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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 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.

hom W. Crowell

Anthony W. Crowell Dean and President Professor of Law

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2024 - 25

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## Order of Exercises

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 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL	Introduction and Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell Christopher H. Stephens '84 Senior Vice President and Group General Counsel World Bank Group
COMMENCEMENT Address	Christopher H. Stephens '84

AWARDING OF PRIZES	Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Awards Presentation by Dean of Faculty William P. LaPiana	
	<b>Faculty Awards</b> Full-Time Faculty Article Richard Chused for "Art ©aches"	
	Faculty From Practice Article Andrew Scherer for "Stop the Vio Abolish Evictions"	olence: A Taxonomy of Measures to
	With Autism Spectrum Disorder	Mental Health Courts for Juveniles
	<b>Student Awards</b> Monica Fainshtein for "Examinin Parental Interests, and the School	
	Andrew Shenberg for "Betting or Microtransactions in Video Gam Consumer Protections"	n the Future: Regulating es and Proposing Comprehensive
STUDENT REMARKS	Keehle Amicon	
AWARDING OF PRIZES	THE FINALISTS FOR THE TRUST FOR THE HIGHEST AVERAGE* Presentation by Dean of Faculty W Day Division Ryen Cinski	Villiam P. LaPiana Evening Division Monica Fainshtein
	Esfandiar Zoujaji	Caitlin McGuire

\* 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.

Haley Schwalm

# ORDER OF EXERCISES (continued)

AWARDING OF PRIZES	THE ALFRED L. ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE 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 MEDAL	<i>Introduction and Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell</i> Carla B. Freedman '88 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
	<b>Presentation of Candidates</b> Dean Anthony W. Crowell
	<b>Conferring of Degrees</b> Gerald C. Crotty '76 First Vice Chair, Board of Trustees
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME	E. Drew Britcher '84 President, New York Law School Alumni Association
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Anthony W. Crowell
RECESSIONAL	<i>Two Voluntaries</i> —Henry Purcell

# Honors and Prizes

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# 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
Hame 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
Gabriella Landicino	Haley Schwalm
Ian Leighton	Colin Smith
Kyle Lometti	Michael Sutnick
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
Hailey Chatlin	Colleen McGuiness
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
Harlyn Griffenberg	Andrea Rodriguez
Jaclyn Gurevich	Dylan Shusterman
Holly Habyan	John Stadler
Elle Hansen	Breanna Steggell
Ariana Hartnell	Ansley Stevens
Carmen Huang	Anthony Vespa
Arfah Imran	Christian Villani
Sharon Itin	Erin Wattley
Annie Jaffee	Alison Whitney
Kristina Kane	Wendy Zeng

\* 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 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).

### **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

MOOT COURT TEAM

Steven Kilcommons Brian Lewis

Julia Adinolfi

Hallie Bader

FACULTY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL NATIONAL TO THE NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW Brett McAllister Ashlin Miller Colin Smith

ROGER J. MINER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEW YORK NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT AWARD LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW FOR SERVING WITH DISTINCTION Joseph Capio Izzy Bruschi Ryen Cinski Joseph Capio Ethan Schaer Caroline Kelly Zachary Kimmick 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 Julia Adinolfi Hallie Bader **Rebecca** Bliss Izzy Bruschi Joseph Capio Kate Coogan Elizabeth De Leon Bridget Helbock Steven Kilcommons Brian Lewis Madison Phillips

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

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 DEAN'S AWARD FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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

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

PROFESSOR ALBERT KALTER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TAX LAW

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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)

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

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

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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

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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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# 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.

### Center for Business and Financial Law

Sandra Abdellal	Gabriela Jimenez	Ted Moran
Jake Abrams	Thaima Jorge-Borges	Joshua Rashtian
Roan Alamari	Sarah Khan	Katherine Romanowski
Victoria DeGrezia	Nicoletta Kolpakov	Dylan Shusterman
Victoria Gilliams	Samuel Krull	Omar Simreen
Jonathan Ho	Ismael Mamdu	Michael Sutnick
Arthur Iskhakov	Mikayla Monaco	

### **Center for International Law**

Roan Alamari	Donghyun Kim	Omar Simreen
Arisha Athar	Nicoletta Kolpakov	Michael Sutnick
Nico Boutaugh	Carleigh Matthews	Emily Wood
Katherine Flanagan	Alexander Reeser	

### CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY AND STATE LAW

Logan Arlen	Kristina Kane	Lilly Pishvaian
Sheila Barrios	Gabriella Landicino	Chelsea Ramjeawan
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Nico Boutaugh	Alexis Marking	Cassidy Strong
Jillian Colombo	Maya Moskowitz	

### **Center for Real Estate Studies**

Hussain Abidi	Augustine Kang	Anya Patterson
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Katherine Avazis	Marcella Li	Katherine Romanowski
Sheila Barrios	Teresa Lopez-Long	Lachanee Scott
Michela Bello	Mikaela Mahaney	Alexa Tsuker
Jake Finkelstein	Ismael Mamdu	

### INNOVATION CENTER FOR LAW AND TECHNOLOGY

Chase Behar	Mariah Lewis	Jack Rucigay
Hailey Chatlin	Danielle Marshall	Evan Schuval
Rosemia Chiara	Colleen McGuiness	Bingyan Shi
Alivia Cooney	Mina Milinkovic	Angelina Skinkle
Emilie Delannes-Molka	Ranielle Nulman	Peter Vicchio
Sharon Itin	Chelsea Ramjeawan	
Nicoletta Kolpakov	Caroline Richards	

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Jake Abrams	Arthur Iskhakov	Miraz Rafaeli
Kinda Alhanna	Sharon Itin	Steven Reinhold
Katherine Avazis	Thaima Jorge-Borges	Nicholas Reyes
Lynda Bigio	Gabrielle Kaplun	Caroline Richards
Elizabeth De Leon	Sarah Khan	Andrea Rodriguez
Kelsey Dekshenieks	Donghyun Kim	Samantha Schultz
Elissa Doumith	Nicoletta Kolpakov	Omar Simreen
Jessie Estrin	Irene Kontonicolas	Angelina Skinkle
Tess Friedman	Janie Mai	John Stadler
Zane Gaguine	Josie Middione	Jillian Vlacancich
Joseph Gravina	Ashlin Miller	Ethan Zucker

### WILF IMPACT CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

Alexis Ho	Arya Parasnis
Sarah Horn	Dakota Risi
Annie Jaffee	Julianna Risi
Megan Johannesen	Haley Schwalm
Jordan Karpoff	Breanna Steggell
Ian Leighton	Sydney Zaremba
Maya Moskowitz	
Mary Nasr	
	Sarah Horn Annie Jaffee Megan Johannesen Jordan Karpoff Ian Leighton Maya Moskowitz

### 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	Natalie Halpin	Sean O'Connor
Keehle Amicon	Ariana Hartnell	Nicholas Pagliarulo
Julia Applefeld	Carmen Huang	Cindy Park
Logan Arlen	Megan Johannesen	Stephen Pepe
Vanessa Belford	Zachary Kimmick	Zachary Refinski
Rebecca Bliss	Samuel Krull	Dakota Risi
Joseph Capio	Gabriella Landicino	Andrea Rodriguez
Morgan Celentano	Kyle Lometti	Nicholas Rudolph
Ryen Cinski	Gabriella Magras	Ethan Schaer
Elizabeth Cox	Mikaela Mahaney	Andrew Shenberg
Megan Crocco	Brett McAllister	Dylan Shusterman
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Brianna Evans-Sheehan	Isabelle McGovern	Michael Sutnick
Monica Fainshtein	Caitlin McGuire	Alison Whitney
Jake Finkelstein	Colin McNamara	Faigy Wilmowsky
Taylor Foster	Ashlin Miller	Esfandiar Zoujaji
Jeremy Gottlieb	Grady Miller	

# 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 Natalie Halpin Zahraa Hamka Alexis Ho Kelly Jackson Jordan Karpoff Sarah Khan Shelby Luria Alexandria Neri Ranielle Nulman Abbey Paholski Maria Panikidis Madison Phillips Tyler Ramlal Sarah Sexton Felicia Tabachnick Nimra Tariq

# 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 Joseph Capio Morgan Celentano Taylor Foster Daniel Hubert Evangelia Korkis Gabriella Landicino Brian Lewis Stephen Pepe Nyah Robertson Amir Sharif

# 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
Kate Coogan	Steven Kilcommons	Elaine Ynoa Castillo

# 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 Jonathan Avila Mitchell Burr Alivia Cooney Dallas Droz Sara Hosseini

Carmen Huang Louis Hunter-Lanza Alexa Lanzillotti Olga Masliennikova Eoghan McGovern Ted Moran Travis Nichols Miraz Rafaeli Emily Rooney Jack Rucigay Sydney Zaremba

