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SOLICITOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

Noel John Francisco was sworn in as the 48th Solicitor General of the United States on September 19, 2017.

Prior to joining the Justice Department, he was a partner in the Washington, DC office of Jones Day, where he was the chair of the Firm's Government Regulation Practice. While at Jones Day, he appeared several times before the Supreme Court, including in *McDonnell v. United States*, which involved the meaning of "official act" under federal bribery statutes; *Zubik v. Burwell*, which involved the application of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act to regulations related to insurance coverage for contraception; and *NLRB v. Noel Canning*, which involved the Constitution's recess appointment power. He has also argued numerous cases in the lower federal and state courts on a wide range of constitutional, civil, and criminal matters.

From 2001 to 2003, Mr. Francisco served in the Office of Counsel to the President as Associate Counsel to President George W. Bush, and from 2003 to 2005 he served as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Legal Counsel.

Mr. Francisco was raised in Oswego, NY. He received his B.A. with honors in 1991 from the University of Chicago, and a J.D. with high honors in 1996 from the University of Chicago Law School. After law school, Mr. Francisco served as a law clerk to Judge J. Michael Luttig of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit before clerking for Associate Justice Antonin Scalia of the United States Supreme Court.



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In the Middle Ages, the level of elaborate decorations on their gowns could distinguish undergraduates, bachelors, and masters. The wide velvet borders extending down the front of the doctoral gown, as well as the velvet bars on the sleeves, are either black velvet, or are colored according to the scholarly field of the wearer.

The hood of the academic robe was originally designed as a utilitarian head cover worn in bad weather and otherwise dropped to the shoulders. Students and faculty alike initially wore the hood; but in the early sixteenth century, the hood was restricted to graduates, becoming the mark of a degree holder. Each college of study has a distinctive, color-lined hood by which graduates may be recognized in the academic procession. The length of the hood worn for the master's degree must be three and one-half feet, and for the doctor's degree, four feet. The hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring.

In today's ceremony, you will see Juris Doctor and Master of Laws graduates wearing the doctoral robe with velvet cap and tassel. Each of the graduates will be wearing a purple hood lined with green, signifying education in the area of law at George Mason.

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