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Message From the Dean



Dear Members of the Class of 2025:

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 at a critical time in our history when the role of lawyers has never been more paramount to defending the rule of law, which is the very essence of a free, democratic, and just society. That is why the rule of law, public and private leadership, and diplomacy are the themes of this year's Commencement exercises.

Indeed, the issues we face today are profoundly complex. You will be called on to use your legal training at every turn to advance justice and fairness in our society and world, to protect individual rights, and to build an economy where everyone has an opportunity to thrive. Always remember that you are part of a 134-year-old community of strivers, dreamers, and doers. You will succeed because of your NYLS and New York values that reflect diversity, creativity, doggedness, and an inclusive approach that fuels us to work hard and to be innovative and resilient in empowering every client and community we serve.

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 and yourselves. Our nation, and the entire world, needs your leadership. I know you will make us proud, and we will always be here to inspire, support, and celebrate you.

I wish you profound success and fulfilment in the incredible journey that lies ahead.

Anthony W. Crowell Dean and President

from W. Cowell

Professor of Law

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2024 - 25

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Anthony W. Crowell, Presiding Dean and President, Professor of Law

PRELUDE Jubilate Deo—Gregor Aichinger

> Contrapunctus—J.S. Bach Quintet No. 1—Victor Ewald

MARSHALS Professor Gerald Korngold

Professor Justin Murray

GREETINGS Dean Anthony W. Crowell

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM Lachanee Scott

STUDENT REMARKS Ryan Prasad

INTRODUCTION OF **ESTEEMED ALUMNI**

Dean Anthony W. Crowell

AWARDING OF Introduction and Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL Christopher H. Stephens '84

Senior Vice President and Group General Counsel

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COMMENCEMENT

ADDRESS

Christopher H. Stephens '84

AWARDING OF PRIZES

OTTO L. WALTER DISTINGUISHED WRITING AWARDS Presentation by Dean of Faculty William P. LaPiana

Faculty Awards

Full-Time Faculty Article Richard Chused for "Art @aches"

Faculty From Practice Article Andrew Scherer for "Stop the Violence: A Taxonomy of Measures to Abolish Evictions"

Adjunct Faculty Article

Heather E. Cucolo '03 for "'I Saw Guns and Sharp Swords in the Hand of Young Children': Why Mental Health Courts for Juveniles With Autism Spectrum Disorder and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum/ Disorder Are Needed" (co-written with Michael Perlin and Deborah Dorfman)

Student Awards

Monica Fainshtein for "Examining Students' Right to Privacy, Parental Interests, and the Schools Caught in the Middle"

Andrew Shenberg for "Betting on the Future: Regulating Microtransactions in Video Games and Proposing Comprehensive Consumer Protections"

STUDENT REMARKS

Keehle Amicon

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 Ryen Cinski Monica Fainshtein Esfandiar Zoujaji Caitlin McGuire Haley Schwalm

^{*} 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.

ORDER OF EXERCISES (continued)

THE ALFRED L. ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDING OF PRIZES

Presentation by Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Matt Gewolb

Keehle Amicon Ryen Cinski Jake Finkelstein Taylor Foster Caitlin McGuire Zachary Refinski Haley Schwalm Colin Smith

AWARDING OF KATHLEEN GRIMM Introduction and Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell Carla B. Freedman '88

MEDAL

United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York

(2021-2025)

STUDENT REMARKS

Lachanee Scott

CONFERRING OF STUDENT DEGREES Introduction of Candidates

Professor Ann F. Thomas Professor Claudine Caracciolo Professor Gaynor Cunningham

Dean Kim Hawkins Professor Justin Murray Professor Andrew Scherer Assistant Dean Ilyse A. Wofse

Presentation of Candidates Dean Anthony W. Crowell

Conferring of Degrees Gerald C. Crotty '76

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WELCOME

President, New York Law School Alumni Association

CLOSING REMARKS Dean Anthony W. Crowell

RECESSIONAL Two Voluntaries—Henry Purcell Honors and Prizes 133rd Commencement | 9

