



132ND COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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The audience is requested to remain seated during the processional, to stand for the singing of the National Anthem, and to remain in place at the conclusion of the Commencement exercises until the recessional is concluded. Please refrain from using cell phones during the Commencement exercises. The event is being recorded, and the video will be made available via www.youtube.com/nyls.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dear Members of the Class of 2024:

On behalf of the New York Law School Board of Trustees and Faculty, congratulations on reaching this extraordinary moment in your lives. I am honored to have served as your Dean. I've proudly watched you become active members of our community, challenge yourselves with hard work, and advocate for others. Now, you join the ranks of our distinguished alumni.

This year's commencement recognizes the contributions of public service lawyers. However, the concept of public service is intrinsic to our entire profession, where, regardless of job or title, we are entrusted to uphold the rule of law upon which our entire nation's foundation rests and enshrines our freedoms. You are now entering the profession at a critical time for our world—when the role of lawyers has never been more paramount. You are joining a diverse profession whose work is essential to every aspect of a free, democratic, and just society.

The issues confronting the world we live in today are profoundly complex and will call upon you to use your legal training to protect the rights of others, build an empowering global economy, and advance justice and fairness in our society. You will all succeed because of your New York values—which are also NYLS values—reflecting the diversity, spirit, and inclusive approach that fuel us to work hard and to be innovative and resilient in advancing and empowering the clients and communities we serve. Always remember that you are part of a 133-year-old community of strivers, dreamers, and doers.

You will always be part of New York's law school. Arriving here today was an extraordinary journey, and I am so happy and honored to celebrate with all of you, your families, and your friends. There is so much responsibility resting on your shoulders, so please make sure to always take care of each other, your loved ones, and just as importantly, yourselves.

Our world needs your leadership. I know you will make us proud, and we will always be here to cheer you on and support you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony W. Crowell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Anthony W. Crowell
Dean and President
Professor of Law

FULL-TIME FACULTY AND INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

2023–24

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2023–24

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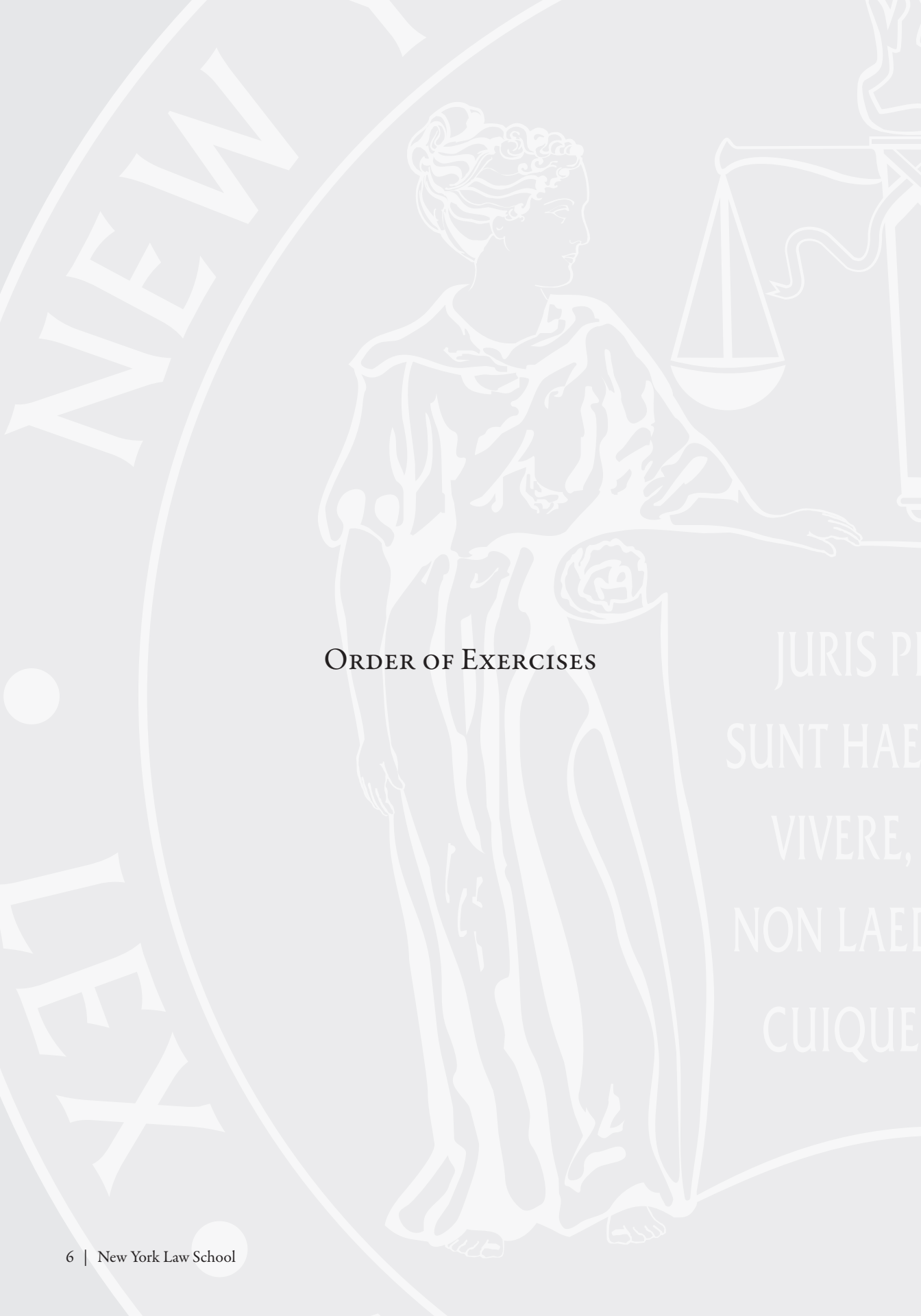
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Jolie Apicella
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Robert C. Carroll '13
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Julia Ann Cort
Elizabeth R. Dambrionas '85
Lisa J. Del Pizzo
Kathleen Dennin
Joanne Doroshow
Kristen M. Dusseau '12
Jayni Edelstein '92
Tarrian Ellis
Julia Elmaleh-Sach
Vera Esses '16
Hannah Faddis '10
Lucas A. Ferrara
Cary S. Fischer '99

David M. Fish '96
Joseph M. Forgione
Ryan K. Gallagher
Adam J. Gana '05
Hon. Paul G. Gardephe
Andrew B. Gerst
Joseph J. Giamboi
Yehonatan Givati
Linda A. Goldman '84
Doron S. Goldstein
Scott W. Golenbock
Irina Gomelskaya
Nathalie Y. Gonzalez '14
Hon. Leo M. Gordon
Susan L. Greene
Judah Jay Gross
Julie Grossman
Vivianne Guevara
Janet M. Halecky '93
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Mitra Hormozi O'Neill
Daniel J. Horwitz
Mona Houck
Rebecca J. Houlding
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Annmary Ittan
Nicole L. Johnson
Bryan C. Johnson-Xenitelis '08
Aisha L. Joseph
Chinnu Joseph '14
Shilpa Kalra
Sandeep S. Kandhari
Peter A. Kempner
Tomer Kenneth
David K. Kessler
Hon. Amiena A. Khan '87
Sarah Khan '09
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Monica E. Kipiniak
Kimberly A. Lebron '01
Amy L. Leipziger
Dean W.M. Leslie
Ian L. Levin
Samuel P. Levy
Daniel E. Lust
Jenice L. Malecki '91
Hon. Joseph J. Maltese '73
Gary B. Mandel
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Robert M. Marino II '94
Stephen Mazzalunga '04
Natoya L. McGhie '11
Michael C. McQueeney
Jen Mecum '13
Robin S. Meister '86

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Seth Mills '12
Dawne A. Mitchell
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David Nadvorney
William A. Neri '11
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Iliana Ongun
Swati Parikh
Daniel Parisi
Melissa Paul
Lydia E. Payne-Johnson '96
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Hayley M. Pine '15
Steven E. Plotnick
Carmen N. Presinal '09
Jadera Ramirez-Garcia
Sherry L. Ramsey '98
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Ivan A. Saperstein
Hon. Lori S. Sattler
Nicholas J. Schmitt
Lawrence P. Schnapf '84
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Nanette H. Schorr
John A. Scola, Jr. '11
Sagar Sharma
Edit Shkreli '11
Wendy Singletary '08
Michael A. Sisitzky
Scott M. Sisun
Moshie Solomon
Jeanne Somma
Lawton W. Squires '83
Andrew J. Sta. Ana
Alan Stone
Dao Sun
Andrea M. Tan
John R. Tatulli '04
Prescott D. Ulrey
Lynne M. Fischman Uniman
Anthony Vargas '02
Karen E. Varriale '97
Jerry Vattamala
Alan M. Vinegrad
Hartley B. Waltman '88
Terel R. Watson
Jeffrey M. Wice
Hon. Patricia A. Williams
Dustin E. Williamson
Thomas Scot Wolinetz
Justin A. Xenitelis '06



ORDER OF EXERCISES

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	Anthony W. Crowell, Presiding <i>Dean and President, Professor of Law</i>
PRELUDE	<i>Jubilate Deo</i> —Gregor Aichinger <i>Contrapunctus</i> —J.S. Bach <i>Quintet No. 1</i> —Victor Ewald
MARSHALS	Professor Camille Broussard Professor Richard Chused
GREETINGS	Dean Anthony W. Crowell
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	Jennifer Vega
SBA PRESIDENT WELCOME	Lindsay Kantor <i>Student Bar Association President</i>
INTRODUCTION OF ESTEEMED ALUMNI	Dean Anthony W. Crowell
CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE AND CIVIC FAME AWARD	DOCTOR OF LAWS (LL.D.) <i>Introduction by Dean Anthony W. Crowell</i> <i>Presentation by Board Chair Arthur N. Abbey '59 and</i> <i>Professor Ross Sandler</i> Hon. Sylvia O. Hinds-Radix Corporation Counsel of the City of New York
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Hon. Sylvia O. Hinds-Radix
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	Grace Shim <i>Bach Partita for Unaccompanied Violin No. 3 in E Major, Prelude</i>

ORDER OF EXERCISES (continued)

AWARDING OF PRIZES

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Presentation by Dean of Faculty William P. LaPiana

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STUDENT AWARD

Melissa Rosenberg for “*CoreCivic, Inc. v. Candide Group, LLC*”

