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127TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

May 20, 2019

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dear Members of the Class of 2019:

On behalf of the New York Law School Board of Trustees and Faculty, congratulations on reaching this extraordinary moment in your lives and in the life of the School. 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.

The role of lawyers has never been more paramount. You are joining a diverse profession whose work is essential to every aspect of a free, democratic, and just society. The world we live in today presents new opportunities and challenges to use your legal training to protect the rights of others, build the global economy of tomorrow, and guide the advancement of new technologies. It is thus fitting that we gather in Lincoln Center, a dazzling icon of the ambitious and creative spirit for which New York City is known.

Never doubt that New York Law School will be by your side as you grow professionally. As you've heard me say, an engaged School community is a happy, strong, and successful one. Our goal has been to create a family-like atmosphere to ensure that we are partners in this endeavor. During your time as a student, that meant providing the most supportive and effective learning environment possible. Now that you are a graduate, we, of course, remain your partner, your ally, and your champion.

The study of law is not easy, nor is it supposed to be. It is not a luxury, but a privilege. Because of New York Law School, because of your drive, because of the support of our community, and your family and friends, you are ready for your new journey. The benefits of your labor will be realized over a rewarding lifelong career. But take nothing for granted; leave nothing to chance. Make focus, preparation, and hard work your priorities. Be present and accountable in every moment you are called on for your knowledge and leadership. Your clients, colleagues, family, friends, and you yourself deserve no less. And remember, the greatest counterweight to privilege is gratitude. Be grateful for what you have been given and what you have achieved, and use your power to enable the many who need you and your talents.

No matter where you go, continue to draw on this great city as a source of inspiration that both shares and shapes our values: diversity, opportunity, professionalism, integrity, empathy, service to others, leadership, innovation, and—of course—the drive and ambition to be the very best. That's what makes us *New York's law school*.

Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony W. Crowell".

Anthony W. Crowell
Dean and President, Professor of Law

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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 Frank A. Bress
Professor Nadine Strossen

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1, Op. 39—Sir Edward Elgar
Triumphal March, Aida—Giuseppe Verdi

GREETINGS

Dean Anthony W. Crowell

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Rachel Rosado

INTRODUCTION OF ESTEEMED ALUMNI

Dean Anthony W. Crowell

AWARDING OF PRIZES

CLASS OF 2019 TEACHING AWARD
Presentation by Alexandra Simels
Professor Nadine Strossen

AWARDING OF PRIZES
(continued)

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

Faculty Awards

Full-Time Faculty Books

Nadine Strossen for *Hate: Why We Should Resist It with Free Speech*
and Ari Ezra Waldman for *Privacy as Trust: Information Privacy for
an Information Age*

Full-Time Faculty Article

Stacy-Ann Elvy for “Commodifying Consumer Data in the Era of
the Internet of Things”

Adjunct Faculty Article

Heather Ellis Cucolo '03 for “Representing People With Mental
Disabilities: Sex Offender Registration”

Student Awards

Phoenix Marino for “New York City Property Taxes and Appeals:
A Systemic Subversion of Constitutional Rights”

James Tilghman for “History Counts. The Only Significant Question
Is How.”

STUDENT REMARKS

Barbie Melendez

AWARDING OF PRIZES

THE FINALISTS FOR THE TRUSTEES' PRIZE
FOR THE HIGHEST AVERAGE

Presentation by Associate Dean William P. LaPiana

February 2019 Graduates

*June/September 2019 Candidates**

Sarah LeMaster (Day)

Cassandra Baloga (Day)

Seth LeMaster (Day)

Melissa Toback (Day)

Timothy Ramos (Evening)

Nicole Santora (Evening)

STUDENT REMARKS

William Gosling

AWARDING OF PRIZES

THE ALFRED L. ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
Presentation by Associate Dean William P. LaPiana