# 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 Mariah Lewis Kyle Lometti Gabriella Magras Mikaela Mahaney Alyssa Maisner Brett McAllister Alexandra McCloy Ciara McGee Eoghan McGovern Isabelle McGovern Colleen McGuiness Caitlin McGuire Colin McNamara 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 Viktorija Ansell Jonathan Avila Hallie Bader Rebecca Bliss Mitchell Burr Jessica Chan Dallas Droz Harlyn Griffenberg Elliott Haight Jed Henrichsen Louis Hunter-Lanza Kelly Jackson Gabriela Jimenez Lexi Kovalsky Brian Lewis Eoghan McGovern Tiffany McKnight Madison Phillips Caroline Rogers Ansley Stevens Cassidy Strong Felicia Tabachnick 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 Nora Brown Victoria DeGrezia Nicoletta Kolpakov Tiffany McKnight Chelsea Ramjeawan Alexander Reeser

# 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 Pat Byrne Claire Harrington Bridget Helbock Jed Henrichsen Mary Nasr Sean O'Connor Arya Parasnis Mohammad Qasam Kayla Satt

# 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	Ian Leighton	Dakota Risi
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 Morgan Celentano Jeremy Gottlieb Evangelia Korkis Carleigh Matthews Michael Sutnick Wendy Zeng

# The Graduating Class

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## LL.M. IN TAXATION

### June 1, 2025 Candidates

Benjamin Carroll Sarah Zarbail

# J.D. GRADUATES

September 1, 2024

February 1, 2025

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### Ashley Blume Sydney Blumstein Rem Brar

Suzdean Heron Rachel Kastner Amy Olson

# J.D. CANDIDATES

### June 1, 2025 and September 1, 2025

Sandra Abdellal	Katherine Avazis	Elana Borovinskiy
Hussain Abidi	Jonathan Avila	Nico Boutaugh
Jake Abrams	Ming Bacharach	Gino Bova
Julia Adinolfi	Hallie Bader	Allegra Brill
Roan Alamari	Emma Barg	James Brockway
Isis Alava	Sheila Barrios	Nora Brown
Kinda Alhanna	Aline Barros Valentim	Izzy Bruschi
Keehle Amicon	James Bedell	Taylor Buchanan
Viktorija Ansell	Chase Behar	Mitchell Burr
Julia Applefeld	Vanessa Belford	Pat Byrne
Tricia Arcidiacono	Michela Bello	Claudia Campos Martinez
Logan Arlen	Josh Berndt	Joseph Capio
Alexis Arsenault	Lynda Bigio	Morgan Celentano
Elizabeth Ashton	Rebecca Bliss	Christina Cerio
Arisha Athar	Stephen Bomberger	Carla Chan

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Zahraa Hamka Elle Hansen Claire Harrington Avery Harris Ariana Hartnell Bridget Helbock Rebecca Henderson Jed Henrichsen Noelia Herrera Alexis Ho Jonathan Ho Sarah Horn Sara Hosseini Carmen Huang Daniel Hubert Colleen Hughes Louis Hunter-Lanza Arfah Imran Meredith Innocent Arthur Iskhakov Sharon Itin Kelly Jackson Annie Jaffee Frank Jereis Gabriela Jimenez Megan Johannesen Anica Johnson Thaima Jorge-Borges Erva Kalkan Arthur Kamsan Kristina Kane

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Shelby Luria Hasan Lutaf Gabriella Magras Mikaela Mahaney Janie Mai Alyssa Maisner Wynn Maloney Ismael Mamdu Jason Marin Alexis Marking Sam Marks Danielle Marshall Olga Masliennikova Aytan Masturov Carleigh Matthews Brett McAllister Alexandra McCloy Ciara McGee Eoghan McGovern Isabelle McGovern Colleen McGuiness Caitlin McGuire Kristin McInnes Tiffany McKnight Colin McNamara Josie Middione Mina Milinkovic Ashlin Miller Grady Miller Mikayla Monaco Ted Moran

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### June 1, 2025 and September 1, 2025