STUDENT REMARKS

Danielle Drugan

AWARDING OF PRIZES

THE FINALISTS FOR THE TRUSTEES' PRIZE FOR THE HIGHEST AVERAGE*

Presentation by Dean of Faculty William P. LaPiana

Day Division

Evening Division

Aleksandra Petrovic

Benjamin Newman

Melissa Rosenberg

Konstantine Tettonis

Eric Spiniello

THE ALFRED L. ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Presentation by Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Matt Gewoll

Jordan Lazarian

Benjamin Newman

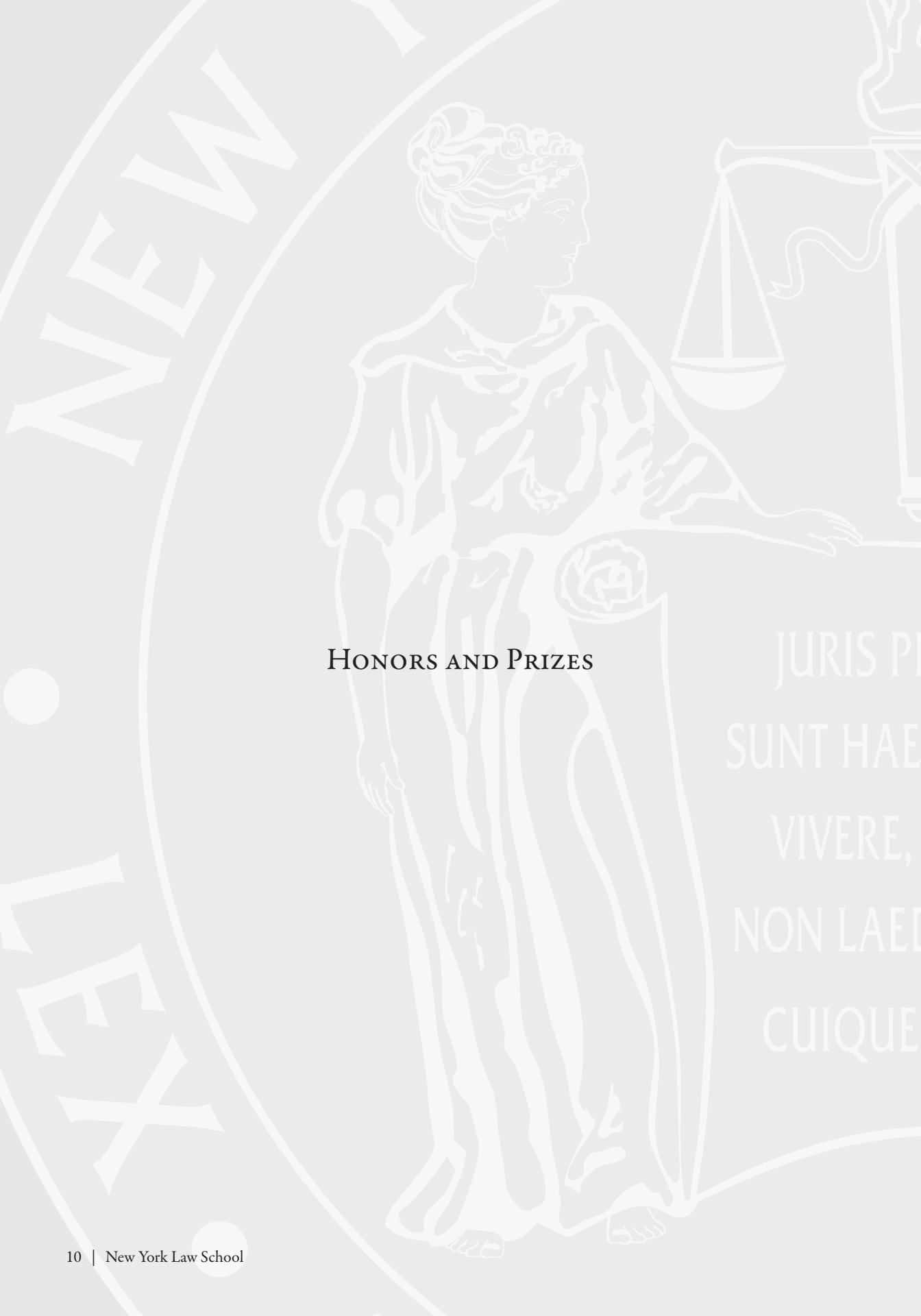
Melissa Rosenberg

Eric Spiniello

Konstantine Tettonis

* For J.D. candidates: Based on fifth-semester grades for Day Division students and seventh-semester grades for Evening Division students. The final awards will be made after all grades are complete in June to the student with the highest average in each division.

AWARDING OF PRIZES	<p>JOSEPH SOLOMON AWARD FOR EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND FITNESS <i>Presentation by Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Matt Gewoll</i> Joseph Escoto Jacob Koenigson Rebecca Kornhauser Ron Kort Toni-Ann Kreisberg</p>
STUDENT REMARKS	<p>Konstantine Tettonis</p>
AWARDING OF PRESIDENT’S MEDAL AND REMARKS	<p><i>Introduction and Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell</i> Benjamin R. DeCosta ’75 Principal, DeCosta Consulting, LLC</p>
AWARDING OF KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL AND REMARKS	<p><i>Introduction and Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell</i> Alexandra Ogunsanya ’24</p>
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME	<p>E. Drew Britcher ’84 President, New York Law School Alumni Association</p>
CONFERRING OF STUDENT DEGREES	<p>Introduction of Candidates Professor Ann F. Thomas • Dean Jeff Becherer • Professor Susan J. Abraham • Professor Alan I. Appel ’76 • Dean Camille Broussard • Professor Claudine Caracciolo • Dean Shane Dizon • Professor Gowri J. Krishna • Professor Richard D. Marsico • Professor Justin Murray • Professor Gabriel Pell • Professor Andrew Scherer • Chief Compliance Officer and Counsel Michael Siller • Assistant Dean Ilyse Wofse</p> <p>Presentation of Candidates Dean Anthony W. Crowell</p> <p>Conferring of Degrees Board Chair Arthur N. Abbey ’59</p>
CLOSING REMARKS	<p>Dean Anthony W. Crowell</p>
RECESSIONAL	<p><i>Two Voluntaries</i>—Henry Purcell</p>



HONORS AND PRIZES

JURIS P
SUNT HAE
VIVERE,
NON LAED
CUIQUE

DEGREES WITH HONORS*

Summa Cum Laude

Syma Birenbaum

Rebecca Kornhauser

Jordan Lazarian

Benjamin Newman

Aleksandra Petrovic

Michael Raschilla

Melissa Rosenberg

Eric Spiniello

Phoebe Steinfeld

Konstantine Tettonis

Margarita Weissman

Magna Cum Laude

Michal Chait

Nikki Donohue

Jillian Dreusike

Leslie Dupré

Dara Elpren

Bethany Friedman

Leah Gold

Elizabeth Gorman

Nicholas Gounaris

Katherine Howard

Jacqueline Karol

Justine Kawa

Anahita Khorsand

Natalie Klein

Jacob Koenigson

Rialda Kukaj

Harley Landsberg

Dong-Gun Lee

Dylan Livingstone

Andrei Moraru

Mikayla Ullrich

Cum Laude

Jenna Aasen

Sandy Abiad

Christine Alexandru

Carly Antonioli

Rebecca Armstrong

Alexandra Baldwin

Elizabeth Bellitto

Piper Benedict

Brigid Bianco

Cyrus Breese

Michael Brod

Samantha Bugner

Sydney Cantor

Hayley Chiarovano

Sophia Coutavas

Marco Denaro

Kayla Dobrinski

Hassan Elsebai

Joseph Escoto

Sarah Glassman

DEGREES WITH HONORS* (continued)

Cum Laude (continued)

Trevor Goldhush	Gillian Mendez
Carlos Gonzalez	Katelyn Nardi
Lillian Hatzenbeler	Victoria Orellana
Ross Hayatgheybi	Sofia O'Shea
Nicole Heller	Jacqueline Pantin
Ashton Hesse	Nina Rice
Rachel Horowitz	Sarah Silbowitz
Alexandra Hough	Carly Silverman
Thania Hussain	Samantha Silverstein
Sarah Kais	Peter Simonetti
Nicole Keegan	Zachary Smilowitz
Danielle Keller	Daniel Sullivan
Christopher Kipiniak	Annie Thomas
Briana Koehler	Joseph Todaro
Ron Kort	Noel Brandon Vasquez
Jacqueline Lacovara	Robbie Webster
Joseph Lafuente	Katherine Whiting
Bogum Lee	Blake Wills
Yorlson Lotin	Meghan Yarussi
Michael Lucatorto	Louis Zupo

* Prior to the Commencement ceremony, provisional honors are calculated based on a student's cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of the preceding (fall) semester.

Final honors are calculated at the end of the spring semester and include all grades. Students graduating this year who are awarded provisional honors based on grades and ranking through the Fall 2023 semester will graduate with no less than those honors: *cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, or *summa cum laude*.

In some cases, a student could receive a different honor upon graduation (e.g. *cum laude* as provisional honors and *magna cum laude* upon graduation).

COMMENCEMENT PRIZES

SPECIAL AWARDS

CHIEF JUSTICE ROSE E. BIRD AWARD
FOR MOTIVATION IN PURSUING
PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

Ashton Hessee
Yorlson Lotin
Michael Lucatorto

ALVIN J. BRONSTEIN '51 CIVIL RIGHTS
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

Blanca Gates
Varshaa Thorali

HELEN AND ANDREW DOKAS MEMORIAL
AWARD FOR EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT

Nicole Heller

PROFESSOR STEPHEN J. ELLMANN
CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION PRIZE

Kiki Lin

THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE AND
ACHIEVEMENT IN THE EXTERNSHIP
PROGRAM

Jessica Miller
Ryan Myler

DANIEL FINKELSTEIN WRITING AWARD

Michal Chait for "Rebalancing Property Rights:
Reforming Squatter's Law in New York City"

ALEXANDER D. FORGER AWARD FOR
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE
PROFESSION

Alexa Gonzalez
Nora Kelly
Brandon Smith

JOHN FRANCO '15 MEMORIAL AWARD

Alyssa Sperrazza

KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL

Alexandra Ogunsanya '24

THE ALFRED L. ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Jordan Lazarian
Benjamin Newman
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Eric Spiniello
Konstantine Tettonis

JOSEPH SOLOMON AWARD FOR
EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND FITNESS

Joseph Escoto
Jacob Koenigson
Rebecca Kornhauser
Ron Kort
Toni-Ann Kreisberg

ERNST C. STIEFEL WRITING AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMPARATIVE-
COMMON CIVIL LAW

Meghan Yarussi for "*Marmol v. Mutino*"