Degrees With Honors*

Summa Cum Laude

Keehle Amicon Isabelle McGovern Ryen Cinski Faigy Wilmowsky Jake Finkelstein Esfandiar Zoujaji

Megan Johannesen

Magna Cum Laude

Hallie Bader Brett McAllister Becs Chant Caitlin McGuire Elizabeth Cox Maya Moskowitz Megan Crocco Sean O'Connor Monica Fainshtein Kevin Piekarski Taylor Foster Zachary Refinski Natalie Halpin Dakota Risi Zachary Kimmick Ethan Schaer Haley Schwalm Gabriella Landicino Colin Smith Ian Leighton Michael Sutnick Kyle Lometti

Mikaela Mahaney

Cum Laude

Julia Adinolfi Rachel Kastner Julia Applefeld Caroline Kelly Logan Arlen Sarah Khan Vanessa Belford Sam Kim Lynda Bigio Samuel Krull Rebecca Bliss Brian Lewis Rem Brar Gabriella Magras Pat Byrne Ismael Mamdu Joseph Capio Alexandra McCloy Morgan Celentano Ciara McGee Colleen McGuiness Hailey Chatlin Daniel Chernomaz Ashlin Miller Jillian Colombo Grady Miller Sarah Csanadi Mary Nasr Emilie Delannes-Molka Nicholas Pagliarulo Emily Fabbrini Stephen Pepe Jeremy Gottlieb Joshua Rashtian

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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 2024 semester will graduate with no less than those honors: cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude.

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

^{*} 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.

COMMENCEMENT PRIZES

SPECIAL AWARDS

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

Becs Chant Alexis Ho Breanna Steggell

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

Ian Leighton

HELEN AND ANDREW DOKAS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT

Louis Hunter-Lanza Meredith Innocent Anya Patterson Chelsea Ramjeawan Wendy Zeng

PROFESSOR STEPHEN J. ELLMANN CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION PRIZE

Megan Johannesen Ian Leighton

DANIEL FINKELSTEIN WRITING AWARD

Jake Finkelstein (no relation) for "How Good Is Good Cause? An Update on the Good Cause Eviction Law, Its Early Impact and Ambiguities"

ALEXANDER D. FORGER AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Kelly Jackson Jordan Karpoff Affan Nagi Mary Nasr Nimra Tariq

JOHN FRANCO '15 MEMORIAL AWARD

Viktorija Ansell Claudia Campos Martinez **Emily Wood**

JOSEPH SOLOMON AWARD FOR EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND FITNESS

Joseph Capio Monica Fainshtein Jeremy Gottlieb Natalie Halpin Teresa Lopez-Long Maya Moskowitz Ethan Schaer

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

Keehle Amicon for "The Jack Daniel's Hangover: Defining 'Trademark Use' and the Future of Rogers in Light of The Supreme Court's Decision"

STUDENT AMBASSADOR LEADERSHIP AWARD

Ryan Prasad, Chief Student Ambassador Elizabeth Griffiths Mary Nasr Lilly Pishvaian Joshua Rashtian Elaine Ynoa Castillo Wendy Zeng

LAW REVIEW AWARDS

MOOT COURT AWARDS

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

Brett McAllister Ashlin Miller

Colin Smith

MOOT COURT TEAM Julia Adinolfi

Hallie Bader

Steven Kilcommons

Brian Lewis

ROGER J. MINER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEW YORK

LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW

Joseph Capio Ryen Cinski Ethan Schaer Zachary Kimmick NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT AWARD FOR SERVING WITH DISTINCTION

Izzy Bruschi Joseph Capio Caroline Kelly Shelby Luria

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW AWARD FOR BEST NOTE

Kyle Lometti

NINA RICE '24 MOOT COURT BEST ADVOCATE

AWARD

Hallie Bader

ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS

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HONORARY ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS AWARD Adjunct Professor Addison O'Donnell

COMMENCEMENT PRIZES (to be announced)

These prizes will be awarded after computation of final grades and will be announced on the School's website and incorporated into a graduation awards program addendum for legacy and historical purposes.

