



**Remarks of Cassandre Saint-Preux '18
Columbia Law Graduation
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In the 36 years since Secretary Jeh Johnson sat at his own Columbia Law School graduation, his achievements are numerous. To name a few:

He's worked in Big Law – And now has returned to practice at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison where he is a member of the firm's management committee.

He's worked in the federal government – Serving in three presidentially appointed Senate-confirmed positions, most recently as the Secretary of Homeland Security for three years under former President Barack Obama.

Beyond that, he's a distinguished lecturer and admired mentor, among many other things.

His career is of the sort lawyer dreams are made of – and especially the kind any law student would love to speak about. In a recent conversation, I learned a lot about what it takes to be not only a qualified lawyer and leader, but also a well-rounded individual. And that may or may not include watching Homeland... and even his monthly gig – as a DJ – at a radio station – in Jersey!

All that is to say, Secretary Johnson has a truly unique perspective to share with us as our now fellow CLS alum. It's one we can learn from and even use as a measure as we enter the next stages of our careers.

With that, it is my pleasure to introduce our 2018 Commencement Speaker, the Honorable Jeh Johnson.