

SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY  
SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

206th  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

CLASS OF  
2016



THE GRADUATE  
CEREMONY

School of Graduate Studies

Thursday, the Nineteenth of May

Four in the Afternoon

Richard B. O'Keefe Complex

THE BACCALAUREATE CEREMONIES

College of Arts and Sciences and  
School of Education

Saturday, the Twenty-First of May

Ten in the Morning

Richard B. O'Keefe Complex

College of Health and Human Services  
and Bertolon School of Business

Saturday, the Twenty-First of May

Three in the Afternoon

Richard B. O'Keefe Complex

# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

## JAMES L. RUDOLPH, ESQUIRE

COMMUNITY LEADER AND ACTIVIST

James L. Rudolph has devoted himself to the practice of law since his admission to the Massachusetts Bar in 1975, and has utilized his legal acumen and expertise not only in his professional life, but in long and active service to the community through membership on numerous boards and his work on behalf of non-profit organizations.

Rudolph is the managing partner of Boston-based Rudolph Friedmann LLP, a full-service legal firm with a wide range of business and individual clients throughout New England. A seasoned business, employment and construction law attorney, he has a particular expertise in real estate, construction law, and business and stockholder disputes. His service as a incorporator, trustee and director of several Boston-area banks has given him additional expertise in bank workouts, lender liability claims and matters involving creditor and debtor rights.

Rudolph writes frequently about issues related to the law, and speaks often on a variety of topics to professional organizations. *Boston Magazine* has recognized him as a "Massachusetts Super Lawyer" every year since 2004; in 1998, the magazine named him "Best Lawyer in Massachusetts." Martindale-Hubbell, the national directory of lawyers, has given Rudolph its AV rating, the highest it awards, for over 30 years.

His work in the community and on behalf of nonprofit organizations is extensive, and includes service as chair of the board of overseers for New England's Anti-Defamation League, a trustee of Eastern Bank and a board member of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, the Marblehead Zoning Board of Appeals, and the North Shore Chamber of Commerce. He was recently elected chairman of the board for the Associated Builders and Contractors of Massachusetts for the second time. He is the first attorney in the country to hold the position. A former Swampscott selectman, he currently serves as board vice president at The Governor's Academy.

A graduate of the University of Denver with a degree in political science, James Rudolph received his *juris doctor* degree from Boston College Law School. In 1984, he was admitted to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court.