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

ABRAHAM MARKHOFF WRITING AWARD (FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

PROFESSOR LUNG-CHU CHEN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS THE ABRAHAM "AVI" MUND PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW

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

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

THE DEAN'S AWARD FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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

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

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

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

WOODROW WILSON AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

ROSS GNESIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW

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

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

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Professor Vincent Lolordo Award for Excellence in Administration of Criminal Justice

PROFESSOR ALBERT KALTER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TAX LAW

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

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

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

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



ACADEMIC CENTER AND INSTITUTE ASSOCIATES

New York Law School is pleased to recognize the members of the Class of 2025 who have completed the curricular programs and projects required to be an associate of one of the School's academic centers and institutes.

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Alexander Reeser Katherine Flanagan

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Taylor Foster Maya Moskowitz Jed Henrichsen Mary Nasr

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.

Hussain Abidi Ariana Hartnell Sean O'Connor

Keehle Amicon Carmen Huang Nicholas Pagliarulo

Julia Applefeld Megan Johannesen Cindy Park Logan Arlen Sam Kim Stephen Pepe

Vanessa Belford Zachary Kimmick Zachary Refinski

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Joseph Capio Samuel Krull Andrea Rodriguez Morgan Celentano Gabriella Landicino Nicholas Rudolph

Ryen Cinski Kyle Lometti Ethan Schaer Elizabeth Cox Gabriella Magras Andrew Shenberg

Megan Crocco Mikaela Mahaney Dylan Shusterman Emilie Delannes-Molka Brett McAllister Colin Smith

Brianna Evans-Sheehan Michael Sutnick Alexandra McCloy Monica Fainshtein Isabelle McGovern Alison Whitney

Jake Finkelstein Caitlin McGuire Faigy Wilmowsky Taylor Foster Colin McNamara Esfandiar Zoujaji

Ashlin Miller Jeremy Gottlieb

Grady Miller

Natalie Halpin

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.

Rebecca Grigas Sarah Khan Madison Phillips

Natalie Halpin Shelby Luria Tyler Ramlal

Zahraa Hamka Alexandria Neri Sarah Sexton

Ranielle Nulman Alexis Ho Felicia Tabachnick

Kelly Jackson Abbey Paholski Nimra Tariq

Jordan Karpoff Maria Panikidis

JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION

The Journal of Legal Education is the scholarly journal of record for the Association of American Law Schools. New York Law School is responsible for its publication along with a partner law school, and relies on the work of a faculty and student editorial team. The journal focuses on issues confronting law school faculty and leadership as well as the most recent thinking, trends, and changes in the legal academy. We are pleased to recognize the graduating student editors for the Journal of Legal Education.

Keehle Amicon

Alexander Reeser

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.

Nora Brown Daniel Hubert Stephen Pepe

Joseph Capio Nyah Robertson Evangelia Korkis Morgan Celentano Gabriella Landicino Amir Sharif

Taylor Foster Brian Lewis

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.

Julia Adinolfi Elizabeth De Leon Brian Lewis Jonathan Avila Emilie Delannes-Molka Shelby Luria

Hallie Bader Kathryn Goodwin Alexandra McCloy

Emma Barg Zahraa Hamka Sajani Patel

Vanessa Belford Bridget Helbock Madison Phillips Rebecca Bliss Louis Hunter-Lanza Caroline Rogers Izzy Bruschi Caroline Kelly Chace Sibley Joseph Capio Sarah Khan Ansley Stevens

Steven Kilcommons Elaine Ynoa Castillo Kate Coogan

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.

Viktorija Ansell Carmen Huang Travis Nichols Miraz Rafaeli Jonathan Avila Louis Hunter-Lanza Mitchell Burr Alexa Lanzillotti **Emily Rooney** Alivia Cooney Olga Masliennikova Jack Rucigay Dallas Droz Eoghan McGovern Sydney Zaremba Sara Hosseini Ted Moran

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.