Sarah LeMaster

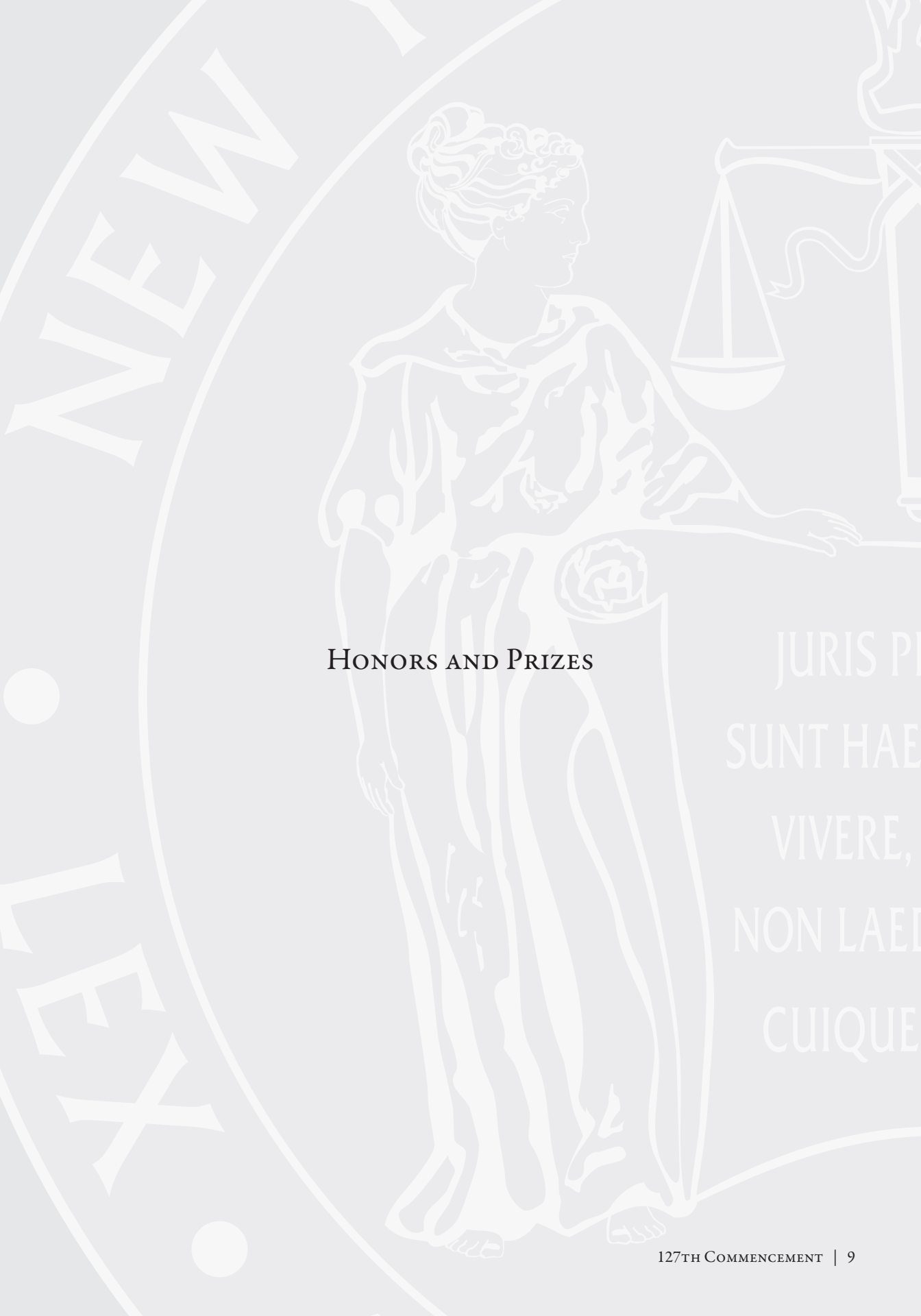
Seth LeMaster

Nicole Santora

* 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)

STUDENT REMARKS	Zaniah Maynor
AWARDING OF PRESIDENT’S MEDAL	<i>Introduction and Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell</i> Virginia Sher Ramadan ’84 Diplomat, Law Professor, and Immigration Policy Advisor
AWARDING OF KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL	<i>Introduction and Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell</i> Edward Chukwuemeke Okeke ’97 Senior Counsel World Bank
CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE	DOCTOR OF LAWS (LL.D.) <i>Introduction by Dean Anthony W. Crowell</i> <i>Presentation by Arthur N. Abbey ’59</i> Nicholas Haysom Special Advisor on Sudan to the Secretary-General United Nations
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Nicholas Haysom
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME	Pamela O. Foster ’00 President, New York Law School Alumni Association
CONFERRING OF STUDENT DEGREES	Introduction of Candidates Professor Ann F. Thomas Professor Susan J. Abraham Professor Doni Gewirtzman Professor Martha R. Hochberger Professor Frank W. Munger Professor Edward A. Purcell Jr. Professor Jacob S. Sherkow Presentation of Candidates Dean Anthony W. Crowell Conferring of Degrees Arthur N. Abbey ’59
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Anthony W. Crowell
RECESSIONAL	<i>Two Voluntaries</i> —Henry Purcell



HONORS AND PRIZES

JURIS P
SUNT HAE
VIVERE,
NON LAED
CUIQUE

DEGREES WITH HONORS

February 1, 2019

Summa Cum Laude

Sarah LeMaster

Seth LeMaster

Magna Cum Laude

Jeannie Calcano*

Cum Laude

Erika Pedersen*

PROVISIONAL HONORS**

June 1, 2019

Based on fifth-semester grades for Day Division students and seventh-semester grades for Evening Division students. Final honors will be determined after all grades are posted in June.

Summa Cum Laude

Cassandra Baloga

Nicole Santora

Shawna Burke

James Tilghman

Michael Kelley

Melissa Toback

Timothy Ramos

Magna Cum Laude

Joseph Bielek

Meghan O'Brien

Molly Burke

Michael O'Rourke

Melanie Daly

Anne Powderly

Christopher Fernandez

Justin Schwarz

Myra Guevara

Sofia Sequeira Murillo

Patrick Kennedy

Jessica Simon

Tiffany Kong

Tanya Warnke

Gabrielle Murray

Jasmin Wilhelm

Cum Laude

Mehreen Ahmed	Phoenix Marino
Zachary Ankier	Kaitlin McEwan
Alyssa Bain	Daniel McKenna
Evan Brocato	Monica Meiterman-Rodriguez
Carla Caballero	Kelsey Miller
Ryan Callinan	Jennifer Mittasch
Carissa Caukin	John Muldoon
Michael Collins	John O'Sullivan
Scott Doherty	William Pekarsky
Erin Dyles	Connor Peters
Vanessa Franco	Sara Reidy
Sarah Fucci	Nicole Reinhardt
Jaryda Gonzalez	Lucy Reynoso
Michael Granatelli	Rachel Rosado
Cortlan Hitch	Robert Rothman
Thamanna Hussain	Lauren Schreck
Emily Jewell	Jessica Soares
Ashley Johnston	Christin Spinelli
Moshe Katz	Rachel Tarzia
Nicholas Klubeck	Tammy Tran
Dana Mallon	

*Two-Year J.D. Honors Program

**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. It is possible to have provisional honors granted for the Commencement ceremony but ultimately not to have final honors confirmed after graduation if a student's grade point average is not in the top 25 percent of the graduating class.