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MOOT COURT AWARDS

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT
ASSOCIATION BEST ADVOCATE AWARD

James Scavone

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL NATIONAL
MOOT COURT TEAM

Jacob Ehrlich
Rachel Roberts
James Scavone
Ayllin Vishnevetski

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT
AWARD FOR SERVING WITH DISTINCTION

Carly Antonioli
Carlos Gonzalez
Andrei Moraru
Carly Silverman

ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS

Carly Antonioli
Peter Carle
Jacob Ehrlich
Andrei Moraru
Nina Rice
Anna Robertelli
Rachel Roberts
James Scavone
Carly Silverman
Ayllin Vishnevetski

HONORARY ORDER OF THE
BARRISTERS AWARD

Deborah I. Meyer '98

LAW REVIEW AWARDS

FACULTY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING
SERVICE TO THE *NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL*
LAW REVIEW

Dylan Livingstone
Mikayla Ullrich

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW AWARD
FOR BEST NOTE

Eric Spiniello

ROGER J. MINER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING
EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE *NEW*
YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW

Melissa Rosenberg

THE DEAN'S AWARD FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Stephanie Aguirre

Carly Antonioli

Meg Beauregard

Michelle Blaifeder

Darryl Bobb

Vanessa Cameron

Jasmine Campise

Peter Carle

Fabiano Chaves

Danielle Drugan

Jacob Ehrlich

Dara Elpren

Rania Elsanhoury

Joseph Escoto

Hailey Fletcher

Bethany Friedman

Sophia Fusco

Blanca Gates

Trevor Goldhush

Alexa Gonzalez

Carlos Gonzalez

Ellery Harvey

Lillian Hatzenbeler

Nicole Heller

Olivia Hellerich

Ashton Hesse

Waresa Islam

Rashelle Jackson

Benjamin Kaner

Lindsay Kantor

Nora Kelly

Anahita Khorsand

Christopher Kipiniak

Briana Koehler

Jacob Koenigson

Margaret Kolozsvary

Rebecca Kornhauser

Ron Kort

Jessica Kovac

Toni-Ann Kreisberg

Harley Landsberg

Jordan Lazarian

Kiki Lin

Dylan Livingstone

Yorlson Lotin

Michael Lucatorto

Richard McKeon

Olivia Mechanic

Jason Miranda

Andrei Moraru

Sara Nazem

Benjamin Newman

Alexandra Ogunsanya

Rose Purewal

Jasmine Ramig

Ron Jovi Ramirez

Emma Ratti

Nina Rice

Anna Robertelli

Rachel Roberts

Julia Rooney

Melissa Rosenberg

Cristina Santin

James Scavone

Grace Shim

Carly Silverman

Brandon Smith

Alyssa Sperrazza

Eric Spiniello

Holly Summers

Konstantine Tettonis

Varshaa Thorali

Mikayla Ullrich

Ayllin Vishnevetski

Margarita Weissman

Eva Zhou

COMMENCEMENT PRIZES (to be announced)

These prizes will be awarded after computation of final grades and will be announced on the School's website.

PROFESSOR JOSEPH T. ARENSON AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN WILLS AND DECEDENTS'
ESTATES



CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY LAW FELLOWSHIP



PROFESSOR LUNG-CHU CHEN AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS



ELSBERG PRIZE FOR PROFICIENCY
IN THE LAW OF CONTRACTS—EVENING
DIVISION



THE RUBEN S. FOGEL COMMENCEMENT AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSTITUTIONAL
HISTORY AND DEATH PENALTY (ESTABLISHED
IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR ROBERT BLECKER)



SYLVIA D. GARLAND AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
IN SUBJECTS RELATING TO CIVIL LITIGATION



ROSS GNESIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW



MILTON S. GOULD AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY IN
THE LAW OF CONTRACTS—DAY DIVISION



PROFESSOR ALBERT KALTER AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN TAX LAW



PROFESSOR JAMES P. KIBBEY MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMERCIAL LAW

D. GEORGE LEVINE MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR THE HIGHEST GRADE IN THE LAW
OF REAL PROPERTY



ABRAHAM MARKHOFF WRITING AWARD
(FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION)



THE ABRAHAM "AVI" MUND PRIZE
FOR EXCELLENCE IN INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW



PROFESSOR ROBERT R. ROSENTHAL AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN NEW YORK PRACTICE



MURRAY STOCKMAN MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR THE HIGHEST AVERAGE IN THE
LAW OF EVIDENCE



LOUIS SUSMAN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF THE
LAW OF EVIDENCE



WOODROW WILSON AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY
IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW



HENRY J. WOLFF AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY
DURING A FULL COURSE OF STUDY—
EVENING DIVISION



NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION AWARDS

*Professor Vincent Lolordo Award
for Excellence in Administration
of Criminal Justice*

*Dr. Max Reich Award for Excellence
in Civil Trial Advocacy*

*Professor Ivan Soubbotitch Award for Excellence in
Poverty Law and Civil Rights*



RECOGNITION

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SUNT HAE
VIVERE,
NON LAED
CUIQUE

ACADEMIC CENTER AND INSTITUTE ASSOCIATES

New York Law School is pleased to recognize the members of the Class of 2024 who have completed the curricular programs and projects required to be an associate of one of the School's academic centers and institutes.

CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL LAW

Christine Alexandru	Casey Ferland	Rebecca Miller
Alexandra Baldwin	Bethany Friedman	Jonathan Owens
Brandon Blumer	Ross Hayatgheybi	Andrea Sinclair
Aidan Bonner	Kwan Ho	Nicholas Skrobola
Cyrus Breese	Katherine Howard	Julia Storto
Michael Brod	Benjamin Kaner	Mary Sharmaine Tan
Eric Carter	Dillon Keay	Nohemy Zabala
Fabiano Chaves	Sasha Kish	
Hayley Chiarovano	Jacob Koenigson	
Alice Christman	Brianna Kuriakose	
Michael DeRenzi	Joseph Lafuente	
Joseph Escoto	Yorlson Lotin	

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

Aidan Bonner	Ross Hayatgheybi	Rose Purewal
Molly Dowd	Kwan Ho	Gabrielle Schwartz
Joseph Garvey	Kiki Lin	
Jeremy Greener	Aleksandra Petrovic	

CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY LAW

John Baladi	Michal Chait	Natalie Maher
Meg Beauregard	Kyle Hunt	Jordan Wilner
Michelle Blaifeder	Christopher Kipiniak	
Vanessa Cameron	Jessica Kovac	

CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE STUDIES

Stephanie Aguirre	Rebecca Miller	Harrison Perlstein
Michal Chait	Anisah Molic	Lillian Rappaport
Ashley Curatolo	Ryan Myler	Peter Simonetti
Spencer Heitzler	Abel Njie	Zachary Smilowitz
Lindsay Kantor	Amy Olson	Sarah Zarbail

INNOVATION CENTER FOR LAW AND TECHNOLOGY

Elif Badak	Trevor Goldhush	Natalie Maher
Darryl Bobb	Genevieve Gutman	Saoirse Moloney
Jasmine Campise	Kyle Hunt	Julia Rooney
Joshua Dinetz	Sarah Kais	Nikhil Vasthare
Danielle Drugan	Kameron Keel	Jonathan Welgrin
Bridget Galvin	Rebecca Kornhauser	Meghan Yarussi
Sarah Glassman	Rey Llana	

JAMES TRICARICO INSTITUTE FOR THE BUSINESS OF LAW AND IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

Gabrielle Alexandrescu	Bridget Galvin	Sarina Palma
Alexandra Baldwin	Elizabeth Gorman	Elisabeth Pearson
Darryl Bobb	Mary Harris	Harrison Perlstein
Sydney Cantor	Olivia Hellerich	Rose Purewal
Jessica Chamberlain	Kyle Hunt	Ben Radisch
Timour Chamilov	Benjamin Kaner	Ron Jovi Ramirez
Hayley Chiarovano	Lindsay Kantor	Lillian Rappaport
Alice Christman	Brittany Karen	Skylar Salzman
Zachary Cipollina	Jacqueline Karol	Hayden Sanders
Brianna Coppola	Nicole Keegan	Rosemarie Smerina
Samuel Corby	Sydney Krulik	Julia Storto
Susan Distler	Brianna Kuriakose	Joseph Todaro
Danielle Drugan	Vanessa Lebbos	Mikaela Tribby
Jacob Ehrlich	Yorlson Lotin	Jonathan Welgrin
Brittany Ellison	Sara Nazem	Meghan Yarussi
Sophia Fusco	Sofia O'Shea	Nohemy Zabala

ACADEMIC CENTER AND INSTITUTE ASSOCIATES

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WILF IMPACT CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

Jenna Aasen	Laura Katz	Emma Ratti
Joseph Aini	Morgan Kirby	Rachel Roberts
Carly Antonioli	Briana Koehler	Cristina Santin
Syma Birenbaum	Jessica Kovac	Madison Shiver
Michelle Blaifeder	Toni-Ann Kreisberg	Carly Silverman
Samantha Bugner	Elizabeth Levi	Samantha Silverstein
Vanessa Cameron	Michael Lucatorto	Varshaa Thorali
Erica DiPietro	Lori Marchessault	Sally Tyre
Kayla Dobrinski	Richard McKeon	Elaine Villanueva
Leslie Dupré	Olivia Mechanic	Gianna Vitiello
Peter Friedrichs	Caitlin Mussey	Josephine Whiteley
Blanca Gates	Alexandra Ogunsanya	Katherine Whiting
Sarah Hannah	Alexis Ortiz	
Ashton Hesse	Ron Jovi Ramirez	

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW

The *New York Law School Law Review* is the School's journal for legal scholarship. Members are selected for the *Law Review* based on their GPAs. A few students are also selected through a writing competition. *Law Review* editors work with the faculty to plan academic symposia as well as with the faculty publisher to select papers for publication. The editors edit all articles and are responsible for all aspects of the publication process. We are pleased to recognize their achievements.