Hussain Abidi Julia Adinolfi Keehle Amicon Logan Arlen Alexis Arsenault Hallie Bader Vanessa Belford Lynda Bigio Rebecca Bliss Rem Brar Joseph Capio Morgan Celentano

Becs Chant Hailey Chatlin Daniel Chernomaz Ryen Cinski Kate Coogan Elizabeth Cox Megan Crocco Sarah Csandi

Emilie Delannes-Molka Emily Fabbrini Monica Fainshtein Jake Finkelstein Taylor Foster Dylan Gorodetsky Jeremy Gottlieb Harlyn Griffenberg Elizabeth Griffiths Jaclyn Gurevich Natalie Halpin Elle Hansen Ariana Hartnell

Carmen Huang Sharon Itin Kelly Jackson Frank Jereis Megan Johannesen Kristina Kane Rachel Kastner Caroline Kelly Nima Kian

Steven Kilcommons Sam Kim Zachary Kimmick Harry Kramer Samuel Krull Gabriella Landicino Ian Leighton

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Ashlin Miller Grady Miller Gabrielle Morris Maya Moskowitz Sean O'Connor

Nicholas Pagliarulo Maria Panikidis Stephen Pepe Kevin Piekarski Mohammad Qasam Tyler Ramlal

Joshua Rashtian Zachary Refinski Taylor Riggs Dakota Risi Andrea Rodriguez **Emily Rooney** Nicholas Rudolph Ethan Schaer Haley Schwalm

Lachanee Scott

Callie Shapiro Andrew Shenberg Dylan Shusterman Colin Smith John Stadler Breanna Steggell

Ansley Stevens Michael Sutnick Christian Villani Erin Wattley Alison Whitney Faigy Wilmowsky Wendy Zeng Esfandiar Zoujaji

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.

Julia Adinolfi Harlyn Griffenberg Eoghan McGovern Viktorija Ansell Elliott Haight Tiffany McKnight Jonathan Avila Jed Henrichsen Madison Phillips Hallie Bader Louis Hunter-Lanza Caroline Rogers Rebecca Bliss Kelly Jackson Ansley Stevens Mitchell Burr Cassidy Strong Gabriela Jimenez Jessica Chan Lexi Kovalsky Felicia Tabachnick Dallas Droz Brian Lewis Elaine Ynoa Castillo

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.

Kinda Alhanna Nicoletta Kolpakov Alexander Reeser

Nora Brown Tiffany McKnight Victoria DeGrezia Chelsea Ramjeawan

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.

Hussain Abidi Jed Henrichsen Mohammad Qasam

Pat Byrne Mary Nasr Kayla Satt

Claire Harrington Sean O'Connor Bridget Helbock Arya Parasnis

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 graduating Wilf Scholars.

Becs Chant Annie Jaffee Mary Nasr Taylor Foster Dakota Risi Ian Leighton Ariana Hartnell Maya Moskowitz Breanna Steggel

PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the world's largest moot court competition. Students represent fictional nations before a simulated panel of the International Court of Justice—the main judicial body of the United Nations—in a hypothetical dispute concerning issues of public international law. We are pleased to recognize the graduating members of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team.

