

**Remarks of Chizoba Ukairo
Graduation Committee Co-Chair
Introduction of the J.D. Class Speaker
Columbia Law School Graduation
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Thank you for your kind and heartfelt words, Dean Lester.

Shortly, we will hear from two student speakers. These two graduates were each elected by a popular vote of their peers and today will speak on behalf of our incredibly vibrant and accomplished graduating class. First, it is my honor to introduce the speaker for the J.D. Class of 2021, Tumise Asebiomo.

Tumise has been a bright light and a strong, decisive leader during her time at Columbia. She joined the Columbia community after completing her bachelor's at Princeton. We worked closely together during our 2L year to lead the Black Law Students Association, where she served as treasurer and supported Black students with her creativity, time, and resourcefulness. Tumise spent much of her past year serving as editor in chief of the Columbia Law Review—a historical accomplishment that made our law school community immensely proud. As editor in chief, Tumise lead the review through the pandemic and coordinated a beautiful tribute edition of the journal to our late alumna, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Since the beginning of her time here at CLS, Tumise has demonstrated her commitment to scholarship and community. Following graduation, she will remain in New York and begin her legal career as an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore, while staying involved with communities around her. Without further ado, please join me in welcoming my dear friend and brilliant colleague, Tumise.