Jenna Aasen

Sandy Abiad

Carly Antonioli

Rebecca Armstrong

Syma Birenbaum

Cyrus Breese

Michael Brod

Michal Chait

Sophia Coutavas

Marco Denaro

Nikki Donohue

Jillian Dreusike

Leslie Dupré

Dara Elpren

Hassan Elsebai

Bethany Friedman

Sarah Glassman

Leah Gold

Trevor Goldhush

Nicholas Gounaris

Lillian Hatzenbeler

Ross Hayatgheybi

Rachel Horowitz

Alexandra Hough

Katherine Howard

Thania Hussain

Rashelle Jackson

Jacqueline Karol

Danielle Keller

Anahita Khorsand

Christopher Kipiniak

Rebecca Kornhauser

Ron Kort

Rialda Kukaj

Jacqueline Lacovara

Jordan Lazarian

Dong-Gun Lee

Dylan Livingstone

Andrei Moraru

Benjamin Newman

Aleksandra Petrovic

Michael Raschilla

Melissa Rosenberg

Michael Salvo

Eric Spiniello

Phoebe Steinfeld

Daniel Sullivan

Holly Summers

Konstantine Tettonis

Mikayla Ullrich

Robbie Webster

Margarita Weissman

Meghan Yarussi

FAMILY LAW QUARTERLY

The *Family Law Quarterly* is a scholarly journal published by the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association (ABA) in collaboration with New York Law School. Articles are written by academics and practitioners and focus on important and timely legal issues in family law. In addition to editing articles, NYLS student editors prepare and update charts surveying family law statutes in the 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, and research and write about new state laws. We are pleased to recognize the graduating *Family Law Quarterly* student editors.

Jennifer Amada

Meg Beauregard

Darryl Bobb

Alexa Gonzalez

Nicole Keegan

James Kelly

Nora Kelly

Meridith Kennedy

Toni-Ann Kreisberg

Bogum Lee

Kaitlyn McNeil

Alexandra Ogunsanya

Sofia O'Shea

Taylor Oslacky

Theodore Richert

Chelsea Ryan

Pamela Sausaitis

Grace Shim

Sarah Silbowitz

Mary Sharmaine Tan

Elaine Villanueva

Gianna Vitiello

DISPUTE RESOLUTION TEAM

The New York Law School Dispute Resolution Team is a student-run, co-curricular organization that trains members in day-to-day lawyering skills in order to prepare them to represent the School in client counseling, negotiation, mediation, and arbitration competitions across the country. Membership is by invitation only and is based on outstanding performance either in the School's Intramural Negotiation Competition or through a rigorous admissions process. We are pleased to recognize these graduating members of the Dispute Resolution Team.

Carly Antonioli

Alexandra Baldwin

Kayla Coles

Chandler Eller

Hailey Fletcher

Jeremy Greener

Sarah Hannah

Jacqueline Karol

Arshnoor Kaur

Sasha Kish

Natalie Klein

Margaret Kolozsvary

Matthew Marano

Ryan Myler

Skylar Salzman

Andrea Sinclair

Mikaela Tribby

Ayllin Vishnevetski

Robbie Webster

Sarah Zarbail

MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION

The New York Law School Moot Court Association is a student-run organization that focuses on oral advocacy and brief-writing skills at the appellate level. Students are accepted into the organization by competing in the Charles W. Froessel Moot Court Competition, a constitutional law intramural competition. The Froessel Competition is one of the most challenging intramural competitions in the country and one of the most demanding recruiting tools used by a moot court association in selecting its members. We are pleased to recognize the graduating members of the Moot Court Association.

Joseph Aini

Carly Antonioli

Michelle Blaifeder

Peter Carle

Kayla Dobrinski

Jillian Dreusike

Jacob Ehrlich

Carlos Gonzalez

Jacqueline Lacovara

Andrei Moraru

Alexandra Ogunsanya

Elisheva Ozeri

Michael Raschilla

Nina Rice

Jaclyn Rinaldi

Anna Robertelli

Rachel Roberts

James Scavone

Carly Silverman

Daniel Sullivan

Mahum Vance

Ayllin Vishnevetski

TRIAL COMPETITION TEAM

The New York Law School Trial Competition Team is a student-run, co-curricular organization that focuses on the advocacy skills required in civil and criminal trials. Students on the team represent the School in regional and national trial competitions. Membership is by invitation only and is based on notable performance in the School's intramural trial or closing argument competition or by recommendation of a Trial Advocacy professor based on outstanding performance in the Trial Advocacy or Intensive Trial and Advocacy Skills course. We are pleased to recognize the graduating members of the Trial Competition Team.

Megan Bernardo

Aja Davies

David Dayya

Jillian Dreusike

Natalia Dzieciolowska

Jack Fruth

Ellery Harvey

Joseph Lafuente

George Li

Michael Lucatorto

Cristina Santin

Brandon Smith

Gianna Vitiello

Meghan Yarussi

DEAN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Initiated in 2013, the Dean's Leadership Council invites first-year students who perform in the top 25 percent of their class to be part of a series of dialogues on leadership with the Dean, faculty, alumni, and legal professionals during their course of study at New York Law School. These discussions tackle legal and policy issues that affect New York City, the nation, and the world to help students learn about leadership and influence by spending time with prominent New Yorkers and each other. Students on the Council also address strategic planning issues at the School and help inform how it can enhance its impact on New York's legal community.

Jenna Aasen	Sophia Fusco	Briana Koehler	Melissa Rosenberg
Sandy Abiad	Blanca Gates	Jacob Koenigson	Michael Salvo
Carly Antonioli	Sarah Glassman	Ron Kort	Pamela Sausaitis
Rebecca Armstrong	Leah Gold	Rialda Kukaj	James Scavone
Sam Arno	Trevor Goldhush	Jacqueline Lacovara	Madison Shiver
Alexandra Baldwin	Elizabeth Gorman	Harley Landsberg	Sarah Silbowitz
Jennifer Balter	Nicholas Gounaris	Jordan Lazarian	Samantha Silverstein
Elizabeth Bellitto	Michael Harkins	Dong-Gun Lee	Peter Simonetti
Piper Benedict	Ellery Harvey	Dylan Livingstone	Eric Spiniello
Brigid Bianco	Lillian Hatzenbeler	Yorlson Lotin	Phoebe Steinfeld
Syma Birenbaum	Ross Hayatgheybi	Michael Lucatorto	Daniel Sullivan
Cyrus Breese	Ashton Hessee	Zoe Marks	Holly Summers
Michael Brod	Rachel Horowitz	Gillian Mendez	Konstantine Tettonis
Sydney Cantor	Alexandra Hough	Anisah Molic	Annie Thomas
Michal Chait	Katherine Howard	Alexandra Morace	Joseph Todaro
Sophia Coutavas	Kyle Hunt	Andrei Moraru	Mikayla Ullrich
Marco Denaro	Thania Hussain	Katelyn Nardi	Noel Brandon Vasquez
Kayla Dobrinski	William Hyley	Benjamin Newman	Robbie Webster
Nikki Donohue	Brittany Karen	Victoria Orellana	Margarita Weissman
Jillian Dreusike	Jacqueline Karol	Sofia O'Shea	Katherine Whiting
Danielle Drugan	Justine Kawa	Sarina Palma	Blake Wills
Leslie Dupré	Dillon Keay	Jacqueline Pantin	Olivia Wirta
Dara Elpren	Nicole Keegan	Aleksandra Petrovic	Meghan Yarussi
Rania Elsanhoury	Danielle Keller	Kristen Pleszewicz	Eva Zhou
Hassan Elsebai	Nora Kelly	Benjamin Pohle	Louis Zupo
Joseph Escoto	Anahita Khorsand	Rose Purewal	
Jason Fratus	Christopher Kipiniak	Michael Raschilla	
Bethany Friedman	Natalie Klein	Jonathan Rosen	

HARRIS KEENAN & GOLDFARB ADVOCACY CERTIFICATES

The Harris Keenan & Goldfarb Advocacy Program is designed to prepare students to graduate with the skills and experience that will help them excel as litigators. The Program has three tracks: civil, criminal, and appellate advocacy. The required course of study for each track includes a suggested combination of skills, writing, and procedure courses, and each track culminates in a clinical, externship, or co-curricular experience in which the students use litigation skills. We are pleased to recognize the graduating students who have completed the courses required to earn an Harris Keenan & Goldfarb Advocacy Certificate.

Carly Antonioli

John Baladi

Valentina Battista

Elizabeth Bellitto

Megan Bernardo

Kayla Brady

Samantha Bugner

Peter Carle

Aja Davies

Kayla Dobrinski

Jack Fruth

Carlos Gonzalez

Sarah Hannah

Ellery Harvey

Molly Hughes

Justine Kawa

Danielle Keller

Michael Lucatorto

Madeline Luksha

Lori Marchessault

Jessica Miller

Alexis Ortiz

Elisheva Ozeri

Ariana Pagnotta

Michael Raschilla

Emma Ratti

Rachel Roberts

Jonathan Rosen

Cristina Santin

Grace Shim

Samantha Silverstein

Rosemarie Smerina

Brandon Smith

Gianna Vitiello

Josephine Whiteley

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SKILLS PROGRAM CERTIFICATES

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program conveys not only doctrinal education, but also practical and empirical skills in the fields of conflict avoidance, management, and resolution. Students who complete the Program and earn a Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution may be relied upon to possess not merely an intellectual understanding of the principles of negotiation, mediation, and arbitration, but actual experience in those fields. We are pleased to recognize the graduating students who have earned this distinction.

Meg Beauregard

Casey Ferland

Jeremy Greener

Jacqueline Karol

Arshnoor Kaur

Dillon Keay

Taylor Oslacky

Michael San Roman

Rosemarie Smerina

Ayllin Vishnevetski

Sarah Zarbail

PRO BONO SCHOLARS

Students in the Pro Bono Scholars Program begin their final semester by studying for, and taking, the bar exam in February. Then they spend the remainder of the semester in a 12-week, full-time pro bono placement with a preapproved legal services provider or law firm, representing people from poor and underserved communities. Pro Bono Scholars also participate in a seminar in which they reflect on their placement experiences, study lawyering skills and ethical issues, and explore the access-to-justice crisis and the nature and value of proposed responses to this crisis. Students who pass the bar exam, complete their pro bono placement and class satisfactorily, and meet the other bar admission requirements are then eligible for early admission to the bar, soon after their graduation.

Syma Birenbaum

Leslie Dupré

Joseph Escoto

Blanca Gates

Carlos Gonzalez

Harley Landsberg

Michael Lucatorto

Lori Marchessault

Richard McKeon

Victoria Orellana

Michael Raschilla

Nicholas Rodin

Sally Tyre

Mahum Vance

WILF IMPACT PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARS

The Wilf Impact Public Interest Scholars Program educates and trains a new generation of social justice leaders through substantial renewable, full-tuition scholarships; summer internship funding; and postgraduate fellowships. Students work closely with faculty leaders on the front lines of our nation's most important civil rights challenges, including immigration rights, racial justice, educational equity, housing rights, and access to justice for children and families. They also collaborate with external social justice organizations which operate in partnership with New York Law School. We are pleased to recognize the inaugural class of graduating Wilf Scholars.