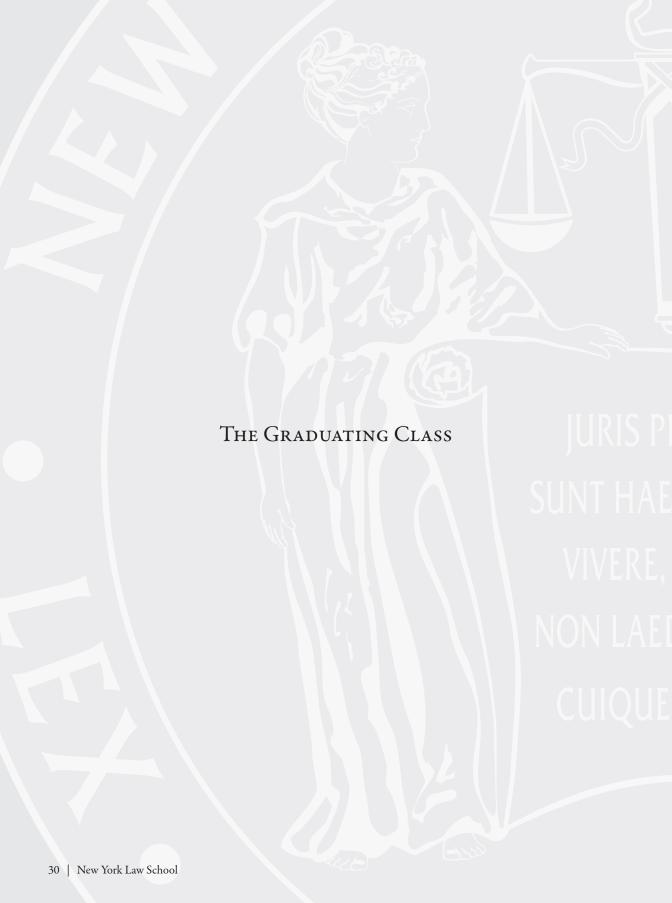
Evangelia Korkis

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.

Stephen Bomberger Evangelia Korkis Wendy Zeng

Morgan Celentano Carleigh Matthews Jeremy Gottlieb Michael Sutnick



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June 1, 2025 Candidates

Benjamin Carroll Sarah Zarbail

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February 1, 2025 September 1, 2024

Siqi You Ashley Blume Suzdean Heron

> Rachel Kastner Sydney Blumstein Rem Brar Amy Olson

J.D. CANDIDATES

June 1, 2025 and September 1, 2025

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Tricia Arcidiacono Michela Bello Claudia Campos Martinez

Josh Berndt Logan Arlen Joseph Capio Alexis Arsenault Lynda Bigio Morgan Celentano Elizabeth Ashton Rebecca Bliss Christina Cerio Stephen Bomberger Arisha Athar Carla Chan

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Ted Moran

Teresa Lopez-Long

Lilly Pishvaian

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President's Medal and KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL RECIPIENTS

President's Medal

CHRISTOPHER H. STEPHENS '84

New York Law School honors Christopher Stephens '84 for his leadership that improves the lives of countless people and nations around the globe. He represents the best of global leadership, the importance of international institutions, and the profound value of lawyers who dedicate their lives to public service and global cooperation.



Christopher Stephens is Senior Vice President and Group General Counsel of the World Bank, where he is a member of the Senior Leadership Team. He oversees the Group's legal functions, consisting of approximately 450 professionals located around the world. He is responsible for overall coordination and support on legal aspects of the Operational Activities of the World Bank, including lending, advisory services, country engagement, operational policies, development finance, trust funds and partnerships, and sanctions and anticorruption. He is also responsible for legal aspects of the corporate finance functions, financial risk, financial reporting, treasury functions, the Group's annual capital markets issuances of approximately \$60 billion in 15 different markets, asset management and corporate

investigations, and provides legal advice on human resources, procurement, information technology, ethics and external affairs, and is responsible for litigation and corporate governance. As a Group Officer, he also coordinates legal issues and risks across five institutions that comprise the World Bank Group.

From 2019 to 2022, Mr. Stephens was Vice President and General Counsel of International Finance Corporation, the private sector arm of the World Bank Group, and, prior to that, he was General Counsel of the Asian Development Bank from 2013 to 2019. Prior to joining the public sector, Mr. Stephens spent 29 years in private practice in New York and Asia, more recently as Managing Partner for Asia and a member of the Management Committee of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe.

At the World Bank, Mr. Stephens established the Law Advisory Services & Knowledge Unit to deliver law and judicial support and capacity-building services directly to member countries to support their economic development and strengthen judiciaries and other public institutions. The Unit supports countries with law reforms and knowledge products in areas including gender engagement, tax reforms, domestic resource mobilization, forest management, carbon markets and digital technologies, and advises judiciaries on strategies and operational efficiencies and effectiveness.

Mr. Stephens earned a J.D. from New York Law School and a B.A. from Colgate University.

KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL

Carla B. Freedman '88

New York Law School honors Carla Freedman '88 for her lifelong work delivering justice on behalf of the American people. The first woman confirmed as United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, she has dedicated her entire career to public service and represents the best of our Law School in protecting our communities and making our system of justice deliver just and fair results.



Carla B. Freedman was the United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York from October 8, 2021, through February 14, 2025, after being nominated by President Joseph R. Biden Jr. and confirmed by the Senate. Ms. Freedman is the first woman confirmed for this position in the Northern District of New York.

As U.S. Attorney, Ms. Freedman served as the Chair of the Controlled Substances Subcommittee of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee (AGAC). She was also a member of the AGAC's Violent and Organized Crime Subcommittee and Border and Immigration Subcommittee.

Ms. Freedman previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Syracuse office of the Northern District of New York from 2007 through 2021. She was a Supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorney and the Narcotics Chief from February 2018 through 2021. She also served as Deputy Narcotics Chief from 2016 through 2018.

Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ms. Freedman was an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office for 16 years. She was the Chief of the Asian Gang Unit from 1997 through 2004.

Ms. Freedman has prosecuted a wide array of crimes and offenses during her career with a focus on organized crime, violent crime, and drug trafficking offenses including, since 2009, illegal distribution of controlled substance analogues and newly scheduled synthetic drugs.

In April 2025, Ms. Freedman became the Deputy Administrator for Litigation at the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Ms. Freedman earned a J.D. from New York Law School and a B.A. from Syracuse University.

Honorary Degree Recipients

1955 to the Present

| 1955 | The Honorable Charles William Froessel, 1913 |
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| | The Honorable John Marshall Harlan, 1924 |
| | Archibald Robinson Watson |

- 1956 Denis O'Leary Cohalan Albert Cohn, 1908 Albert Conway
- Nathaniel L. Goldstein, 1918 Charles H. Griffiths, 1910 David W. Peck
- The Honorable Joseph A. Cox 1958 Hunter Labatut Delutour, 1906 James Thomas Hallinan II Gerald Nolan Ferdinand Pecora
- 1959 Bernard Botein Theodore Granik Philip M. Kleinfield, 1916 Edward J. Neary, 1915
- Charles Stewart Desmond 1960
- Robert Moses 1961
- Stanley Howells Fuld 1962 Sylvester Comstock Smith Jr., 1918 Murray Stockman, 1915
- Sydney E. Foster 1963
- George J. Beldock 1964 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
- Alfred J. Bohlinger, 1924 1967 Leo M. Cherne '34 The Honorable W. Averell Harriman

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- 1971 Willard Heckel John E. Scileppi
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- 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 Helpern 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
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- 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
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- 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

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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 |
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| | | 2005 | The Honorable Bob Kerrey |
| 1991 | The Honorable David N. Dinkins The Honorable John H. Sununu | 2006 | The Honorable Joel I. Klein |
| 1992 | The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor James F. Simon | 2007 | David Boies |
| | | 2008 | Dennis W. Archer |
| 1993 | Shepard Broad, 1927 Drew S. Days III | 2009 | Gregory H. Williams |
| | The Honorable Judith S. Kaye | 2010 | The Honorable Jonathan Lippman |
| 1994 | Bernard H. Mendik '58 | 2011 | The Honorable Cory A. Booker |
| 1995 | The Honorable José A. Cabranes Alexander D. Forger | 2012 | Kenneth R. Feinberg |
| 100/ | | 2013 | The Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg |
| 1996 | The Honorable Sidney H. Asch Boris Leavitt, 1926 | 2014 | Steven Banks |
| | The Honorable Jon O. Newman | 2015 | Joe Plumeri |
| 1997 | The Honorable Harry T. Edwards | 2019 | Cyrus R. Vance Jr. |
| | Dr. Raymond D. Horton | 2016 | The Honorable Robert A. Katzmann |
| | Lewis M. Steel '63 | | |
| 1998 | Joseph T. Arenson | 2017 | Preet Bharara Laura Ricciardi '96 |
| | Lawrence S. Huntington '64 Vernon E. Jordan Jr. | | |
| | | 2018 | The Honorable Stephen G. Breyer Alex Dimitrief |
| 1999 | The Honorable Guido Calabresi | | |
| 2000 | Sybil Shainwald '76 | 2019 | Nicholas Haysom |
| | Harry H. Wellington The Honorable Ralph K. Winter | 2021 | Joan Fishman |
| 2001 | • | | The Honorable Letitia James |
| 2001 | Taylor R. Briggs (posthumously) Ira Glasser | 2022 | The Honorable Judith Sheindlin '65 |
| | The Honorable Judith B. Sheindlin '65 | 2023 | The Honorable Kathy Hochul |
| 2002 | The Honorable Pierre N. Leval The Honorable Charles E. Schumer | 2024 | The Honorable Sylvia O. Hinds-Radix |