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

Wesley Brandt
Melissa Toback
Martina Watson

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

Alyssa Bain

THE DEAN'S AWARD FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Alyssa Bain
Sophia Barclay
Ehiguina Borha
Wesley Brandt
Ryan Callinan
Corinne Chen
Jenna D'Attilo
Dennis Futoryan
Michael Granatelli
Holly Hickman
Corinne Hilber
Thamanna Hussain
Maverick James
Michael Kelley
Tiffany Kong
Zaniah Maynor
James McGowan
Amelia Persaud
Anne Powderly
Danney Salvatierra
Cosette Shachnow
Lili Shainis
Alexandra Simels
Tammy Tran
Natchaya Vutrapongvatana

HELEN & ANDREW DOKAS MEMORIAL
AWARD FOR EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT

Phoenix Marino

PROFESSOR STEPHEN J. ELLMANN
CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION PRIZE

Alyssa Bain

ALEXANDER D. FORGER AWARD FOR
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE
PROFESSION

Thamanna Hussain
Emma Pletenycky

JOHN FRANCO '12 MEMORIAL AWARD

Patrick Conway

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

Victoria Volpe

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN
LAWYERS HONOREES

Anne Powderly

JOSEPH SOLOMON AWARD FOR EXCELLENT
CHARACTER AND FITNESS

Melanie Daly
Christopher Fernandez
Timothy Ramos
Sofia Sequeira Murillo

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

Jessica Simon for "An Unintended Violation
of Public Policy: How Notice of Claim Time
Limits Applied to Potential Medical Malpractice
Claims Against Government Hospitals Can
Frustrate Justice and Negatively Impact Patient
Safety"

LAW REVIEW AWARDS

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

Ryan Callinan
Sarah Fucci
Patrick Kennedy
Justin Schwarz

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

Nicole Santora

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW AWARD
FOR BEST NOTE

James Tilghman

MOOT COURT AWARDS

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT
ASSOCIATION BEST ADVOCATE AWARD

Christopher Fernandez
Nicole Santora

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL NATIONAL
MOOT COURT TEAM

Kelly Burke
Christopher Fernandez
Daniel McKenna
Nicole Santora

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT
AWARD FOR SERVING WITH DISTINCTION

Ethan Binder
Corinne Hilber
Marissa Monteiro
Lili Shainis

NOAH P. MELNICK MEMORIAL
MOOT COURT AWARD

Christin Spinelli

ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS

Ehiguina Borha
Kelly Burke
Christopher Fernandez
Corinne Hilber
Daniel McKenna
Marissa Monteiro
Olivia Robertson
Danney Salvatierra
Nicole Santora
Lili Shainis

HONORARY ORDER OF THE
BARRISTERS AWARD

Professor Susan J. Abraham

COMMENCEMENT PRIZES (to be announced)

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

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



CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY LAW FELLOWSHIP



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



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



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



DANIEL FINKELSTEIN WRITING AWARD



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



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



ROSS GNESIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW



PROFESSOR ALBERT KALTER AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN TAX LAW



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

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



ABRAHAM MARKHOFF WRITING AWARD
(FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION)



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



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



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



WOODROW WILSON AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY
IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW



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



NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION AWARDS

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

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

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



RECOGNITION

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SUNT HAE
VIVERE,
NON LAED
CUIQUE

ACADEMIC CENTER ASSOCIATES

New York Law School is pleased to recognize the members of the Class of 2019 who have completed the curricular programs and projects required to be an associate of one of the School's six academic centers.

Hatire Aikebaier

Impact Center for Public Interest Law

Samantha Albanese

Center for New York City Law

Nathaniel Amirian

Center for Real Estate Studies

Zachary Ankier

Center for Real Estate Studies

Julian Bachu

Center for Business and Financial Law

Alyssa Bain

Impact Center for Public Interest Law

Edward Baker

Center for Real Estate Studies

Akash Balaggan

Impact Center for Public Interest Law

Allyson Balcolm

Center for International Law

Cassandra Baloga

Innovation Center for Law and Technology

Sophia Barclay

Impact Center for Public Interest Law

Bryan Beirola

Center for Business and Financial Law

Joseph Bielek

Center for Business and Financial Law

Ethan Binder

Impact Center for Public Interest Law

Wesley Brandt

Impact Center for Public Interest Law

Karalyn Buono

Innovation Center for Law and Technology

Shawna Burke

Center for Business and Financial Law

Center for International Law

Ryan Callinan

Center for International Law

Kayla Canasi-Di Scala

Center for Business and Financial Law

Corinne Chen

Center for International Law

Innovation Center for Law and Technology

Shan Chen

Center for Business and Financial Law

Center for International Law

Center for Real Estate Studies

Yeshey Choden

Center for Business and Financial Law

Chynna Clark

Impact Center for Public Interest Law

Na'Asia Cobb

Center for Real Estate Studies

Thomas Columbia
Center for New York City Law
Center for Real Estate Studies

Kaylin Cullum
Impact Center for Public Interest Law

Courtney Deblois
Center for International Law

Daniela De Faria
Center for Business and Financial Law

Scott Doherty
Center for Business and Financial Law
Center for International Law

Erin Dyles
Center for International Law
Center for Real Estate Studies

Karla Fortis
Center for Business and Financial Law

Sarah Fucci
Center for International Law

Stephanie Gomez
Center for International Law

Jaryda Gonzalez
Innovation Center for Law and Technology

Brian Grinberg
Center for International Law

Katherine Hammons
Center for International Law
Center for Real Estate Studies

Mary Holmes
Center for International Law

Thamanna Hussain
Innovation Center for Law and Technology

Maverick James
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Impact Center for Public Interest Law

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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.

