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# 129TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

May 27, 2021

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



### Dear Members of the Class of 2021:

On behalf of the New York Law School Board of Trustees and Faculty, congratulations! You have overcome extraordinary challenges on your pathway to joining the legal profession. You should be proud of your resilience, determination, and commitment to the law today and every day.

I am honored to have served as your Dean. Together, we navigated a once-in-a-lifetime global pandemic. I watched with pride as you rose to the challenge by working remarkably hard, adapting to unprecedented changes, navigating personal difficulties, and advocating for your classmates and communities.

You have emerged from this experience prepared to help our city, state, and nation recover from the past year—and to build a better future. The pandemic has laid bare deep injustices. It is both a calling and a gift that as lawyers, you are part of an enduring effort to create a society that is fair and equitable for all.

As you prepare for the bar exam and practice, 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.

Remember always that you are part of a 130-year-old community of strivers, dreamers, and doers. We are #NYLSStrong like the city that inspires us. You will always be part of New York's law school. And now, you join the ranks of our distinguished alumni.

I can't wait to celebrate in person with you, your family, and your friends. For now, we gather in spirit and in shared commitment to the ideals of our profession. I know you will make us all proud.

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

Anthony W. Crowell  
Dean and President, Professor of Law

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2020–21

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Lillian M. Spiess  
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Dao Sun  
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Prescott D. Ulrey  
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Karen E. Varriale '97  
Jerry Vattamala  
Alan M. Vinegrad  
Nancy C. Waite  
Amy L. Wallace  
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Dorothy M. Weber  
Hon. Marc J. Whiten '84  
Jeffrey M. Wice  
Hon. Patricia A. Williams  
Stacy L. Wu  
Justin A. Xenitelis '06

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

GREETINGS	Dean Anthony W. Crowell
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	Alexis Dairman
OPENING REMARKS	Dean Anthony W. Crowell
REFLECTIONS ON THE	Corey Gibbs
NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY	<i>Student Bar Association President</i>
AWARDING OF KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL	<i>Introduction and Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell</i> Maraya Aboly-Brown, Class of 2021
AWARDING OF PRESIDENT’S MEDAL	<i>Introduction and Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell</i> Joan Fishman, Associate Dean George H. Hayes, Vice President of Institutional Project Management Susan Redler, Vice President of Finance
CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE	DOCTOR OF LAWS (LL.D.) <i>Introduction and Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell</i> Joan Fishman, Associate Dean Hon. Letitia James, New York State Attorney General
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Hon. Letitia James



## ORDER OF EXERCISES (continued)

### AWARDING OF PRIZES

#### OTTO L. WALTER DISTINGUISHED WRITING AWARDS

*Presentation by Associate Dean William P. LaPiana*

##### **Faculty Awards**

Full-Time Faculty Books

Edward A. Purcell Jr. for *Antonin Scalia and American Constitutionalism*

Full-Time Faculty Article

Richard Chused for “Charging Bull, Fearless Girl, Artistic Composition, and Copyright”

Adjunct Faculty Article

Paul Marrow for “Artificial Intelligence and Arbitration: The Computer as an Arbitrator—Are We There Yet?”

##### **Student Awards**

Abigail DeMasi for “Krawiec v. Manly”

Heidi Moore for “Fields v. Speaker of Pennsylvania House of Representatives”

### STUDENT REMARKS

Nicollette Alvarez

### AWARDING OF PRIZES

#### THE FINALISTS FOR THE TRUSTEES’ PRIZE FOR THE HIGHEST AVERAGE

*Presentation by Associate Dean William P. LaPiana*

Anthony Balzofiore (Day)

Collin Marino (Day)

David McNamara (Evening)

Heidi Moore (Evening)

Joanna Moskwa (Evening)

Mariella Rutigliano (Day)

### AWARDING OF PRIZES

#### THE ALFRED L. ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

*Presentation by Associate Dean William P. LaPiana*

Michael Falbo

Heidi Moore

Francesca Rogo

Nirali Shah

### STUDENT REMARKS

Kayla Santosuosso

\* 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)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
WELCOME

Johnny T. Vasser Jr. '11  
President, New York Law School Alumni Association

CONFERRING OF  
STUDENT DEGREES

**Introduction of Candidates**

Professor Ann F. Thomas  
Professor Camille Broussard  
Professor Richard Chused

Professor Martha R. Hochberger  
Dean Oral Hope  
Professor Edward A. Purcell Jr.