Jenna Aasen

Syma Birenbaum

Michelle Blaufeder

Blanca Gates

Sarah Hannah

Laura Katz

Michael Lucatorto

Alexandra Ogunsanya

Ron Jovi Ramirez

Gianna Vitiello

WILLEM C. VIS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT

The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot is the world's largest moot competition where students represent private parties trying to resolve a hypothetical business dispute through international arbitration. Highly qualified applicants are selected by the faculty coaches. We are pleased to recognize the graduating members of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team.

Joseph Garvey

Ross Hayatgheybi

Aleksandra Petrovic



THE GRADUATING CLASS

JURIS PR
SUNT HAE
VIVERE,
NON LAED
CUIQUE

LL.M. IN TAXATION

February 1, 2024 Graduates

Ah Yong Ji
Raimy Klestadt
Barbara Wheatle

June 1, 2024 Candidates

William Parker
Peter Sherry

J.D. GRADUATES

February 1, 2024

Fabiano Chaves*
Matthew Gaeta

Linyu Liu
Jonathan Owens

Hanna Saeed

J.D. CANDIDATES

June 1, 2024 and September 1, 2024

Jenna Aasen
Sandy Abiad
Lamis Abou Youssef
Megan Acovino
Stephanie Aguirre
Joseph Aini
Gabrielle Alexandrescu
Christine Alexandru
Jennifer Amada
Carly Antonioli
Kimberly Aranda
Rebecca Armstrong
Sam Arno
Jonathan Aspromonti
Peter Attina
Elif Badak

John Baladi
Alexandra Baldwin
Jennifer Balter
Valentina Battista
Meg Beauregard
Elizabeth Bellitto
Joseph Bellomo
Piper Benedict
Megan Bernardo
Brigid Bianco
Syma Birenbaum
Michelle Blaifeder
Brandon Blumer
Darryl Bobb
Michael Bongiovanni
Aidan Bonner

Kayla Brady
Cyrus Breese
Michael Brod
Andrew Bronstein
Eric Brotmann
Samantha Bugner
Vanessa Cameron
Jasmine Campise
Sydney Cantor
Alyssa Capone
Peter Carle
Sara Carney
Eric Carter
Michal Chait
Jessica Chamberlain
Christopher Chambless

J.D. CANDIDATES (continued)

June 1, 2024 and September 1, 2024

Timour Chamilov	Julia Ejli	Elizabeth Gorman
Hayley Chiarovano	Omar Elgohail	Nicholas Gounaris
Alice Christman	Chandler Eller	Laura Grajales
Carolyn Cipoletti	Brittany Ellison	Christopher Greco
Zachary Cipollina	Dara Elpren	Jeremy Greener
Jayne Cleary	Rania Elsanhoury	Genevieve Gutman
Kayla Coles	Hassan Elsebai	Lara Hakim
Molly Conner	Samuel Englander	Brendan Hanley
Gianni Contessa	Gabriella Erenberg	Sarah Hannah
Brianna Coppola	Joseph Escoto	Michael Harkins
Kelly Corallo	Casey Ferland	Mary Harris
Samuel Corby	Piero Fiorino	Ellery Harvey
Sophia Coutavas	Conor Fitzpatrick	Lillian Hatzenbeler
Ashley Curatolo	Jordynn Flanagan	Ross Hayatgheybi
Aja Davies	Hailey Fletcher	Spencer Heitzler
David Dayya	Evania Fotopoulos	Nicole Heller
Gabrielle Dema	Joie-lyn Fox	Olivia Hellerich
Marco Denaro	Jason Fratus	Kurt Hendricksen
Michael DeRenzi	Bethany Friedman	Ashton Hesse
Joshua Dinetz	Peter Friedrichs	Caitlin Hillebrand
Erica DiPietro	Jack Fruth	Kwan Ho
Susan Distler	Michael Fusco	Alyssa Hodnett
Kayla Dobrinski	Sophia Fusco	Rachel Horowitz
Jaime Donis	Bridget Galvin	Alexandra Hough
Nikki Donohue	Joseph Garvey	Katherine Howard
Molly Dowd	Blanca Gates	Kyle Hudson
Wren Downs	Sarah Glassman	Molly Hughes
Jillian Dreusike	Leah Gold	Samantha Hughes
Danielle Drugan	Trevor Goldhush	Kyle Hunt
Leslie Dupré	Christian Goldy	Thania Hussain
Natalia Dzieciolowska	Laura Golfo	William Hyler
Nicole Edelen	Alexa Gonzalez	Julianna Iacona
Jacob Ehrlich	Carlos Gonzalez	Waresa Islam

Rashelle Jackson	Rialda Kukaj	Olivia Mechanic
Sarah Kais	Brianna Kuriakose	Gillian Mendez
Benjamin Kaner	Rubie Kushner	Hailey Miller
Lindsay Kantor	Jacqueline Lacovara	Jessica Miller
Brittany Karen	Joseph Lafuente	Rebecca Miller
Jacqueline Karol	Harley Landsberg	Jade Mimoun
Laura Katz	Jordan Lazarian	Jason Miranda
Arshnoor Kaur	Vanessa Lebbos	Anisah Molic
Justine Kawa	Bogum Lee	Saoirse Moloney
Dillon Keay	Dong-Gun Lee	Devin Moniz
Nicole Keegan	Ellen Lee	Alexandra Morace
Kameron Keel	Elizabeth Levi	Andrei Moraru
Danielle Keller	George Li	Meredith Moriarty
James Kelly	Kiki Lin	Caitlin Mussey
Nora Kelly	Dylan Livingstone	Ryan Myler
Meridith Kennedy	Rey Llana	Katelyn Nardi
Afrin Khatun	Emma Loftis	Juliette Navarro
Anahita Khorsand	Yorlson Lotin	Sara Nazem
Christopher Kipiniak	Michael Lucatorto	Suzanna Neal
Morgan Kirby	Madeline Luksha	Benjamin Newman
Sasha Kish	Natalie Maher	Hunter Nieh
Natalie Klein	Matthew Marano	Juliette Niglio
Briana Koehler	Lori Marchessault	Abel Njie
Jacob Koenigson	Catharine Mariampillai	Alexandra Ogunsanya
Margaret Kolozsvary	Zoe Marks	Amy Olson
Ryan Kone	John McArthur	Victoria Orellana
Andreas Kormusis	Seth McCutcheon	Alexis Ortiz
Rebecca Kornhauser	Phillip McGovern	Sofia O'Shea
Ron Kort	Richard McKeon	Taylor Oslacky
Jessica Kovac	Peter McNally	Elisheva Ozeri
Toni-Ann Kreisberg	Kaitlyn McNeil	Ariana Pagnotta
Sydney Krulik	John McSweeney	Sarina Palma

J.D. CANDIDATES (continued)

June 1, 2024 and September 1, 2024

Jacqueline Pantin	Skylar Salzman	Annie Thomas
Jack Parlo	Michael San Roman	Varshaa Thorali
Armine Parmakszyan	Hayden Sanders	Joseph Todaro
Elisabeth Pearson	Cristina Santin	David Trasente
Harrison Perlstein	Pamela Sausaitis	Mikaela Tribby
Aleksandra Petrovic	Edward Sayegh	Natalie Tung
Jesse Pinto	James Scavone	Sally Tyre
Kristen Pleszewicz	Courtney Schenck	Mikayla Ullrich
Benjamin Pohle	Gabrielle Schwartz	Mahum Vance
Rose Purewal	Alice Sebban	Noel Brandon Vasquez
Ben Radisch	Grace Shim	Nikhil Vasthare
Jasmine Ramig	Madison Shiver	Jennifer Vega
Ron Jovi Ramirez	Sarah Silbowitz	Nicole Verdi
Lillian Rappaport	Carly Silverman	Elaine Villanueva
Michael Raschilla	Samantha Silverstein	Ayllin Vishnevetski
Emma Ratti	Peter Simonetti	Gianna Vitiello
Danielle Reyes	Andrea Sinclair	Tristan Wanatick
Nina Rice	Nicholas Skrobola	Robbie Webster
Theodore Richert	Rosemarie Smerina	Margarita Weissman
Marissa Richtsmeier	Zachary Smilowitz	Jonathan Welgrin
Robert Ricigliano	Brandon Smith	Josephine Whiteley
Joshua Rieck	Jake Sokol	Katherine Whiting
Jaclyn Rinaldi	Christina Sperazza	Blake Wills
Anna Robertelli	Alyssa Sperrazza	Jordan Wilner
Rachel Roberts	Bryan Spiegelman	Melissa Winters
Nicholas Rodin*	Eric Spiniello	Olivia Wirta
Julia Rooney	Sofia Stefanou	Haotian Xia
Jonathan Rosen	Phoebe Steinfeld	Meghan Yarussi
Melissa Rosenberg	Julia Storto	Nohemy Zabala
Justin Roth	Daniel Sullivan*	Sarah Zarbail
Anthony Ruggiero	Holly Summers	Eva Zhou
Chelsea Ryan	Mary Sharmaine Tan	Louis Zupo
Michael Salvo	Konstantine Tettonis	

* Veterans who have honorably served our nation.



HONORARY DEGREE,
PRESIDENT'S MEDAL, AND
KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL
RECIPIENTS BIOGRAPHIES

HONORARY DEGREE, DOCTOR OF LAWS

HON. SYLVIA O. HINDS-RADIX

Judge Hinds-Radix is a history maker as the first African American and Caribbean woman to hold the highest-ranking legal position in City government. She will also accept the Civic Fame Award on behalf of the New York City Law Department for their courageous leadership through the immense challenges New York City has faced throughout its history.



Judge Hinds-Radix was appointed as the 81st Corporation Counsel of the City of New York on February 25, 2022. In this role, she is the attorney for the City of New York, the Mayor, the City Council, and all City agencies—both Mayoral and non-Mayoral. Prior to this, the Honorable Hinds-Radix served as an Associate Justice of the NYS Appellate Division, Second Department from 2012.

In December 2020, Governor Cuomo designated Judge Hinds-Radix as a member of the NYS Constitutional Bench. Before joining the Appellate Division, she served as Administrative Judge for Civil Matters in the Second Judicial District, where she oversaw both the New York State Supreme Court, Civil Term and the New York City Civil Court, which also encompasses the Housing Court of the City of New York. She was elected to the Supreme Court, Kings County in November 2004 and served as a New York City Civil Court Judge (2002 through 2004), spending her first year in the Criminal Court of Kings County. In 1985, soon after graduating from law school, she joined the legal staff of District Council 37 Municipal Employees Legal Services, where she remained until her Civil Court election in 2001.