Cassandra Baloga	Ashley Johnston	Lucy Reynoso
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Molly Burke	Patrick Kennedy	Robert Rothman
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Sarah Fucci	Kevin Pack	Tanya Warnke
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Emily Jewell	Timothy Ramos	

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.

Jhoanna Batista

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Carissa Caukin

Corinne Chen

Melanie Daly

Courtney Deblois

Brian Grinberg

Myra Guevara

Tiffany Kong

Dana Mallon

James McGowan

Kelsey Miller

Dhiren Patel

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Gina Pittore

Victoria Walker

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.

Ethan Binder

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Kelly Burke

Christopher Fernandez

Dennis Futoryan

William Gosling

Corinne Hilber

Michael Kelley

Daniel McKenna

Marissa Monteiro

Erika Pedersen

Nicole Reinhardt

Olivia Robertson

Danney Salvatierra

Nicole Santora

Lili Shainis

Christin Spinelli

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Robin Wills

Monique Zabihzadeh

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.

Zachary Ankier

Maria Filindarakis

Dakota McCauley

Jhoanna Batista

Argenis Gonzalez

Daniel McKenna

Ethan Binder

Emelia Johnson

Amelia Persaud

Chynna Clark

Moshe Katz

Rachel Rosado

Alexander Davis

Jason Krinsky

Cosette Shachnow

Gabrielle Esposito

Emily Losquadro

Luke Shemeth

Christopher Fernandez

Zaniah Maynor

Jessica Soares

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.

Mehreen Ahmed	Alicia Jantsch	Athena Papaporfiriou
Zachary Ankier	Emily Jewell	William Pekarsky
Alyssa Bain	Ashley Johnston	Anne Powderly
Edward Baker	Moshe Katz	Marisa Powell
Cassandra Baloga	Michael Kelley	Kaela Raboy
Bryan Beirola	Patrick Kennedy	Timothy Ramos
Joseph Bielek	Nicholas Klubeck	Sara Reidy
Wesley Brandt	Tiffany Kong	Arelys Reyes
Evan Brocato	Eliezer Lekht	Lucy Reynoso
Molly Burke	Sarah LeMaster	Rachel Rosado
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Scott Doherty	Monica Meiterman-Rodriguez	Mary Solimine
Erin Dyles	Jannelys Mercedes	Christin Spinelli
Amin Fernandez	Jaclyn Millar	Andrew St. Cyr
Christopher Fernandez	Kelsey Miller	Rachel Tarzia
Vanessa Franco	Jennifer Mittasch	Ashley Tighe
Sarah Fucci	LeeAnn Monteverde	James Tilghman
Christina Galante	John Muldoon	Tammy Tran
Jaryda Gonzalez	Meghan O'Brien	Tanya Warnke
Myra Guevara	Michael O'Rourke	Jasmin Wilhelm
Cortlan Hitch	John O'Sullivan	
Thamanna Hussain	Kevin Pack	

ADVOCACY PROGRAM CERTIFICATES

The 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 members of the Class of 2019 who have completed the courses required to earn an Advocacy Certificate.

David Abrakhaimov

Isabel Hernandez

Selvana Nilaj-Colon

Alyssa Bain

Holly Hickman

Michael O'Rourke

Akash Balaggan

Alexandra Iorio

Jessica Plutchok

Ethan Binder

Olivia Kaplan

Nicole Reinhardt

Carissa Caukin

Moshe Katz

Megan Schnader

Chynna Clark

Jason Krinsky

Cosette Shachnow

Alexander Davis

Richell Lisboa

Jessica Soares

Gabrielle Esposito

Emily Losquadro

Tammy Tran

Vanessa Franco

Daniel Martorelli

Alison Wallace

Stephanie Gomez

Zaniah Maynor

Monique Zabihzadeh

Argenis Gonzalez

Marissa Monteiro

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 members of the Class of 2019 who have earned this distinction.

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Shan Chen

Patrick Conway

Lisa Derrick

Valerie Hernandez

Colin Jacobson

Ashley Johnston

Heskel Kahen-Kashi

David Mateen

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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.