**Presentation of Candidates**

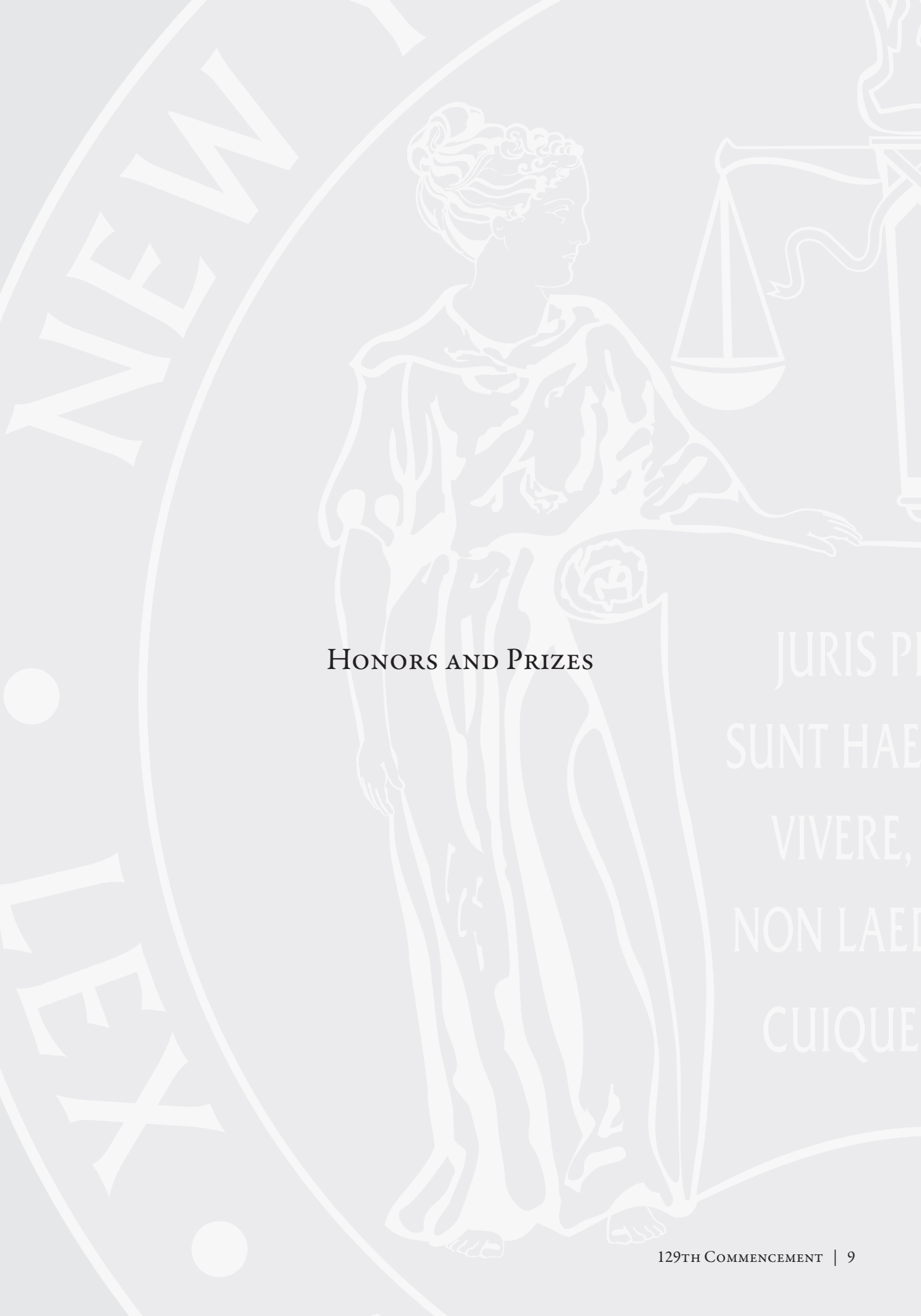
Dean Anthony W. Crowell

**Conferring of Degrees**

Arthur N. Abbey '59

CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Anthony W. Crowell



## HONORS AND PRIZES

JURIS P  
SUNT HAE  
VIVERE,  
NON LAED  
CUIQUE

# DEGREES WITH HONORS

**February 1, 2021**

*Magna Cum Laude*

Samuel Mendelson

*Cum Laude*

Andrew Frenkel

Elizabeth Lee

## PROVISIONAL HONORS\*

**June 1, 2021**

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*

Anthony Balzofiore

Heidi Moore

Christopher Lynch

Joanna Moskwa

Collin Marino

Mariella Rutigliano

*Magna Cum Laude*

Zachary Bailey

Hannah Lebel

Jenna Bazzurro

Shlomo Leshkowitz

Katherine Cappeller

Gina Marini

Filip Cukovic

Lucia McMurray

Abigail DeMasi

David McNamara

David Escoto

Nicholas Nosce

Michael Falbo

Paige Pirtle

Gabrielle Galante

Francesca Rogo

Gabrielle Hain

Julia Rozenblat

Scott Held

Carolyn Sartori

Matthew Julyan

Sean Scheinfeld

Eleni Lazarides

Hannah West

## DEGREES WITH HONORS (continued)

### *Cum Laude*

Nicollette Alvarez	Aneeta Iqbal
Tiffany Alves	Shalom Kalfon
Angelica Aminova	Kelly Keown
Bianca Ascolese	Allissa Kerr
John Aubel	Rachel Kull
Roman Boychuk	Shawn Lin
Rebecca Carey	Yao Lin
Benjamin Carroll	Victoria Litman
Kenneth Chiarella	Ashley Maldonado De La Fuente
Joanne Conklin	James Mishan
Alexis Dairman	Yuriko Miyasaka
Lindsey DeMaria	Raquel Montagne
Waldo Espinosa	Gabriella Montes
Kristen Freda	Isaac Netzer
Thomas Gawel	Lisa-Marie Ortiz
Eric Giglio	Brooke Pearlman
Andrew Goodman	Aliyah Polner
Daniela Goykhman	Blazej Pulawski
Patrick Grosso	Serene Qandil
Jaklin Guyumjyan	Jared Rabinowitz
Kevin Hakansson	Jonathan Rand
David Hawkins	Kayla Santosuosso
Lindsey Hess	Nirali Shah
Samantha Holleritter	Hanna Silvast
Christina Holzapfel	Tyler Wilkerson
Cori Iacopelli	Veronica Yount
Jenna Imbrogno	

\* 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 2020 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

