

## *News Release*

### *Taft University Offers Congratulations to New Attorneys*

SANTA ANA, Calif. (December 27, 2003) The Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California has announced the following graduates of William Howard Taft University's Juris Doctor Program have passed the July 2003 California General Bar Examination:

Mark Demming	Oakland, California
Cynthia Louise Hawley	Cambria, California
Donna Marie McGovern	Westminster, California
Deborah Ann Parker	Cambria, California

The University's first-time pass rate exceeded the first-time pass rates of four California ABA accredited law schools and 16 of the 18 law schools accredited by the California Committee of Bar Examiners.

David L. Boyd, president of the University, praised the efforts of the graduates, "Anyone who can complete four years of independent law study deserves a great deal of admiration. While we're proud of the school's success rate on this and past examinations, much of the credit should go to the graduates. Our faculty can provide the map for success but it's the student who must devote the time to study."

Individuals passing the General Bar Examination and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination and who have received positive moral character determinations may either take the Attorney's Oath individually or participate in admissions ceremonies held throughout the state during December 2003.