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Molly Burke

Julie Dantoni

Moshe Katz

Tiffany Kong

Monica Meiterman-Rodriguez

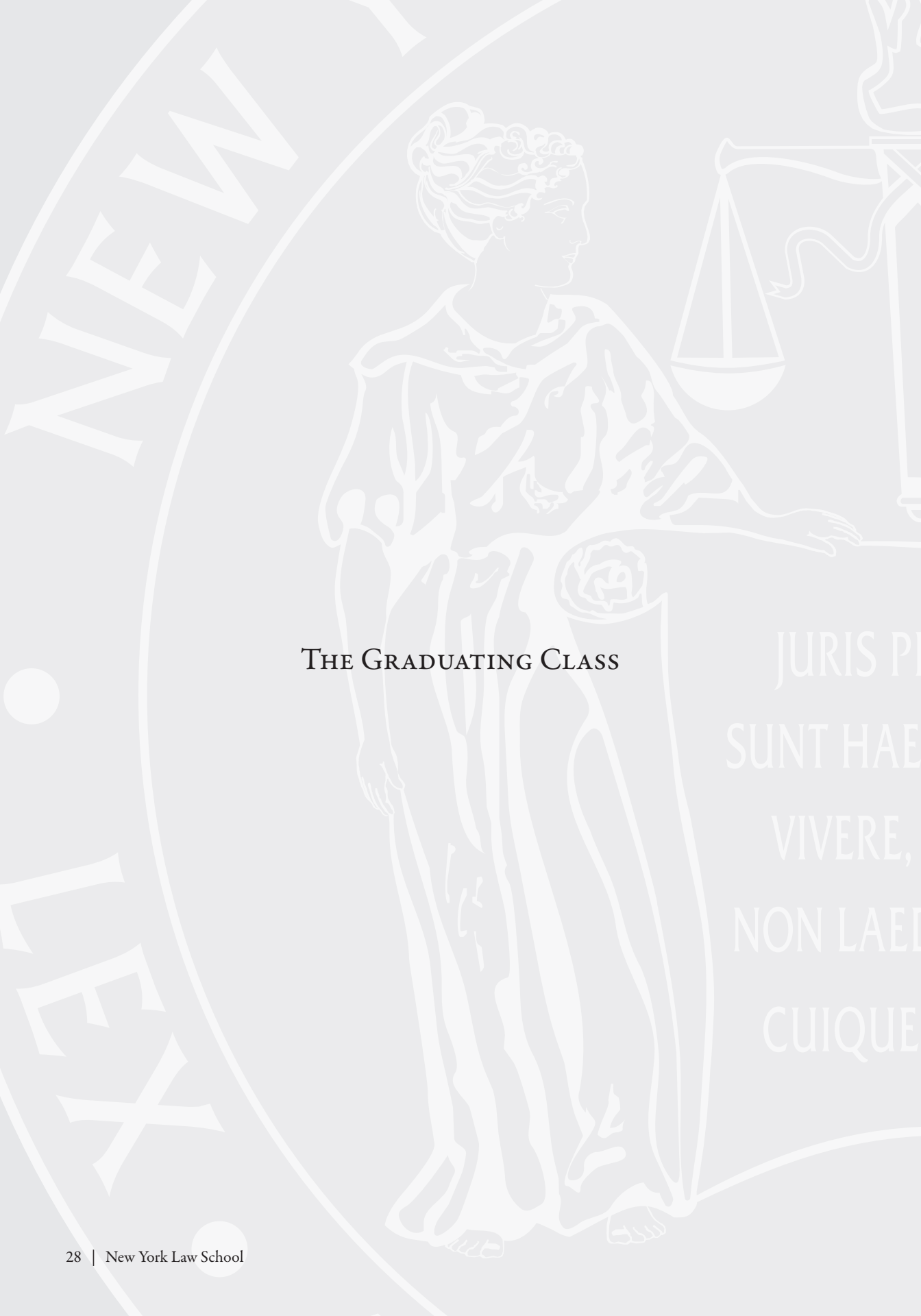
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LL.M. IN TAXATION

February 1, 2019 Graduates

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Adam Sandler

Sheryl Shah

Jeremy Slotnick

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Kim Baker

William Conklin

Chris DeFilippis

Reina Garrett

Daniel Granatell

Carrie Jordan

Lionel Kuate Talom

Richard Kwon

Anne Maly

Colin Pearce

Elizabeth Perrelli

Joseph Stackhouse

Robin Wakefield

September 1, 2019 Candidate

Lynne Summers

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Karla Fortis

Giancarlo Ghione

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HONORARY DEGREE, DOCTOR OF LAWS

NICHOLAS HAYSOM

New York Law School honors Nicholas Haysom for his example of how lawyers can forge lasting peace, his decades of work to strengthen the institutions that support a just society, and his historic role in championing freedom for all people.



Nicholas Haysom is a South African lawyer and diplomat who has focused his career on democratic governance, constitutional and electoral reforms, and peacemaking. He is currently a Special Advisor to the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General on the political crisis in Sudan.

Mr. Haysom began his career as a student activist in the 1970s. He was elected President of the Student Representative Council at the University of Cape Town and President of the National Union of South African Students. The South African apartheid government detained him and placed him under house arrest for periods during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

After earning his law degree, Mr. Haysom helped found a prominent human rights law firm. He also served as a Senior Researcher and later Associate Professor of Law at the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at Wits University in Johannesburg, South Africa.

In 1994, he was appointed Senior Legal Advisor to President Nelson Mandela, a position he held until 1999. In the role, he advised President Mandela on the implementation of a new rights-based constitutional order. President Mandela's judgment would be critical in stabilizing the nation, ensuring the effective functioning of the Government of National Unity, and preserving an independent judiciary.

In 2005, after advising on various constitutional reform initiatives and peace processes in Africa and Asia, he was recruited by the UN to head its Office of Constitutional Support in Baghdad, Iraq. In 2007, he was appointed Political Director in the Office of the Secretary-General, advising on political, peacekeeping, humanitarian, and human rights matters. Between 2012 and 2016, he led the UN mission in Afghanistan, where he worked to resolve the outcome of a hotly contested election and to engage with stakeholders, including the Taliban, on a peace process that struggled to take definite form.

He subsequently served as Special Envoy of the Secretary-General to Sudan and South Sudan. There, his principal task was to help revitalize a peace agreement between the two main rival parties in South Sudan that had dramatically collapsed in 2016, leading to a brutal ethnic conflict. In 2018, he was appointed Head of the UN Mission in Somalia; he served in that role until he was expelled from Somalia on January 1, 2019 after seeking an investigation into alleged human rights abuses by Somali security forces.

Mr. Haysom earned his law degree from the Universities of Natal and Cape Town in South Africa. In 2012, he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Cape Town.