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

La Shuana Cole  
Omar Fariq  
Ashley Maldonado De la Fuente

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

Weronika Bzura

### THE DEAN'S AWARD FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Maraya Aboly-Brown  
Elizabeth Barrett  
Rebecca Carey  
Justin Chan  
La Shuana Cole  
David Hawkins  
Corey Gibbs  
Aneeta Iqbal  
Briana Jimenez  
Isabelle Joseph  
Victoria Litman  
Ashley Maldonado De la Fuente  
Lucia McMurray  
Lauren Mihalakakos  
Francesca Rogo  
Taylor Slotin  
Victoria Ventimiglia  
Heidi Moore  
Thomas Gawel  
Erin Lue-Hing  
Shelby Arenson  
Kayla Santosuosso

### HELEN & ANDREW DOKAS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT

La Shuana Cole  
Latoya Concepcion  
Frank Pina

### PROFESSOR STEPHEN J. ELLMANN CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION PRIZE

Aida Flores

### ALEXANDER D. FORGER AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Tiffany Alves  
Evora McGlone  
William McGovern  
Elizabeth Valldejuli

### JOHN FRANCO '12 MEMORIAL AWARD

Latoya Concepcion

### JOSEPH SOLOMON AWARD FOR EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND FITNESS

Maraya Aboly-Brown  
Abigail DeMasi  
Aliya Polner  
Tyler Wilkerson

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

Jenna Bazzurro for "An Examination of the  
Dual Sovereignty Doctrine and Why the Sixth  
Amendment Right to Counsel Is Better Off  
Without It"

# COMMENCEMENT PRIZES (continued)

## LAW REVIEW AWARDS

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

Michael Falbo  
Francesca Rogo

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

Thomas Gawel  
Heidi Moore

*NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW* AWARD  
FOR BEST NOTE

Jenna Bazzurro

## MOOT COURT AWARDS

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NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT  
ASSOCIATION BEST ADVOCATE AWARD

