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OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Jean E. Hanson

Distinguished graduate of the University of Minnesota

Partner in Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson of New York City

Former general counsel for the U.S. Department of Treasury

One of the country's top transactional lawyers, who negotiated a \$1.2 billion merger of Richardson-Vicks and Proctor and Gamble

Lawyer's lawyer known for her impressive intellect, her creativity, and her unswerving adherence to the highest ethical standards

Remarkable role model and teacher who nurtures young talent

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Hubert H. Humphrey III

Distinguished graduate of the University of Minnesota

Dedicated public servant, whose career spans three decades, first as state senator, 1972–82, and then as Minnesota attorney general, 1982–1998

Aggressive advocate for Minnesotans, who led efforts on a wide range of policy issues, including environmental and consumer protection, child support, health care fraud, and criminal justice reform

Nationally respected attorney general, who took on the tobacco industry, winning a major settlement and succeeding in opening industry records to the public

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Prelude and Processional

Summit Hill Brass Quintet

David Baldwin
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Welcome

Dean E. Thomas Sullivan

Outstanding Achievement Award

Jean E. Hanson
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Commencement Address

The Honorable Alan C. Page

Presentation of the Class of 1999

Carol L. Chomsky
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Recessional

The Honorable Alan C. Page

The Honorable Alan C. Page was appointed to the Supreme Court of Minnesota in 1993. Prior to his appointment, he served as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Minnesota from 1987-1993 and as a Special Assistant Attorney General in the state Employment Law Division from 1985-1987.

Justice Page was an associate with the law firm of Lindquist & Vennum from 1979-1984 and served as a commentator for National Public Radio and for the Turner Broadcasting System in 1982-1983.

A professional football player with the Minnesota Vikings and the Chicago Bears from 1967-1981, Justice Page was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1988 and into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1993. He was named the NFL's Most Valuable Player in 1971. The United States Jaycees selected him as one of 10 Outstanding Young Men in America in 1981.

Justice Page earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Notre Dame in 1967, and his law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1978 while being employed full time as a professional football player.

Justice Page has received many honors and awards including the Aetna Voice of Conscience Arthur Ashe, Jr. Achiever Award (1994); the WCCO Radio Distinguished Good Neighbor Award (1993); the U.S. Sports Academy Theodore Roosevelt Meritorious Service Award (1992); the Notre Dame Alumni "Reverend Edward Frederick Sorin, C.S.C. Award (1992); and the National Education Association's "Friend of Education" Award (1991). He has received Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from the University of Notre Dame (1993); St. John's University (1994); Westfield State College (1994); Luther College (1995) and the University of New Haven (1999).

Justice Page currently is a member of the American Law Institute; the Minnesota, National, and American Bar Associations; and the Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Mixed Blood Theater. From 1989-1992, he served as a member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

Justice Page's commitment to education led him to establish the Page Education Foundation in 1988, which helps disadvantaged and minority high school graduates to continue their educations. He also helped establish the Kodak/Alan Page Challenge, a nationwide essay contest encouraging urban youth to recognize the value of education, and is a regular speaker to groups of minority students about the importance of education.

Justice Page and his wife Diane Sims Page have four children: Nina, Georgi, Justin, and Kamie.

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