VIRGINIA SHER RAMADAN '84

New York Law School honors Virginia Sher Ramadan '84 for her distinguished career representing the United States as a diplomat in unique and challenging environments and for her leadership of major programs dedicated to strengthening the rule of law globally.



Virginia Sher Ramadan '84 is a diplomat, law professor, and immigration policy advisor who, in her distinguished career with the U.S. Department of State, has spearheaded significant rule of law programs around the world.

Ms. Ramadan served in the State Department for 22 years, both overseas and in Washington, D.C., before retiring in 2017. Her career as a Foreign Service Officer was split between leading large consular and visa operations and creating, implementing, and overseeing multi-million-dollar rule of law, security assistance, cultural, and educational programs throughout the Middle East and Latin America.

She most recently served as Consul General and Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs for the U.S. Mission to Saudi Arabia. In that role, she managed consular and visa operations throughout the Kingdom during a period of sudden and extreme change in U.S. immigration policy and law.

As Visa Chief for the U.S. Embassy in Mexico from 2011 to 2013, she oversaw one of the world's largest visa operations and led her team in successfully managing a record-breaking surge of two million visa applications in a one-year period.

From 2009 to 2011, she led the Office of Iraq Programs in the State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. She oversaw essential preparation for the U.S. Military's withdrawal from Iraq, including securing funding to transition key criminal justice initiatives from military to civilian leadership.

In 2005, Ms. Ramadan became the first U.S. Public Affairs Officer in Tripoli, Libya following a 25-year gap in diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Libya. In spring 2012 she returned to Libya following the revolution that led to Muammar Gaddafi's fall to help reopen the Public Affairs Section for the U.S. Mission in Tripoli. She also held high-ranking posts in Lebanon, the Bahamas, and Brazil during her State Department service.

Her teaching career includes 14 years at New York Law School, where from 1986 to 1999, she taught Property Law and Wills, Trusts, and Future Interests, as well as electives in Immigration Law and International Business Transactions. From 2013 to 2015, she taught strategy and policy at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Ms. Ramadan began her career as a Foreign Service Officer in Brazil and Tunisia. She earned her J.D. from New York Law School *summa cum laude* and her LL.M. in International Law from Columbia Law School. She holds a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and an M.B.A. from the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL

EDWARD CHUKWUEMEKE OKEKE '97

New York Law School honors Edward Chukwuemeke Okeke '97 for his more than two decades of public service in international law and development, as well as his devotion to upholding the international institutions that enable nations to work together in service of peace and prosperity worldwide.



For more than two decades, Edward Chukwuemeke Okeke '97 has promoted and defended the legal position of major international organizations committed to preserving the rule of law, peace, security, and economic development around the world.

He is currently Senior Counsel at the World Bank, in Washington, D.C., where he has worked since 2005. In this role, he provides legal advice on corporate, administrative, and institutional affairs; defends the organization before the World Bank Administrative Tribunal in its internal justice system; and manages external litigation against the organization.

Mr. Okeke previously worked in Paris at UNESCO, a United Nations (UN) specialized agency that seeks to build peace through international cooperation in education, the sciences, and culture. From 2001 to 2005, as a Legal Officer for UNESCO, he represented the agency before its Appeals Board and the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization, another specialized UN agency. He also advised on international institutional and administrative law matters.

From 1992 to 2001, he served in the UN Office of the Legal Counsel in New York. In the role, he worked on the establishment of the Registry of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the special international criminal court created by the UN following the Rwandan genocide. He also served in the UN's Administrative Law Unit where, among other duties, he represented the Secretary-General before the UN's Joint Appeals Board and Joint Disciplinary Committee.

Mr. Okeke is an acclaimed expert on the privileges and immunities of international organizations. In May 2018, he published a book, *Jurisdictional Immunities of States and International Organizations* (Oxford University Press), that examines the immunity of foreign states and international organizations from the jurisdiction of national courts. The book includes a foreword by the President of the International Court of Justice.

Mr. Okeke is the recipient of the Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Award from New York Law School and the Albert S. Pergam International Law Writing Competition Award from the New York State Bar Association. He has been published in *Arbitration International* and has contributed to *The Conventions on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies: A Commentary* (Oxford University Press).

He earned his J.D. from New York Law School *cum laude* and his B.S. in Social Sciences from the University of Lagos in Nigeria.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

1955 to the Present

- 1955 The Honorable Charles William Froessel 1913
The Honorable John Marshall Harlan '24
Archibald Robinson Watson
- 1956 Denis O'Leary Cohalan
Albert Cohn 1908
Albert Conway
- 1957 Nathaniel L. Goldstein 1918
Charles H. Griffiths 1910
David W. Peck
- 1958 The Honorable Joseph A. Cox
Hunter Labatut Delatour 1906
James Thomas Hallinan II
Gerald Nolan
Ferdinand Pecora
- 1959 Bernard Botein
Theodore Granik
Philip M. Kleinfeld 1916
Edward J. Neary 1915
- 1960 Charles Stewart Desmond
- 1961 Robert Moses
- 1962 Stanley Howells Fuld
Sylvester Comstock Smith Jr. 1918
Murray Stockman 1915
- 1963 Sydney E. Foster
- 1964 George J. Beldock
Hunter Labatut Delatour 1906
Alfred Gross
- 1965 Marvin R. Dye
Edwin L. Weisel
The Honorable David T. Wilentz 1917
- 1966 Daniel Gutman
John Van Voorhis
- 1967 Alfred J. Bohlinger '24
Leo M. Cherne '34
The Honorable W. Averell Harriman
- 1968 The Honorable Ramsey Clark
Tom C. Clark
David Finkelstein
Orison S. Marden
Robert Morris Morgenthau
Edward Joseph Mortola
- 1969 Jerry Finkelstein '38
John-Seward Johnson
John Vincent Thornton
- 1970 Adrian P. Burke
Joseph I. Lubin '30
Joseph Edward Lumbard Jr.
Samuel Miller '26
- 1971 Willard Heckel
John E. Scileppi
- 1972 Maurice R. Greenberg '50
Samuel Rabin
The Honorable Whitney North Seymour Jr.
- 1973 The Honorable Paul J. Curran
Charles H. Dyson
Harry B. Helmsley
E. Donald Shapiro
The Honorable Joseph Weintraub
- 1974 The Honorable Brendan T. Byrne
Walter M. Jeffords Jr.
Samuel J. LeFrak
The Honorable Owen McGivern
- 1975 The Honorable Charles D. Breitel
William J. Curran
Gen. John Einar Murray
The Honorable Peter W. Rodino Jr.
Stefan Treschel
The Honorable Robert F. Wagner 1900
William Weary