Heidi Moore

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL NATIONAL  
MOOT COURT TEAM

Elizabeth Barrett  
Erin Lue-Hing  
Heidi Moore  
Carolyn Sartori  
Darren Schweibel

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT  
AWARD FOR SERVING WITH DISTINCTION

Maraya Aboly-Brown  
Liza Blaszyk  
Samantha Holleritter  
Madison Woods

NOAH P. MELNICK MEMORIAL  
MOOT COURT AWARD

Heidi Moore

ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS

Maraya Aboly-Brown  
Elizabeth Barrett  
Liza Blaszyk  
Samantha Holleritter  
Erin Lue-Hing  
Heidi Moore  
Matthew Rabinowitz  
Carolyn Sartori  
Darren Schweibel  
Madison Woods

HONORARY ORDER OF THE  
BARRISTERS AWARD

Robert Scott DeLuca '98

## COMMENCEMENT PRIZES (to be announced)

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

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



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

JURIS P  
SUNT HAE  
VIVERE,  
NON LAED  
CUIQUE

# ACADEMIC CENTER ASSOCIATES

New York Law School is pleased to recognize the members of the Class of 2021 who have completed the curricular programs and projects required to be an associate of one of the School's six academic centers.

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## **CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL LAW**

Daniel Aguirre

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Katherine Cappeller

Joshua Chetram

Kenneth Chiarella

Christina Codispoti

Janna Eljamal

Juan Franco

Lindsey Hess

Aldonsa Janjigian

Shalom Kalfon

Shawn Lin

Olivia Marin

Collin Marino

James Mishan

Michael Moore

Blazej Pulawski

Jared Rabinowitz

Susan Robinson

Natasha Streitz

Mika Tirschler-Peckson

Jesse Vogel

Mark Zientek

## **CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW**

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Michael Falbo

Allison Filosa

Nicholas Francavilla

Eric Giglio

Alex Joy

Stephanos Karavas

Alana Reid

Susan Robinson

Nirali Shah

Neslihan Talu

## **CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY LAW**

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Sean Scheinfeld

## ACADEMIC CENTER ASSOCIATES (continued)

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Zachary Bailey

Benjamin Brookhim

Justin Chan

Paige Clayland

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Christina Holzapfel

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Melissa Marshall

Joanna Moskwa

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Taylor Slotin

Elizabeth Valldejuli

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SaBreigha Dixon

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Kristina Hernandez

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Joanna Moskwa

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Emilie Nasseh

Eric Perfetti

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Stephanie Weissenburger

# 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.

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Folashade Frazier

Kristen Freda

Gabrielle Galante

Thomas Gawel

Andrew Goodman

Gabrielle Hain

Kevin Hakansson

Scott Held

Lindsey Hess

Cori Iacopelli

Aneeta Iqbal

Matthew Julyan

Eleni Lazarides

Hannah Lebel

Ashley Maldonado De La Fuente

Gina Marini

Collin Marino

Lucia McMurray

David McNamara

James Mishan

Yuriko Miyasaka

Gabriella Montes

Heidi Moore

Joanna Moskwa

Isaac Netzer

Nicholas Nosce

Lisa-Marie Ortiz

Paige Pirtle

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Blazej Pulawski

Jared Rabinowitz

Francesca Rogo

Julia Rozenblat

Mariella Rutigliano

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Tyler Wilkerson

# 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. The ABA Family Law Section's partnership with New York Law School began in the 2020–21 academic year. We are pleased to recognize the graduating members of the inaugural New York Law School Student Editorial Board.

