



**REPRESENTATIVE JAMES E. VALLEE
MAJORITY LEADER**

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VALLEE AWARDED HONORARY DEGREE BY NEW ENGLAND LAW

House Majority Leader Receives Doctorate from Alma Mater

BOSTON – Representative James E. Vallee (D- Franklin), Majority Leader of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, took part in graduation season as he today accepted an honorary doctor of laws degree from New England Law | Boston.

“I’m thrilled and humbled,” said Vallee. “I extend most sincere thanks to New England Law for not only the excellent legal education it’s afforded me, but for the opportunity to return and reflect upon the accomplishments achieved since graduating. It’s truly an honor.”

Vallee, a 1991 graduate of New England Law, joined fellow honorary degree recipients—among them Dr. JudyAnn Bigby, Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services, and Angela Menino, founding member of the Boston Women’s Commission and the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women—at the school’s 98th annual commencement held at the Citi Performing Arts Center.

“We are very pleased to be awarding an honorary doctor of laws degree to Majority Leader Vallee,” said Dean John F. O’Brien. “As one of our graduates, he has brought great honor to the law school, and we welcome the opportunity to recognize him for his contributions to the Commonwealth.”

At this year's commencement, 313 juris doctor degrees were awarded. The Honorable Margaret H. Marshall, chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, delivered the commencement address. Chief Justice Marshall is the second woman to serve on the Supreme Judicial Court in its more than 300-year history, and she is the first woman to serve as chief justice.

New England Law | Boston was founded in 1908 as Portia Law School, the nation's only law school devoted exclusively to the legal education of women. Coeducational since 1938, the law school is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

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