- 1976 The Honorable Warren E. Burger
Milton Helpen
Mary Gardiner Jones
Gen. Rowland F. Kirks
Harry Ostrov '25
The Honorable Edward D. Re
Joseph Solomon '27
- 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 '21
The Honorable Lowell P. Weicker Jr.
- 1984 The Honorable Geraldine A. Ferraro
The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham Jr.
Eugene V. Rostow
Robert B. Stevens
Otto L. Walter '54
- 1985 The Honorable Mario M. Cuomo
Robert B. McKay
Bill Moyers
The Honorable Ellen Ash Peters
Donna E. Shalala
- 1986 Barbara Aronstein Black
The Honorable William Joseph Brennan Jr.
The Honorable Edward I. Koch
Myres Smith McDougal
The Honorable Spottswood W. Robinson III
- 1987 Fred W. Friendly
Ellen V. Futter
The Honorable Thomas Howard Kean
Frederick A.O. Schwarz Jr.
- 1988 Archibald R. Murray
Ernst C. Stiefel
The Honorable Patricia McGowan Wald
- 1989 J. William Campo
The Honorable Roger J. Miner '56

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS (continued)

1955 to the Present

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| 1990 | Alvin J. Bronstein '51
Linda A. Fairstein
The Honorable Milton L. Williams '63 | 2002 | The Honorable Pierre N. Leval
The Honorable Charles E. Schumer |
| 1991 | The Honorable David N. Dinkins
The Honorable John H. Sununu | 2003 | The Honorable Jack B. Weinstein |
| 1992 | The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor
James F. Simon | 2004 | The Honorable Alexis M. Herman
Anthony Lewis |
| 1993 | Shepard Broad '27
Drew S. Days III
The Honorable Judith S. Kaye | 2005 | The Honorable Bob Kerrey |
| 1994 | The Honorable Rudolph W. Giuliani
Bernard H. Mendik '58 | 2006 | The Honorable Joel I. Klein |
| 1995 | The Honorable José A. Cabranes
Alexander D. Forger | 2007 | David Boies |
| 1996 | The Honorable Sidney H. Asch
Boris Leavitt '26
The Honorable Jon O. Newman | 2008 | Dennis W. Archer |
| 1997 | The Honorable Harry T. Edwards
Dr. Raymond D. Horton
Lewis M. Steel '63 | 2009 | Gregory H. Williams |
| 1998 | Joseph T. Arenson
Lawrence S. Huntington '64
Vernon E. Jordan Jr. | 2010 | The Honorable Jonathan Lippman |
| 1999 | The Honorable Guido Calabresi | 2011 | The Honorable Cory A. Booker |
| 2000 | Sybil Shainwald '76
Harry H. Wellington
The Honorable Ralph K. Winter | 2012 | Kenneth R. Feinberg |
| 2001 | Taylor R. Briggs (posthumously)
Ira Glasser
The Honorable Judith B. Sheindlin '65 | 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 |

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 '27

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 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

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

KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL RECIPIENTS

2015 to the Present

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

2015

THE HONORABLE FAVIOLA A. SOTO '78

Judge, New York State Court of Claims

2019

EDWARD CHUKWUEMEKE OKEKE '97

Senior Counsel, World Bank

2016

CHRISTINE MAGGIORE '16

2017

THE HONORABLE DAKOTA RAMSEUR '97

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

2018

MONIQUE BAPTIST '18

NELDRA M. ZEIGLER '79

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

DOUGLAS ZEIGLER '81

Executive Agency Counsel
New York City Department of Correction

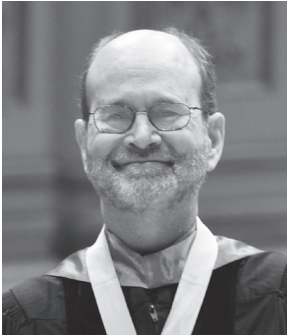


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IN MEMORIAM

PROFESSOR STEPHEN J. ELLMANN



New York Law School mourns the loss of Professor Stephen J. Ellmann, who passed away on March 8, 2019, and who, at the School's 2018 Commencement, was awarded the President's Medal for his extraordinary and lasting contributions to our community.

Professor Ellmann was a deeply kind individual and a keen scholar who wrote prolifically about human rights, South Africa in the aftermath of apartheid, and the rule of law. For many years, he co-chaired the School's South Africa Reading Group, an interdisciplinary group of scholars. Shortly before he passed away, he completed his master work, *And Justice for All: Arthur Chaskalson and the Struggle for Equality in South Africa*. The book chronicles the remarkable life

and legacy of the late Arthur Chaskalson, the first President of South Africa's Constitutional Court and Professor Ellmann's friend for many years.