Hon. Hinds-Radix is the President of the Caribbean American Lawyers Association (CALA), and a former President of the Nathan K. Sobel American Inns of Court, the Supreme Court Justices Association of the City of New York, and the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association. She is a Board Member of the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board, the Women in the Courts Committee, the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association, and JALBCA. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the St. Gabriel's Senior Citizens Center and the St. John's Bread and Life Agency.

She earned her B.S. from the University of Massachusetts, her master's in political science from Long Island University, and received her J.D. from Howard University School of Law. She also received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Metropolitan College of New York. In addition to being admitted to practice law in the State of New York, Hon. Hinds-Radix is also admitted to the United States Federal Court: Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. Hon. Hinds-Radix is married to Dr. Joseph Radix and they are the proud parents of three wonderful daughters.

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

BENJAMIN R. DE COSTA '75

New York Law School honors Benjamin DeCosta '75 for his extraordinary career as a leader, lawyer, and senior executive in the aviation industry which is essential to a thriving global economy. His dedication to helping new generations of NYLS students succeed inspires the NYLS community and represents the best of our alumni and their impact.



Benjamin DeCosta, a nationally recognized aviation industry leader, is Principal of DeCosta Consulting, providing “strategic advice in all aspects of aviation including airport development, operations, security, human resources, public relations, airline negotiations, executive search, intergovernmental affairs, conflict resolution, use of technology, and strategic planning.”

He is also an Operating Partner of Corsair Infrastructure, an international private equity firm that invests across three verticals of the transportation infrastructure sector: airports, roads, and ports.

DeCosta is currently a member of the Leadership Development Committee of the American Association of Airport Executives, a major aviation organization, and was a major supporter of its inaugural Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Scholarship. He is a former board member of another major aviation organization, Airports Council International, and served as Vice Chair of the Board of the World Business Partners of the Airports Consultants Council.

From 1994–1998, DeCosta was General Manager of Newark International Airport. From 1998–2010, DeCosta was General Manager of Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta, which is consistently ranked as “the world’s busiest airport,” serving more passengers than any airport in the world, with almost one million planes taking off or landing at the airport each year.

During his tenure, the annual economic impact of the airport on the Atlanta region was \$24 billion and 56,000 people had jobs directly connected to the airport, including 1,000 in the city’s Department of Aviation. DeCosta negotiated the approval of, and oversaw completion of, a billion-dollar fifth runway; began construction of a new international terminal; and pushed to fix security line logjams after 9/11 through the development of a modern baggage scanning system. In 2007, he was named airport director of the year by one industry journal.

A graduate of Queens College, DeCosta attended New York Law School in the Evening Division while working full-time as a legal assistant at Port Authority, where he later became a lawyer. He was President of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) at NYLS. As an alumnus, he has been a speaker at the School and hosted NYLS events in Atlanta. DeCosta was the 2021 BLSA honoree and has been a generous supporter of the BLSA Alumni Scholarship and the BLSA Association Leadership Fund.

KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL

ALEXANDRA OGUNSANYA '24

New York Law School honors Alexandra Ogunsanya '24 for her student leadership and dedication to using her NYLS education to advocate for the most vulnerable members of our society.



Alexandra Ogunsanya's law student leadership includes serving as Secretary and Academic Retention and Professional Development Co-Chair for the Black Law Students Association (BLSA), Student Editor in Chief for *Family Law Quarterly* (in collaboration with the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association), and Executive Editor for the Moot Court Association. She also participated in the yearlong Civil Rights and Disability Justice Clinic, where she engaged in impact litigation and legal and strategic policy advocacy to advance social justice.

While a student at New York Law School, Ogunsanya has worked as a legal intern for the Legal Aid Society, a research assistant for Professor Britney Wilson, an intern to the Chair of the New York Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and a judicial intern to U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York Magistrate Judge James L. Cott. She is also a Fellow with the Wilf Impact Center for Public Interest Law.

Ogunsanya was selected for an Equal Justice Works Fellowship at the Legal Aid Society, where she will work with the Special Litigation Unit of their Criminal Defense Practice. She is the first New York Law School student selected for the Fellowship in many years and is slated to begin after graduation.

Prior to law school, Ogunsanya graduated from the University of New Mexico with a B.A. in communications.



PAST HONORARY DEGREE,
PRESIDENT'S MEDAL, AND
KATHLEEN GRIMM
MEDAL RECIPIENTS

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

1955 to the Present

- 1955 The Honorable Charles William Froessel, 1913
The Honorable John Marshall Harlan, 1924
Archibald Robinson Watson
- 1956 Denis O'Leary Cohalan
Albert Cohn, 1908
Albert Conway
- 1957 Nathaniel L. Goldstein, 1918
Charles H. Griffiths, 1910
David W. Peck
- 1958 The Honorable Joseph A. Cox
Hunter Labatut Delatour, 1906
James Thomas Hallinan II
Gerald Nolan
Ferdinand Pecora
- 1959 Bernard Botein
Theodore Granik
Philip M. Kleinfeld, 1916
Edward J. Neary, 1915
- 1960 Charles Stewart Desmond
- 1961 Robert Moses
- 1962 Stanley Howells Fuld
Sylvester Comstock Smith Jr., 1918
Murray Stockman, 1915
- 1963 Sydney E. Foster
- 1964 George J. Beldock
Hunter Labatut Delatour, 1906
Alfred Gross
- 1965 Marvin R. Dye
Edwin L. Weisel
The Honorable David T. Wilentz, 1917
- 1966 Daniel Gutman
John Van Voorhis
- 1967 Alfred J. Bohlinger, 1924
Leo M. Cherne '34
The Honorable W. Averell Harriman
- 1968 The Honorable Ramsey Clark
Tom C. Clark
David Finkelstein
Orison S. Marden
Robert Morris Morgenthau
Edward Joseph Mortola
- 1969 Jerry Finkelstein '38
John-Seward Johnson
John Vincent Thornton
- 1970 Adrian P. Burke
Joseph I. Lubin '30
Joseph Edward Lumbard Jr.
Samuel Miller, 1926
- 1971 Willard Heckel
John E. Scileppi
- 1972 Maurice R. Greenberg '50
Samuel Rabin
The Honorable Whitney North Seymour Jr.
- 1973 The Honorable Paul J. Curran
Charles H. Dyson
Harry B. Helmsley
E. Donald Shapiro
The Honorable Joseph Weintraub
- 1974 The Honorable Brendan T. Byrne
Walter M. Jeffords Jr.
Samuel J. LeFrak
The Honorable Owen McGivern
- 1975 The Honorable Charles D. Breitel
William J. Curran
Gen. John Einar Murray
The Honorable Peter W. Rodino Jr.
Stefan Treschel
The Honorable Robert F. Wagner, 1900
William Weary

- 1976 The Honorable Warren E. Burger
Milton Helpen
Mary Gardiner Jones
Gen. Rowland F. Kirks
Harry Ostrov, 1925
The Honorable Edward D. Re
Joseph Solomon, 1927
- 1977 The Honorable Dennis DeConcini
Elizabeth Hughes Gossett
The Honorable Howard T. Markey
The Honorable Daniel Patrick Moynihan
Albert M. Sacks
- 1978 The Honorable Griffen B. Bell
The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The Honorable Erwin N. Griswold
The Honorable Damon J. Keith
Rabbi Emmanuel Rackman
- 1979 The Honorable Benjamin R. Civiletti
The Honorable Lawrence H. Cooke
Barbara Knowles Debs
Abraham S. Goldstein
The Honorable Jacob K. Javits
The Honorable Wade H. McCree Jr.
The Honorable Francis T. Murphy '52
The Honorable Potter Stewart
- 1980 The Honorable Richard Reeve Baxter
The Most Reverend Terence Cardinal Cooke
The Honorable Richard N. Gardner
A. Leo Levin
The Honorable Lewis F. Powell Jr.
Edward Allen Tamm
- 1981 Mario M. Biaggi '63
The Honorable William Frank Buckley Jr.
The Honorable William Joseph Casey
The Honorable Matthew Joseph Jasen
The Honorable James Skelly Wright
- 1982 The Honorable Mary S. Coleman
The Honorable Alfonse M. D'Amato
Archbishop Jakovos
Rex E. Lee
The Honorable Shigeru Oda
Thomas Grey Wicker
- 1983 The Honorable Harry A. Blackmun
The Honorable Sherman G. Finesilver
The Honorable Constance Baker Motley
Albert Parker, 1921
The Honorable Lowell P. Weicker Jr.
- 1984 The Honorable Geraldine A. Ferraro
The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham Jr.
Eugene V. Rostow
Robert B. Stevens
Otto L. Walter '54
- 1985 The Honorable Mario M. Cuomo
Robert B. McKay
Bill Moyers
The Honorable Ellen Ash Peters
Donna E. Shalala
- 1986 Barbara Aronstein Black
The Honorable William Joseph Brennan Jr.
The Honorable Edward I. Koch
Myres Smith McDougal
The Honorable Spottswood W. Robinson III
- 1987 Fred W. Friendly
Ellen V. Futter
The Honorable Thomas Howard Kean
Frederick A.O. Schwarz Jr.
- 1988 Archibald R. Murray
Ernst C. Stiefel
The Honorable Patricia McGowan Wald
- 1989 J. William Campo
The Honorable Roger J. Miner '56

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS (continued)

1955 to the Present

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| 1990 | Alvin J. Bronstein '51
Linda A. Fairstein
The Honorable Milton L. Williams '63 | 2004 | The Honorable Alexis M. Herman
Anthony Lewis |
| 1991 | The Honorable David N. Dinkins
The Honorable John H. Sununu | 2005 | The Honorable Bob Kerrey |
| 1992 | The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor
James F. Simon | 2006 | The Honorable Joel I. Klein |
| 1993 | Shepard Broad, 1927
Drew S. Days III
The Honorable Judith S. Kaye | 2007 | David Boies |
| 1994 | Bernard H. Mendik '58 | 2008 | Dennis W. Archer |
| 1995 | The Honorable José A. Cabranes
Alexander D. Forger | 2009 | Gregory H. Williams |
| 1996 | The Honorable Sidney H. Asch
Boris Leavitt, 1926
The Honorable Jon O. Newman | 2010 | The Honorable Jonathan Lippman |
| 1997 | The Honorable Harry T. Edwards
Dr. Raymond D. Horton
Lewis M. Steel '63 | 2011 | The Honorable Cory A. Booker |
| 1998 | Joseph T. Arenson
Lawrence S. Huntington '64
Vernon E. Jordan Jr. | 2012 | Kenneth R. Feinberg |
| 1999 | The Honorable Guido Calabresi | 2013 | The Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg |
| 2000 | Sybil Shainwald '76
Harry H. Wellington
The Honorable Ralph K. Winter | 2014 | Steven Banks |
| 2001 | Taylor R. Briggs (posthumously)
Ira Glasser
The Honorable Judith B. Sheindlin '65 | 2015 | Joe Plumeri
Cyrus R. Vance Jr. |
| 2002 | The Honorable Pierre N. Leval
The Honorable Charles E. Schumer | 2016 | The Honorable Robert A. Katzmann |
| 2003 | The Honorable Jack B. Weinstein | 2017 | Preet Bharara
Laura Ricciardi '96 |
| | | 2018 | The Honorable Stephen G. Breyer
Alex Dimitrief |
| | | 2019 | Nicholas Haysom |
| | | 2020 | <i>No recipient due to the COVID-19 pandemic</i> |
| | | 2021 | Joan Fishman
The Honorable Letitia James |
| | | 2022 | The Honorable Judith Sheindlin '65 |
| | | 2023 | The Honorable Kathy Hochul |

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL RECIPIENTS

2002 to the Present

Awarded to New York Law School's most outstanding and accomplished community members and its most generous benefactors, the President's Medal acknowledges those who have made profound contributions to the history of the Law School by their exemplary professional lives and their generosity.

