

Rector Prof. Inga Žalėnienė's Commencement Address to international Law School Graduates
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Dear graduates,

Today is a remarkable day for our academic family – a day that marks the culmination of your patience, hard work and dedication.

On behalf of the entire Mykolas Romeris University academic community, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to each and every one of you.

Law is an honourable profession – a mission, that requires not only a sharp intellect, deep knowledge and sense of responsibility to foster positive change in our society. As you leave the premises of this university and step into the legal world, I urge you to embrace the values and principles that underpin our legal systems. Use your knowledge to protect the vulnerable, advocate for justice, and uphold the rule of law.

As you begin your professional journey, remember that success is not measured solely by financial rewards or prestigious titles. True success lies in the positive impact you make on the lives of others and in the advancement of societies and states. Whether you choose to practice law in a courtroom, contribute to policy-making, act as advocate, prosecutor or engage in academia, let the principles of respect for human rights and freedoms, the rule of law, openness, fairness, responsibility, justice, honesty and trust guide your everyday actions. It is extremely crucial in the intersection of law and technologies. The power and potential of AI systems and legal technologies to this profession are inspiring, but also challenging. And it is our responsibility as legal professionals to create a proper regulation, ensuring the fundamental values are also upheld in the digital era.

Our world faces numerous challenges, including armed conflicts, social inequality, environmental degradation and systemic injustices. As legal professionals, you have a unique role to play in addressing these issues. Be advocates for those who cannot speak for themselves. Champion the rights of the marginalized and strive to create a more just, sustainable, peaceful and equitable society.

Finally, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Faculty members and staff of Mykolas Romeris University Law School. Their dedication to your education and personal growth has been instrumental in shaping you into the exceptional individuals you are today. Using this possibility, I would also like to thank our strategic partners from France's Savoie Mont Blanc University -

President Magnificence Prof. Dr. Philippe Galez and Prof. Dr. Eric Brunat for their honourable visit dedicated to celebrate our successful bilateral cooperation to whom today we will confer the titles of Honorary Professor and Honorary Member of our academic community by the decision of the MRU Senate.

Dear Graduates, as you leave this university, remember that you are not alone. You are now part of a huge network of Mykolas Romeris University alumni and worldwide partners, who have achieved great success in their respective fields. Stay connected, collaborate, and support each other. Embrace this moment with a sense of pride and make a positive impact in the world.