Professor Ellmann was also an expert in clinical legal education. In 1985, he launched the Clinical Theory Workshop, in which law professors from around the nation have presented papers on various aspects of clinical education. He also wrote extensively on the skills and ethics of lawyers' interviewing and counseling of clients.

To honor Professor Ellmann, New York Law School has established the Stephen J. Ellmann Judicial Fellowship, which will allow committed students to work as Judicial Fellows in South Africa, where they will continue to advance the rule of law. In addition, the individual appointed to direct clinical and experiential learning at New York Law School will forever be called The Stephen J. Ellmann Director of Clinical and Experiential Learning, in recognition of Professor Ellmann's dedication to helping students grow into skilled and compassionate lawyers.

ABOUT NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

We are New York's Law School

FOUNDING

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

THE EARLY YEARS

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

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

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

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

Alfred Mudge of Mudge, Rose, Guthrie & Alexander; Jacob Scholer of Kaye Scholer LLP; and Albert Milbank and Walter Hope of Milbank, Tweed, Hope & Hadley.

Classes of the 1920s, and 1930s produced graduates who would play leading roles in the profession. Among the most notable was U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan II. Other prominent graduates included Albert Parker, a founding partner of Parker, Chapin, Flattau & Klimpl; Cameron F. MacRae, a former Chair of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae; Conover English, a founding partner of McCarter & English; David Wilentz, a founding partner of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer; Chester Carlson, who invented the xerography process leading to the founding of Xerox Corporation; and the Honorable Emilio Nuñez, the first Latino to be named to the bench in New York State.

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

POST-WAR REBUILDING

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

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

Many graduates who were students during these years achieved prominence in the bar, the judiciary, government, and business. They include the late Honorable Roger J. Miner, Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; the late Bernard Mendik, former Chair of the Real Estate Board of New York and former CEO of

Mendik Properties; and the late Kathleen Grimm, Deputy Chancellor of Operations, New York City Department of Education. Other prominent alumni from that period include Maurice Greenberg, former Chair and CEO of American International Group (AIG) and current Chair and CEO of C.V. Starr and Co. Inc.; Arthur N. Abbey, Senior Partner at Abbey Spanier, LLP and current Chair of the School's Board of Trustees; Lawrence S. Huntington, former Chair and CEO of Fiduciary Trust International and former Chair of the School's Board of Trustees; the Honorable Judith Sheindlin, known as "Judge Judy," New York family court judge, author, and TV personality; Zygmunt Wilf, principal owner of the Minnesota Vikings of the NFL and member of the School's Board of Trustees; and Kenneth D. Werner, President of Warner Brothers Domestic Television Distribution.

RECENT LEADERSHIP AND GROWTH

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

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

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

building—five stories above ground and four below—which opened in 2009.

"NEW YORK'S LAW SCHOOL" AND THE FUTURE

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

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

In fall 2012, New York Law School was the first law school to announce an initiative to identify and create new experiential learning opportunities for students that would help provide the community with access to justice and help students satisfy the 50-hour pro bono requirement for admission to the bar. Dean Crowell worked with the School's faculty to expand its experiential and clinical learning programs, thereby encouraging all students to connect their classroom learning to practical legal training. In spring 2013, the School announced a historic expansion of clinical and experiential learning programs, doubling the number of clinics from 13 to 26 in one year. Dean Crowell also initiated the Dean's

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Leadership Council: 1L students who perform in the top 25 percent of their class are invited to take part in a special series of dialogues with the Dean and top city leaders in law, business, and government.

In July 2013, the School issued a provocative and groundbreaking Strategic Plan, which garnered national attention. The Plan focuses on five areas: Academic Excellence and Innovation, Career Success, Intellectual Life, Community Engagement, and Operations. As outlined in the Plan, the School is focused on the high-growth fields of tomorrow: business and financial services; intellectual property and privacy; and government and public interest law—all of which encompass what will be the major areas of employment over the next 10 to 20 years. In 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 the School issued *Strategic Plan Progress and Outcomes*, its annual reports on the progress made and outcomes achieved in implementing the Strategic Plan. Development of a new Strategic Plan is now underway.

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

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

In November 2015, the School received a \$5 million dollar gift from Joe and Susan Plumeri through The Joe Plumeri Foundation. The gift supports the School's nationally recognized practical training programs by establishing The Joe Plumeri Center for Social Justice and Economic Opportunity. The Plumeri Center is home to the School's law firm, which provides free, high-quality legal services to a diverse client base from all of New York City. The Plumeri Center also houses the School's legal clinics that serve clients, provides the space for extensive simulation training in both the first-year Legal Practice program and upper-level courses, and includes a moot court room with an accompanying jury deliberation room.

These and other initiatives have earned New York Law School great visibility. During the 2016–17 year, *The National Law Journal* recognized the School as among the top 50 law schools nationally for most alumni promoted to law firm partnerships, and *Law Street Media* ranked the Law School second nationally for “Top Schools for Real Estate Law.” In the 2018–19 year, the School again earned highest grades for Intellectual Property Law and Technology Law, recognition for its diversity efforts, and other accolades, from *preLaw* magazine, and the School's LL.M. in Taxation was ranked No. 1 among *New York Law Journal* readers for the ninth consecutive year.

Engaging the School's constituents—from students to alumni to faculty to employers and other leaders and influencers—is a key component of Dean Crowell's strategy. The School embraces its location in the heart of the city's legal, government, and financial districts and provides students with unmatched opportunities to gain valuable practical experience and build the foundation for meaningful and successful careers in every sector of the economy.



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