2002

Awarded posthumously to

BERNARD H. MENDIK '58

Chair of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School

President, Bernard H. Mendik Company LLC
Benefactor, The Mendik Law Library

2003

Awarded posthumously to

SHEPARD BROAD, 1927

Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School

Founder, Broad and Cassel
Benefactor, Shepard Broad Scholarship Fund
Benefactor, The Shepard and Ruth K. Broad
Student Center

2004

J. BRUCE LLEWELLYN '60

Former Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
Chairman and CEO of Philadelphia Coca-Cola
Bottling Company, Inc.
Founder of "100 Black Men"

2005

LAWRENCE S. HUNTINGTON '64

Former Chair of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
Chairman Emeritus of the Board,
Fiduciary Trust Company International
Generous Benefactor

2006

Awarded posthumously to

PHILIP M. DAMASHEK

Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School

Managing Partner, Schneider, Kleinick, Weitz,
Damashek & Shoot
President, New York State Trial Lawyers
Association (1990–91)

2007

SYBIL SHAINWALD '76

Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
President, Law Offices of Sybil Shainwald

2008

THE HONORABLE ERNST H. ROSENBERGER '58

Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
Adjunct Professor of Law, New York Law School
Of Counsel, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

2009

ZYGMUNT "ZYGI" WILF '74

Member of the Advisory Board, Center for
Real Estate Studies, New York Law School
Attorney, Wilf Law Firm
President, Garden Homes Real Estate Developers
Principal Owner, Minnesota Vikings Football
Club, LLC

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL RECIPIENTS (continued)

2002 to the Present

2011

HARRY H. WELLINGTON

Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus,
New York Law School

2012

Awarded posthumously to

THE HONORABLE ROGER J. MINER '56

Senior U.S. Circuit Judge
Trustee Emeritus and Former Adjunct Professor
of Law, New York Law School

JAMES F. SIMON

Martin Professor of Law Emeritus and Dean
Emeritus, New York Law School

2013

ARTHUR N. ABBEY '59

Senior Partner, Abbey Spanier, LLP
Chair of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School

2014

KATHLEEN GRIMM '80

Deputy Chancellor of Operations,
New York City Department of Education
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School

2015

DR. VINCENT A. CARBONELL '00

Founder and President,
United Reprographic Services Inc.
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School

2016

CHARLES E. PHILLIPS JR. '93

Chief Executive Officer, Infor
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School

2017

SUSAN MENDIK

Bernard H. Mendik Company LLC
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School

2018

STEPHEN J. ELLMANN

Martin Professor of Law and Director
of Clinical and Experiential Learning,
New York Law School

CHRISTINA M. STORM '77

Founder and Executive Director,
Lawyers Without Borders

2019

VIRGINIA SHER RAMADAN '84

Diplomat, Law Professor, and
Immigration Policy Advisor

2021

JOAN FISHMAN

Associate Dean, New York Law School

GEORGE H. HAYES

Vice President of Institutional Project
Management, New York Law School

SUSAN REDLER

Vice President of Finance, New York Law School

2022

BETH BLAUER '01

Associate Vice Provost for Public Innovation;
Executive Director, Centers for Civic Impact,
Johns Hopkins University

2023

BENJAMIN R. DECOSTA '75

Principal, DeCosta Consulting, LLC

SALLY HARDING

Dean of Students, Emerita, New York Law School

KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL RECIPIENTS

2015 to the Present

The Trustees of New York Law School established the Kathleen Grimm Medal for Distinguished Public Service on February 11, 2015 to honor Kathleen Grimm '80 for her inspiring leadership, her distinguished and dedicated service to the School, and her outstanding accomplishments in the fields of law and education. Ms. Grimm, who passed away on February 17, 2015, had a long public service record, most recently as Deputy Chancellor of Operations at the New York City Department of Education. She was one of New York City's most dedicated servants, having served five city mayors, one state comptroller, seven city commissioners, and four city schools chancellors. She also served as a member of New York Law School's Board of Trustees and on its Alumni Association Board of Directors for over two decades, including as Past President.

2015

THE HONORABLE FAVIOLA A. SOTO '78

Judge, New York State Court of Claims

2019

EDWARD CHUKWUEMEKE OKEKE '97

Senior Counsel, World Bank

2016

CHRISTINE MAGGIORE '16

2020

KATHLYN H. SALAZAR '20

2017

THE HONORABLE DAKOTA RAMSEUR '97

Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York,
New York County

2021

MARAYA ABOLY-BROWN '21

2018

MONIQUE BAPTIST '18

NELDRA M. ZEIGLER '79

Former Deputy Commissioner of Equal
Employment Opportunity, New York City
Police Department

2022

FATIN ASSAF '22

JOSEPH H. ROCHMAN '22

FARIMA RUSTEMI '22

DOUGLAS ZEIGLER '81

Executive Agency Counsel
New York City Department of Correction

2023

DILARA GUVERCIN '23

IN MEMORIAM

SALLY HARDING, DEAN OF STUDENTS, EMERITA



New York Law School deeply mourns the profound loss of our beloved friend and colleague, Sally Harding, Dean of Students, Emerita, who passed away on February 25, 2024, from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, commonly known as ALS, which she was diagnosed with in December 2021.

Sally will be forever remembered for her unmatched impact on countless students, and for creating the welcoming and supportive community that makes NYLS unique. Her dedication and courage must always serve as an inspiration to our community. Sally served NYLS with distinction for 32 years, retiring in 2023 as Dean of Students. She served her entire time in the Office of Student Life, where she devoted all of her energy and efforts towards the success and well-being of the School's extraordinarily diverse student body. She held every position in the Office of Student Life, beginning as Administrative Assistant and rising all the way to lead the Office in 2016.

Sally provided a support system to countless students, acting as a shoulder to lean on, a confidant, a mental health counselor, and an indispensable advisor on how to succeed academically and professionally. She was largely responsible for creating the warm, welcoming, and inclusive community that many students point to as their reason for attending NYLS, and what they appreciate most from their time on campus. In recognition of her dedication to the students, many student organizations honored her over the years, including the Black Law Students Association, the Latino Law Students Association, the Student Bar Association, and the Public Interest Coalition.

Throughout her tenure as an administrative leader, Sally also served as an essential sounding board, advisor, and partner to all her colleagues. After her diagnosis, she continued to tirelessly champion students during one of the most challenging times in the School's history during the COVID-19 pandemic. She was a cherished friend to countless alumni, administrators, and faculty. She was kind, authentic, and a genuinely good person in every way.

In recognition of her extraordinary service, we bestowed upon her the President's Medal, the Law School's highest honor, at our 2023 Commencement last May. Sally's daughter Katie accepted the award on her mother's behalf while Sally watched via livestream.

Sally is survived by her loving family, including her spouse Thomas FitzMaurice, and their two children Katie and William. Like Sally, they will always be part of the NYLS family.

ABOUT NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

We are New York's Law School

FOUNDING

New York Law School was established in 1891 by Columbia College School of Law faculty, students, and alumni who were protesting their trustees' attempts to dictate the teaching methods used by professors. The central figure in the revolt against Columbia and the subsequent creation of New York Law School was Columbia Law School's founder, Theodore Dwight, a major figure in the history of American legal scholarship and education.

THE EARLY YEARS

Almost immediately, New York Law School attained a formidable reputation due to the excellence of its students and faculty.

Dedicated to providing diverse routes to achievement through innovation in scholarship, service, and professional training, in 1894, the School's founders created one of the nation's first evening divisions to provide a flexible alternative to full-time legal education for those in the workforce or with family obligations. The Evening Division also allowed students to build upon previously established successful careers or to begin a second career.

Among the School's early lecturers were Woodrow Wilson and Charles Evans Hughes. The first class included James W. Gerard, who went on to serve as Ambassador to Germany during World War I, and Bainbridge Colby, who became Secretary of State under President Wilson. Other early graduates included Robert F. Wagner, a future U.S. senator from New York and a leader in developing national labor policy, and two Pulitzer Prize winners: Wallace Stevens (poetry) and Elmer Rice (drama). Another prominent alumnus from the pre-World War I era was the Honorable James S. Watson, a distinguished judge and an important member of New York's African American community. The judge's daughter, Barbara Watson, also attended New York Law School and was the first woman to attain the rank of Assistant Secretary of State of the United States.

Many of those attending around the turn of the 20th century became founders or name partners of leading law firms, including Alfred Rose of Proskauer, Rose, Goetz & Mendelsohn; Randolph E. Paul of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison; Henry Hurlbut Abbott and William C. Breed of Breed, Abbott & Morgan; Edwin Sunderland of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Sunderland & Kiendel; William Parke of Chadbourne & Parke LLP; Alfred Mudge of Mudge, Rose, Guthrie & Alexander; Jacob Scholer of Kaye Scholer LLP; and Albert Milbank and Walter Hope of Milbank, Tweed, Hope & Hadley.

Classes of the 1920s, and 1930s produced graduates who would play leading roles in the profession. Among the most notable was U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan II. Other prominent graduates included Albert Parker, a

founding partner of Parker, Chapin, Flattau & Klimpl; Cameron F. MacRae, a former Chair of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae; Conover English, a founding partner of McCarter & English; David Wilentz, a founding partner of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer; Chester Carlson, who invented the xerography process leading to the founding of Xerox Corporation; and the Honorable Emilio Nuñez, the first Latino to be named to the bench in New York State.

