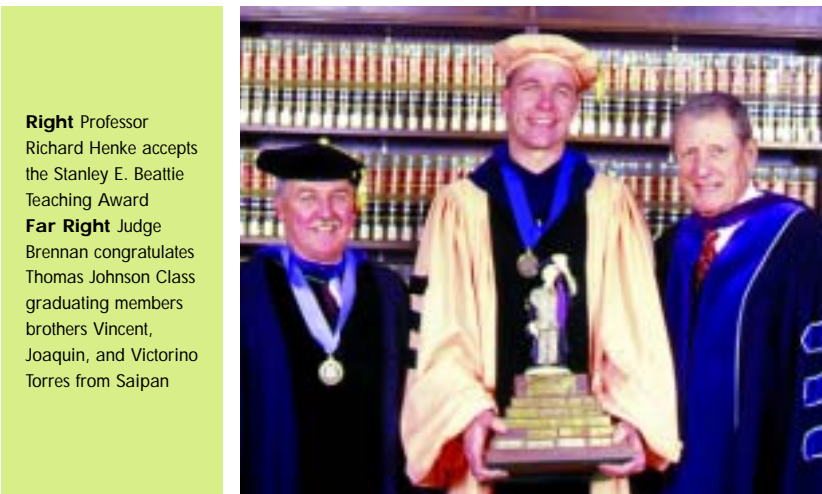
Above President and Dean Don LeDuc, President's Achievement Award winner Blair Lachman, and Cooley founder, the Hon. Thomas E. Brennan

Below President and Dean Don LeDuc, Mary Chartier-Mittendorf, *summa cum laude*, and Cooley founder, the Hon. Thomas E. Brennan

Members of the Thomas Johnson Class received their juris doctor degrees Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002, in a moving ceremony that marked not only their graduation, but also the retirement of the school's founder and president, former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas E. Brennan.

Judge Brennan gave the commencement address and was the recipient of several presentations, including a resolution passed earlier that day by the Thomas M. Cooley Board of Directors commemorating his contributions; a leather-bound, two-volume compilation of his Supreme Court Decisions; and a lovingly crafted compendium of good wishes, thank yous, and memories from graduates.

Mary Chartier-Mittendorf, *summa cum laude*, was the winner of the James E. Burns Memorial Award. This award recognizes the graduating student with the highest grade point average. Blair Lachman, *magna cum laude*, was the winner of the President's Achievement Award. This award recognizes the student who achieved the greatest percentage improvement from his incoming index to his graduating grade point average. Mr. Lachman also served as valedictory speaker. Professor Richard Henke was the winner of the Stanley E. Beattie Teaching Award. This award is chosen by each graduating class, members of which vote for the teacher they believe had the biggest impact on their academic career at Cooley.



Right Professor Richard Henke accepts the Stanley E. Beattie Teaching Award
Far Right Judge Brennan congratulates Thomas Johnson Class graduating members brothers Vincent, Joaquin, and Victorino Torres from Saipan