Ethan Schaer Gabriella Poth Ryan Prasad Samantha Schultz Evan Schuval Mohammad Qasam Miraz Rafaeli Haley Schwalm Chelsea Ramjeawan Lachanee Scott Tyler Ramlal Lauren Setteducato Joshua Rashtian Sarah Sexton Alexander Reeser Callie Shapiro Zachary Refinski Amir Sharif Sofia Shchukina Eric Reichenberg Steven Reinhold Andrew Shenberg Evan Sherman Nicholas Reyes Caroline Richards Bingyan Shi Taylor Riggs Dylan Shusterman Dakota Risi Chace Sibley Julianna Risi Omar Simreen Angelina Skinkle Arran Robertson Colin Smith Nyah Robertson Andrea Rodriguez Kuldeep Solanki John Stadler Caroline Rogers Eliana Stavrakis Katherine Romanowski Soph Romeu Breanna Steggell Emily Rooney Ansley Stevens Jack Rucigay Cassidy Strong Nicholas Rudolph Alexis Sussman Michael Sutnick Kayla Satt

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President's Medal and Kathleen Grimm Medal Recipients

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#### 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.

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## 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
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- 1958 The Honorable Joseph A. Cox 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
- 1960 Charles Stewart Desmond
- 1961 Robert Moses
- 1962 Stanley Howells FuldSylvester Comstock Smith Jr., 1918Murray 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
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- 1968 The Honorable Ramsey Clark Tom C. Clark David Finkelstein Orison S. Marden Robert Morris Morgenthau Edward Joseph Mortola
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- 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. HelmsleyE. 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 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
- 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

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- Alvin J. Bronstein '51Linda A. FairsteinThe Honorable Milton L. Williams '63
- 1991 The Honorable David N. Dinkins The Honorable John H. Sununu
- 1992 The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor James F. Simon
- 1993 Shepard Broad, 1927 Drew S. Days III The Honorable Judith S. Kaye
- 1994 Bernard H. Mendik '58
- 1995 The Honorable José A. Cabranes Alexander D. Forger
- 1996 The Honorable Sidney H. Asch Boris Leavitt, 1926 The Honorable Jon O. Newman
- 1997 The Honorable Harry T. Edwards Dr. Raymond D. Horton Lewis M. Steel '63
- 1998 Joseph T. Arenson Lawrence S. Huntington '64 Vernon E. Jordan Jr.
- 1999 The Honorable Guido Calabresi
- 2000 Sybil Shainwald '76 Harry H. Wellington The Honorable Ralph K. Winter
- 2001 Taylor R. Briggs (posthumously) Ira Glasser The Honorable Judith B. Sheindlin '65
- 2002 The Honorable Pierre N. Leval The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
- 2003 The Honorable Jack B. Weinstein

- 2004 The Honorable Alexis M. Herman Anthony Lewis
- 2005 The Honorable Bob Kerrey
- 2006 The Honorable Joel I. Klein
- 2007 David Boies
- 2008 Dennis W. Archer
- 2009 Gregory H. Williams
- 2010 The Honorable Jonathan Lippman
- 2011 The Honorable Cory A. Booker
- 2012 Kenneth R. Feinberg
- 2013 The Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg
- 2014 Steven Banks
- 2015 Joe Plumeri Cyrus R. Vance Jr.
- 2016 The Honorable Robert A. Katzmann
- 2017 Preet Bharara Laura Ricciardi '96
- 2018 The Honorable Stephen G. Breyer Alex Dimitrief
- 2019 Nicholas Haysom
- 2021 Joan Fishman The Honorable Letitia James
- 2022 The Honorable Judith Sheindlin '65
- 2023 The Honorable Kathy Hochul
- 2024 The Honorable Sylvia O. Hinds-Radix

# 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.

2015	2020
THE HONORABLE FAVIOLA A. SOTO '78	KATHLYN H. SALAZAR '20
Judge, New York State Court of Claims	
	2021
2016	MARAYA ABOLY-BROWN '21
<b>CHRISTINE MAGGIORE '16</b>	
	2022
2017	FATIN ASSAF '22
THE HONORABLE DAKOTA RAMSEUR '97	JOSEPH H. ROCHMAN '22
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New York County	
	2023
2018	DILARA GUVERCIN '23
MONIQUE BAPTIST '18	
NELDRA M. ZEIGLER '79	2024
Former Deputy Commissioner of Equal	ALEXANDRA OGUNSANYA '24
Employment Opportunity, New York City	
Police Department	2025
DOUGLAS ZEIGLER '81	CARLA B. FREEDMAN '88
Executive Agency Counsel	United States Attorney for the Northern District
New York City Department of Correction	of New York (2021–2025)
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 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. 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 Services named in honor of Professor Emeritus Ronald H. Filler to 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. RAECEPTA C, HONESTE Alterum Dere, Suum Tribuere



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