New York Law School closed for one year during World War I, interrupting a steady expansion that lasted until the mid-1920s. While the situation improved by the late 1930s, the draft in 1940 dealt the institution another blow, and the School was forced to close in 1941 for the duration of World War II.

POST-WAR REBUILDING

In 1947, New York Law School reopened and began to rebuild. A major impetus came from graduates who formed a committee spearheaded by New York State Supreme Court Justice Albert Cohn. The new program was small, but the School made significant strides and gained provisional accreditation from the American Bar Association in 1954, and final accreditation 10 years later.

Steady growth marked the next few decades. With the appointment of E. Donald Shapiro as Dean in the early 1970s, the School joined the Association of American Law Schools, and the trustees authorized an increase in the size of the full-time faculty. Admissions requirements were raised, and enrollment grew. As facilities expanded, an endowment fund was established. In 1975, the School received its first endowed professorship, the Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professorship of Law.

Many graduates who were students during these years achieved prominence in the bar, the judiciary, government, and business. They include the late Honorable Roger J. Miner, Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; the late Bernard Mendik, former Chair of the Real Estate Board of New York and former CEO of Mendik Properties; and the late Kathleen Grimm, Deputy Chancellor of Operations, New York City Department of Education. Other prominent alumni from that period include Maurice Greenberg, former Chair and CEO of American International Group (AIG) and current Chair and CEO of C.V. Starr and Co. Inc.; Arthur N. Abbey, Senior Partner at Abbey Spanier, LLP and current Chair of the School's Board of Trustees; Lawrence S. Huntington, former Chair and CEO of Fiduciary Trust International and former Chair of the School's Board of Trustees; the Honorable Judith Sheindlin, known as "Judge Judy," New York family court judge, author, and TV personality; Zygmunt "Zygi" Wilf, principal owner of the Minnesota Vikings of the NFL and member of the School's Board of Trustees; and Kenneth D. Werner, President of Warner Brothers Domestic Television Distribution.

RECENT LEADERSHIP AND GROWTH

Dramatic growth and revitalization continued under the leadership of James F. Simon, Dean from 1983 until 1992. A series of major facility renovations was begun, highlighted by the opening of the Mendik Library in 1990 and the construction of the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. During Dean Simon's tenure, the Rita and Joseph Solomon Professorship of Wills, Trusts, and Estates was added, and the School introduced the innovative Lawyering Skills Program into the curriculum.

In 1992, Harry H. Wellington, Sterling Professor of Law Emeritus and former Dean of Yale Law School, became the 14th Dean and President of New York Law School. Under Dean Wellington's leadership, a strategic plan was implemented to position New York Law School as a vital urban law center with an academic program that integrates the strategic and ethical perspectives of the practicing attorney. During Dean Wellington's tenure, the Ernst C. Stiefel Professorship of Comparative Law was created and the School's Centers for International Law and New York City Law were established.

Richard A. Matasar was named the 15th Dean and President of New York Law School in 2000, serving until December 2011. Under Dean Matasar's leadership, the School expanded its Academic Centers and increased its graduate offerings. During his tenure, the School completed an expansion and renovation program that transformed its Tribeca campus into a cohesive architectural complex. The centerpiece of the expansion is a glass-enclosed, 235,000-square-foot, nine-level building—five stories above ground and four below—which opened in 2009.

“NEW YORK’S LAW SCHOOL” AND THE FUTURE

In spring 2012, New York Law School, continuing its tradition of bold and innovative leadership, named Anthony W. Crowell, former Counselor to New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, the School's 16th Dean and President. He joined the School in May 2012, after having been a member of the adjunct faculty for nearly a decade. Under Dean Crowell, the School has maximized its strengths, developed new ones, and continued to gain recognition as a leader in legal education. In his early months, he aggressively restructured leadership in key areas of the School and launched a strategic planning process that addressed areas of strategic priority, including fostering academic excellence and innovation; supporting the career success of students and alumni; creating a vibrant intellectual community that supports research and scholarship; strengthening engagement among students, alumni, faculty, and other constituents; and driving operational efficiencies and institution-building.

To strengthen the School's connection to New York City, Dean Crowell introduced the “We are New York's law school” campaign, which has now become the School's motto. In

keeping with that motto, Dean Crowell established a Public Service Scholarship Program for uniformed services personnel and other dedicated public servants working in New York City at the local, state, and federal levels. The scholarship celebrates the School's rich history of enrolling students coming from these professional areas to advance their careers and be the most effective leaders in the city and beyond.

In fall 2012, New York Law School was the first law school to announce an initiative to identify and create new experiential learning opportunities for students that would help provide the community with access to justice and help students satisfy the 50-hour pro bono requirement for admission to the bar. Dean Crowell worked with the School's faculty to expand its experiential and clinical learning programs, thereby encouraging all students to connect their classroom learning to practical legal training. In spring 2013, the School announced a historic expansion of clinical and experiential learning programs, doubling the number of clinics from 13 to 26 in one year. Dean Crowell also initiated the Dean's Leadership Council: 1L students who perform in the top 25 percent of their class are invited to take part in a special series of dialogues with the Dean and top city leaders in law, business, and government.

In July 2013, the School issued a provocative and groundbreaking Strategic Plan, which garnered national attention. As outlined in the Plan, the School is focused on the high-growth fields of tomorrow: business and financial services; intellectual property, media, and technology; and government and public interest law. During the Plan's five-year implementation period, New York Law School reported annually on progress made towards its goals.

During the 2013–14 academic year, the School added the Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program. During the 2014–15 academic year, the School announced the formation of the Impact Center for Public Interest Law, which brought all of its important public interest work under one umbrella. The Center expanded its public interest work and established the Wilf Impact Scholars Program through a five-million dollar gift from Zygmunt “Zygi” Wilf and the Wilf Family Foundations to become the Wilf Impact Center for Public Interest Law in 2021.

In February 2015, the School issued its Institutional Diversity Plan, a bold statement of principles and goals, and an ambitious course of action, to maintain diversity and inclusion as essential components of the School's operations.

In August 2015, the School kicked off its 125th Anniversary celebration, highlighting its rich legacy of alumni who have contributed to the New York City legal community and beyond across a wide range of subject areas. The same month, the School launched the Innovation Center for Law and Technology, which focuses on the innovation economy and the growth of media, science, and technology in the digital age.

ABOUT NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL (continued)

In November 2015, the School received a five-million dollar gift from Joe and Susan Plumeri through The Joe Plumeri Foundation. The gift supports the School's nationally recognized practical training programs by establishing The Joe Plumeri Center for Social Justice and Economic Opportunity. The Plumeri Center is home to the School's law firm, which provides free, high-quality legal services to a diverse client base from all of New York City. The Plumeri Center also houses the School's legal clinics that serve clients, provides the space for extensive simulation training in both the first-year Legal Practice program and upper-level courses, and includes a moot court room with an accompanying jury deliberation room.

These and other initiatives have earned New York Law School great visibility. During the 2016–17 year, *The National Law Journal* recognized the School as among the top 50 law schools nationally for most alumni promoted to law firm partnerships, and *Law Street Media* ranked the Law School second nationally for "Top Schools for Real Estate Law." In the 2018–19 year, the School earned recognition for its diversity efforts from the Council on Legal Education Opportunity. During 2020 and 2021, the School was named a top law school nationally in numerous specialty categories by *preLaw* magazine, including in government and public policy, racial justice, intellectual property, and business law. In 2022, New York Law School's L.L.M. in Taxation was ranked No. 1 by the New York legal community for the 13th consecutive year.

In 2020, the School issued its bold new five-year Strategic Plan. Titled *Ever Upward*, the Plan builds on the successes of the 2013 Plan and sets forth bold initiatives in the areas of academic excellence and innovation; diversity, equity, and inclusion; career success; intellectual life; community engagement; and strength in operations. Shortly after the new Plan was published, New York City was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. New York Law School swiftly transitioned to a virtual educational program for the first time in its 130-year history, guided by the priorities and values outlined in the Plan. In the wake of the pandemic and the national reckoning on racial injustice, the School has further reframed the Plan to support the recovery of the city, state, and nation.

During the 2020–21 year, the School undertook a climate assessment by an external diversity, equity, and inclusion consultant. The School received positive feedback from the community and recommendations reinforced the importance of strong recruitment programs, expanding need-based scholarships, fostering participation and leadership of students of color, and programs on anti-racism and the history of race and racism in the development of American law and policy. The recommendations will be incorporated into the School's updated Institutional Diversity Plan.

In spring 2021, recognizing the growing demand for in-house counsel roles as well as their importance in helping with businesses' pandemic recovery, the School launched the James Tricarico Jr. Institute for the Business of Law and In-House Counsel—made possible by a generous lead gift from alumnus James A. Tricarico Jr. The Tricarico Institute provides best-in-class business, legal, and technology skills training to current and aspiring in-house counsel and works to advance greater diversity in these roles. The School also launched the Ronald H. Filler Institute for Financial Services—named in honor of Professor Emeritus Ronald H. Filler—to provide cutting-edge financial services educational programming, CLE panels, and forums, as well as opportunities for students to gain the critical lawyering skills needed to navigate the regulatory complexities of a post-pandemic financial landscape.

In January 2022, Judge Judy Sheindlin announced a five-million dollar gift to the School that created substantial, new opportunities for women to attend New York Law School and become leaders in the legal profession through the Judge Judy Sheindlin Honors Scholars Program, which provides 10 full scholarships to women annually. It also formalizes an enduring partnership with Her Honor Mentoring, one of the region's most prominent mentoring programs for young women founded and developed by Judge Sheindlin and her daughter Nicole Sheindlin in 2006.

In spring 2022, New York Law School also introduced NYLS Pro, a modern take on its 128-year-old Evening Division aimed at meeting the evolving needs of 21st century working professionals committed to transforming their careers. NYLS Pro leverages remote platforms and modern scheduling for in-person classes to make the program more accessible, flexible, and affordable.

In 2023, New York Law School announced a historic ten million dollar gift from Arthur Abbey '59 and Diane Abbey. As lifelong champions of the Law School, NYLS's main academic building has been named "Abbey Hall" in their honor. This generous endowed gift, one of the largest donations in the Law School's history, deepens the Abbeyes' exceptional legacy of support by funding a multitude of initiatives and school activities, including scholarships, academic and bar success, and diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as expanding programs that seek to increase access to justice and support the most vulnerable in our communities.

The School continues to embrace innovative solutions to offer students a rigorous, world-class legal education and provide unmatched opportunities to gain valuable practical experience in order to build the foundation for meaningful and successful careers that help them make a difference in their communities, the nation, and the world.



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