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Maraya Aboly-Brown

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Alana Reid

Kathy Torres

# 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.

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Alexandra Deplas

Janna Eljamal

Ilana Faibish

Eric Giglio

Shervica Gonzalez

Jaklin Guyumjyan

Rachel Kull

Eleni Lazarides

Justin Manzullo

Lucia McMurray

Brooke Pearlman

Mariella Rutigliano

Hannah West

# 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.

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Maraya Aboly-Brown

John Aubel

Elizabeth Barrett

Liza Blaszczyk

Samantha Holleritter

Erin Lue-Hing

Heidi Moore

Matthew Rabinowitz

Carolyn Sartori

Darren Schweibel

Jesse Vogel

Madison Woods



# 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.

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Joshua Harris

Ashley Infante

Briana Jimenez

Lisa-Marie Ortiz

Omar Rafiq

Kayla Santosuosso

Anthony Santucci

Alex Seyad

Katherine Wyatt

## 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.

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Zachary Alsharif	Aaron Hansen	Yuriko Miyasaka
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Tiffany Alves	Scott Held	Gabriella Montes
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Kristen Freda	Ashley Maldonado De La Fuente	Hanna Silvast
Gabrielle Galante	Justin Manzullo	Mika Tirschler-Peckson
Thomas Gawel	Gina Marini	Kassandra Vazquez
Corey Gibbs	Collin Marino	Hannah West
Andrew Goodman	Melissa Marshall	Tyler Wilkerson
Daniela Goykhman	Lucia McMurray	Alexander Yandoli
Patrick Grosso	David McNamara	Veronica Yount
Jaklin Guyumjyan	Kieran McNamara	Serena Zachariah
Gabrielle Hain	Samuel Mendelson	
Kevin Hakansson	James Mishan	

# 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 2021 who have completed the courses required to earn an Advocacy Certificate.

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Arleen Delaney

Lindsey DeMaria

Alexandra Deplas

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Janille Esquilin

Kristen Freda

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Alexander Sideris

Aaron Simkovitz

Taylor Slotin

Mendel Taub

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# 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 2021 who have earned this distinction.

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Benjamin Carroll

Maria Hatzipetros

Justin Manzullo

Lauren Mihalakakos

Rachael Mortensen

Erica Peralta

Anthony Recchia\*

Luke Rosenberger

Neslihan Talu

\* Member of Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team

## 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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Kofi Asiedu-Kordie

Weronika Bzura

Shannon Eber

William Greenlee

Gabrielle Hain

Samantha Holleritter

Jenna Imbrogno

Victoria Litman

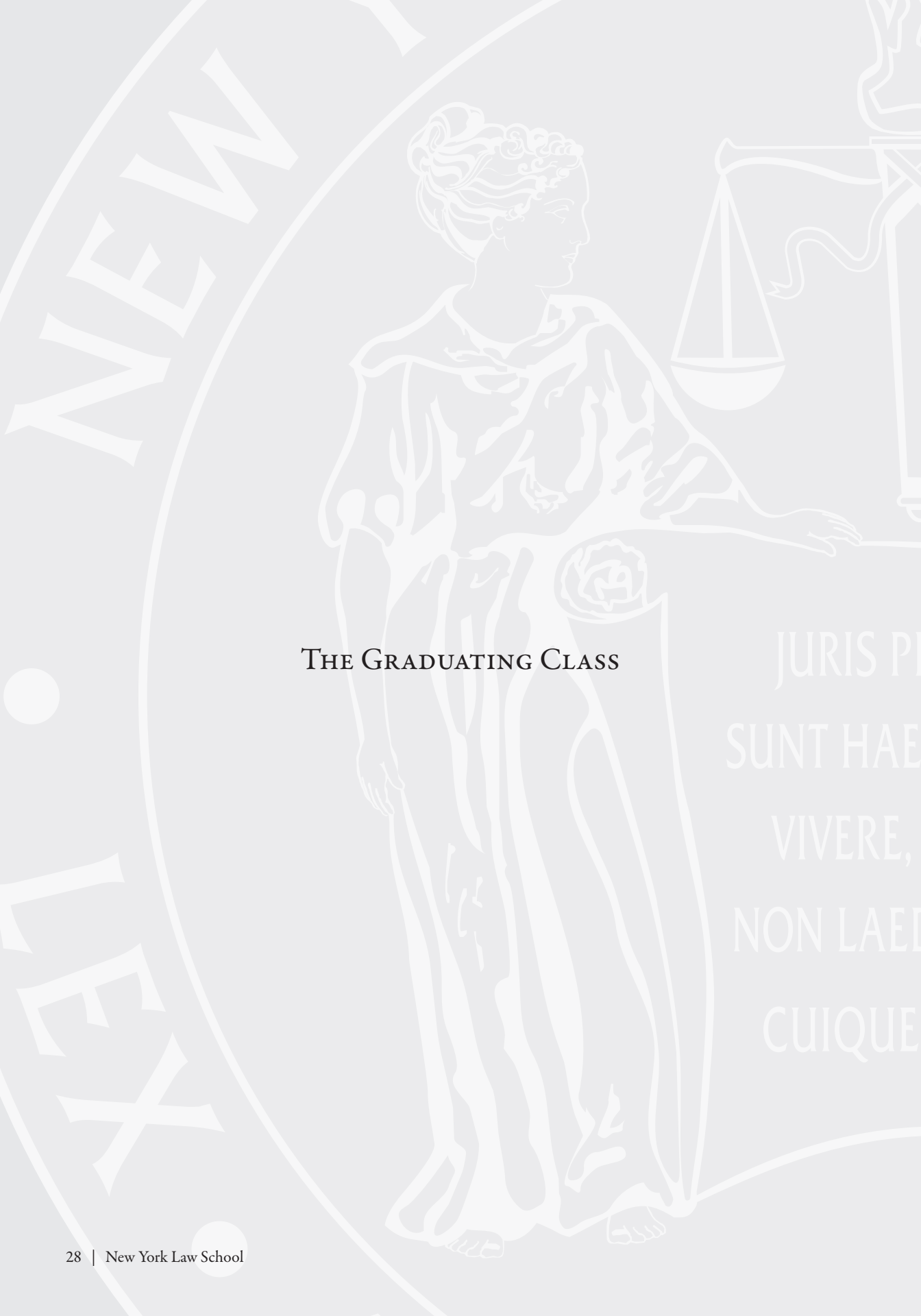
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## THE GRADUATING CLASS

