



William Henry Moody Class  
Mahlon Pitney Class

Michigan Graduation Ceremony  
Friday, December 12, 2025, 3:00 p.m.  
MSU Wharton Center Pasant Theatre  
East Lansing, MI

Florida Graduation Ceremony  
Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 3:00 p.m.  
New Tampa Performing Arts Center  
Tampa, FL

**Michigan Ceremony  
Friday, December 12, 2025**

**Welcome**.....Jacob Fauble  
Ceremony Host

**Invocation**.....Mark Dotson  
Professor

**The National Anthem**.....Susan E. Anzicek

**Student Farewell Remarks**.....Hussein Sobh

**Introductions, Welcome, and Address**.....James McGrath  
President and Dean

**Commencement Address**.....Chad Englehardt

**Conferring of Degrees**.....Tonya Krause-Phelan  
Associate Dean of Academics & Professor

**J.D. Hooding**.....Dustin Foster and David Finnegan  
Professors

**Closing Remarks**..... James McGrath  
President and Dean

**Florida Ceremony**  
**Tuesday, December 16, 2025**

**Welcome**.....Shelby Tavares  
Ceremony Host

**Invocation**.....Katherine Gustafson  
Professor

**Student Farewell Remarks**.....Tory Sanders Jr.

**Introductions, Welcome, and Address**.....James McGrath  
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**Commencement Address**.....Hon. Peggy Quince

**Conferring of Degrees**.....Katherine A. Gustafson  
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**Closing Remarks**.....James McGrath  
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**William Henry Moody Class**

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### **Mahlon Pitney Class**

#### **Juris Doctor Degree**

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Magna Cum Laude.....	Light Blue
Cum Laude.....	Yellow
With Distinction.....	Green
Graduation Marshal.....	Wine
Veteran.....	Silver
Alumni Dist. Student/Leadership Achievement/Leaders Academy.....	Aqua

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## **Cooley Law School Class Namesakes**

Moody Class  
In Memoriam – William H. Moody  
United States Supreme Court Justice  
b. December 23, 1853 – d. July 2, 1917

It is the tradition of Thomas M. Cooley Law School to name each entering class after a former justice of the Michigan Supreme Court or of the United States Supreme Court. Today's class is named in honor of the United States Supreme Court Justice William Henry Moody.

William Henry Moody was born in Newbury, Massachusetts, on December 23, 1853. He was the second of three children born to Henry L. Moody and Melissa A. (Emerson) Moody. On the eve of the Civil War, the family moved to Danvers, Massachusetts where they managed a large dairy farm.

Justice Moody enrolled at Harvard in 1872. At the end of the first year, he came close to being dismissed for academic deficiency. He was a member of the Harvard baseball team, but a leg injury sidelined him after his first season. In his sophomore year, he came under the mentorship of historian Henry Adams, and his academic performance improved. Moody graduated with honors in 1876.

Justice Moody's formal legal education consisted of only one term of lectures at Harvard Law School. He then interned for fifteen months at the Boston law office of Richard Henry Dana, and in April of 1878, Moody impressively passed the oral examination for admission to the bar. He opened his own law office in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

In 1890, Moody was elected as district attorney for the eastern district of Massachusetts. It was during his term that he became nationally famous for his role as prosecutor in the trial of Lizzie Borden, who was accused of murdering her father and stepmother with an axe. The case was a sensation in newspapers across the country, and Borden was acquitted by the jury.

Next Moody was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1895; he went on to serve four terms. During this period Moody met

and befriended future president Theodore Roosevelt. Shortly after Roosevelt was inaugurated in 1901, he appointed Moody as Secretary of the Navy, a cabinet position. When Attorney General Philander Knox resigned in 1904, Roosevelt asked Moody to replace him, becoming a key player in the antitrust campaigns of early 1900s. He personally argued four cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In June of 1906, Roosevelt appointed Moody to the U.S. Supreme Court. During his four years on the bench, Justice Moody wrote sixty-seven opinions, including five dissents. His opinion in *St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway Company v. Taylor* (1908) upheld the law mandating employer provided safety devices for railway workers. He retired from the court due to illness, diagnosed as infectious arthritis, in 1910. He died July 2, 1917.

Pitney Class  
In Memoriam – Mahlon R. Pitney

United States Supreme Court Justice  
b. February 5, 1858 – d. December 9, 1924

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Justice Pitney lived from 1858 until 1924 and served on the United States Supreme Court from 1912 to 1922. He was born in Morristown, New Jersey, the son of Henry Pitney and Sarah Halstead, and attended Princeton University (which was then known as the College of New Jersey). He was a classmate of Woodrow Wilson.

Justice Pitney graduated from college in 1879 where he then proceeded to study law with his father, a well-known attorney and judge. In 1882 he passed the New Jersey Bar and practiced law for the next twelve years. In 1894 Justice Pitney was elected to the United States House of Representatives. After two terms he returned to New Jersey and was elected as a New Jersey State Senator.

Mr. Pitney quickly became the New Jersey Senate President, and was planning on running for Governor. Things changed in 1901, however, when he was appointed to the New Jersey Supreme Court. After seven years Pitney was appointed to the position of Chancellor, the then highest position in New Jersey's court system. He remained in this position until 1912.

In early 1912, Mr. Pitney met President William Howard Taft at a dinner party. President Taft chatted with Pitney, asking Pitney what he thought about one of his colleagues whom Taft was considering to appoint to the U.S. Supreme Court. Pitney was taken completely by surprise when he found out a week later that President Taft had nominated him rather than his colleague to be on the U.S. Supreme Court.

As the New Jersey Chancellor, prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court, Pitney had authored *Jones Glass Co. v. Glass Bottle*

*Blowers Association*. In this opinion Pitney had maintained that striking workers were not allowed to use violence and other coercive measures against strikebreakers. Pitney was confirmed by a vote of 50 to 26 during the Senate confirmation hearings. The 26 opponents argued that Jones Glass case proved that Pitney was anti-union. Pitney and his supporters maintained, however, that his opinion in *Jones Glass* showed only that violence and threats of violence against strikebreakers was improper.

During the decade that he served on the U.S Supreme Court, Pitney consistently supported worker rights, such as workers' compensation, and minimum wage laws. One of the more famous opinions that he authored was *New York Central Railroad Co. v. White*. In that opinion the Court upheld the New York workers' compensation law, and this in turn led to a rapid increase in workers' compensation laws nationwide.

Questions about the commencement ceremony can be directed to the Administration, Enrollment, and Student Services Division at [ess@cooley.edu](mailto:ess@cooley.edu) or (517) 371-5140, ext. 2843.