2003 The Honorable Jack B. Weinstein

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

2025

CHRISTOPHER H. STEPHENS '84

Senior Vice President and Group General Counsel,

World Bank Group

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, including 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.

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THE HONORABLE FAVIOLA A. SOTO '78 KATHLYN H. SALAZAR '20

Judge, New York State Court of Claims

2016 MARAYA ABOLY-BROWN '21

CHRISTINE MAGGIORE'16

2022

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THE HONORABLE DAKOTA RAMSEUR'97 **JOSEPH H. ROCHMAN '22** Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York, **FARIMA RUSTEMI'22**

New York County

2017

2018 **DILARA GUVERCIN'23**

MONIQUE BAPTIST '18

2024 NELDRA M. ZEIGLER '79 **ALEXANDRA OGUNSANYA '24**

Former Deputy Commissioner of Equal Employment Opportunity, New York City

Police Department

CARLA B. FREEDMAN'88 DOUGLAS ZEIGLER'81

United States Attorney for the Northern District Executive Agency Counsel

of New York (2021-2025) New York City Department of Correction

2019

EDWARD CHUKWUEMEKE OKEKE '97

Senior Counsel, World Bank

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.

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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; and Zygmunt "Zygi" Wilf, principal owner of the Minnesota Vikings of the NFL and member of the School's Board of Trustees.

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 belowwhich 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. The following spring, the School announced a historic expansion of clinical and experiential learning programs, doubling the number of clinics.

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 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. In November 2015, the School received a five-million dollar gift from Joe and Susan Plumeri through The Joe Plumeri Foundation, establishing The Plumeri Center to strengthen the School's legal clinics and provide space for extensive simulation training in both the first-year Legal Practice program and upper-level courses. To further students' opportunities to gain critical hands-on training while providing substantial and meaningful legal and business assistance to New York's small business and innovator/entrepreneur community, The Center became The Plumeri Center for Small Business Empowerment in 2024.

During the 2016-17 academic year, The National Law Journal recognized the School among the top 50 law schools nationally for most alumni promoted to law firm partnerships, and Law Street Media ranked the School second nationally for "Top Schools for Real Estate Law."

The School issued its bold new five-year Strategic Plan in 2020. 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 further reframed the Plan to support the recovery of the city, state, and nation.

In spring 2021, recognizing the growing demand for inhouse counsel and financial services roles, especially in helping with businesses' pandemic recovery, the School

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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 and the Ronald H. Filler Institute for Financial Servicesnamed in honor of Professor Emeritus Ronald H. Fillerto provide students with opportunities to gain the critical lawyering skills needed to navigate the complexities of a post-pandemic financial landscape.

During the 2021-22 academic year, 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. It also formalized 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. The same year, New York Law School 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.

New York Law School announced a historic ten-million dollar gift from Arthur Abbey '59 and Diane Abbey in 2023. 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 Abbeys' 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.

In fall 2024, building on a 30-year legacy of success and in-depth New York City coverage, the School's Center for New York City Law, founded by Samuel Seabury Professor Ross Sandler, was re-launched as the Center for New York City and State Law with an expanded set of programs led by Dean Crowell as the Center's new Faculty Director and a team of experts on city and state government issues.

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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