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As general counsel of the organizing committee for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, 1977 University of Dayton School of Law graduate Terry Miller saw Olympic values on display daily.

She wants the 2013 class to know those values of excellence, friendship and respect apply to them, too.

"Olympic values resonate beyond sport to celebrate the human spirit at its best," Miller said. "Success is not just about winning, but about taking part. Records are broken and the highest levels achieved only by collective effort and unselfish support.

"I will encourage them to be bold in aspiration, plan carefully, work hard, take risks and use setbacks as a step towards success."

Miller will deliver the commencement address for the approximately 150 law school graduates during their ceremony at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 4, in University of Dayton Arena.

She led the legal team responsible for all legal aspects of the London 2012 Games operations, including how to meet the terms of the host city contract with the International Olympic Committee, implementation of sponsorship and supply contracts, and protection of the London 2012 Games brand. Miller's efforts earned her an appointment as an officer of the Order of the British Empire in Queen Elizabeth II's New Year's honors list and Legal Business naming her the lawyer of the year for 2013.


"These were athletes' Games, the village was fantastic, the venues were state-of-the-art and well run, you had a fantastic public, and the volunteers are marvelous," he said.

Before joining the London 2012 Games in 2006, when Legal Week selected her as General Counsel of the Year, Miller spent 17 years at Goldman Sachs, where she was a partner and served as international general counsel of Goldman Sachs International. She began her career with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, where she was a branch chief in the enforcement division.

"We are very pleased Terry will deliver our 2013 commencement address," said Paul McGreal, School of Law dean. "We look forward to Terry sharing her knowledge and experience, especially from the Olympics, with our students."

The School of Law gave the Distinguished Alumni Award to Miller in 2011 for reflecting the school's values of professional integrity and community service through achievements of exceptional merit, honor and influence.

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