

Raymond W. Kelly

Honorary Degree Citation

Raymond W. Kelly
Doctor of Laws
May 23, 2004

As a war veteran and a veteran law enforcement officer, you, Raymond W. Kelly, have seen and confronted dangers few can imagine. And as police commissioner of the City of New York, you are committed to serving and protecting the greatest city in the world, and we honor you for your dedication, your bravery, and your vigilance.

A combat veteran of the Vietnam War, you retired as a colonel from the Marine Corps Reserves after 30 years of service. You hold a bachelor of business administration from Manhattan College, a juris doctor from St. John's University School of Law, a master of laws from New York University Graduate School of Law, and a master's degree in public administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

You spent 31 years in the New York City Police Department, serving in 25 different commands. You were appointed police commissioner from 1992 to 1994 and led the department through the investigation of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. As commissioner, you established a firm commitment to community policing in order to create a more visible uniformed presence on the street.

President Bill Clinton named you director of the International Police Monitors in Haiti, a U.S.-led force responsible for ending human rights abuses and establishing an interim police force there. For this service, you were awarded the Exceptionally Meritorious Service Commendation by the President and the Commander's Medal for Public Service by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

From 1996 to 1998, you were under secretary for enforcement at the U.S. Treasury Department. There you supervised the department's enforcement bureaus, including the U.S. Customs Service; the U.S. Secret Service; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; and the Office of Foreign Assets Control. In addition, you served on the executive committee and were elected vice president for the Americas of Interpol from 1996 to 2000.

Then in 1998, you became commissioner of the U.S. Customs Service, where you managed the agency's 20,000 employees and \$20 billion in annual revenue. For your accomplishments, you were awarded the Alexander Hamilton Medal for Exceptional Service. You then served as senior managing director of Global Corporate Security at Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.

In 2002 you returned to your position as New York City's police commissioner. When you were reappointed by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, you became the first person to hold the post for a second, separate tenure. Under your leadership, the Police Department created a formidable new capacity to address the threat of terrorism. It also succeeded in reducing crime rates in New York City to historic lows.

For your many accomplishments in law enforcement and national and international security, and for making the Big Apple a safer city in uncertain times, Pace University is honored to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto.

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