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SUNT HAEC  
VIVERE,  
NON LAEDERE  
CUIQUE

# LL.M. IN TAXATION

## February 1, 2021 Graduates

Jay Bharatiya  
Joshua Gamboa

## June 1, 2021 Candidates

Linnae Aufiere  
Brian Palacios  
Eva Lana Silver  
Barbara Wheatle  
Lorraine Williams  
Ellen Yeung

# J.D. GRADUATES

## February 1, 2021

Aleksandra Boots  
Hayden Boudreaux  
Megan Carroll  
La Shuana Cole  
Samara Finckenaue  
Andrew Frenkel

Elizabeth Lee  
Samuel Mendelson  
Erin Peake  
Anthony Santucci  
Joseph Stackhouse  
Qing Lin Zheng

# J.D. CANDIDATES

June 1, 2021 and September 1, 2021

Lauren Abecassis	Benjamin Carroll	Christina DiGiacomo
Maraya Aboly-Brown	Conor Cassidy	Alexandra Dimeglio
Eric Abramson	Eric Cedeno	Jesse Dimitro
Daniel Aguirre	Justin Chan	Sabreigha Dixon
Valeria Al-Khatib	Tian Chan	Shannon Eber
Sandra Alrabaa	Samantha Chase	Janna Eljamal
Zachary Alsharif	Saher Chaudhary	Camarin Ellis
Nicollette Alvarez	Joshua Chetram	David Escoto
Tiffany Alves	Alicia Chetrit	Angel Espinal
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Rafael Azizyan	Joanne Conklin	Aida Flores
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Anthony Balzofiore	Beau Cordova	Enrique Forero
Eman Bare	Joseph Corigliano	Nicholas Francavilla
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Jenna Bazzurro	Amanda Cummings	Folashade Frazier
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David Bibeau	Mark D'Amato	Gabrielle Galante
Liza Blaszczyk	Alexis Dairman	Emily Galvez
Thomas Blau	Juscelucio Dasilva	Michael Garzarella
Elizabeth Boucher	Andrea De La Cruz	Thomas Gawel
Roman Boychuk	Arleen Delaney	Corey Gibbs
Antonia Braccia	Lindsey DeMaria	Eric Giglio
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Benjamin Brookhim	Alexandra Deplas	Lara Giray
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Katherine Cappeller	Joseph Dibenedetto	Shervica Gonzalez
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Ryan Hanrahan	Rachel Kull	Lauren Mihalakakos
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Gabrielle Heffernan	Yao Lin	Heidi Moore
Scott Held	Rachel Lipson	Michael Moore
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Christina Holzapfel	Earl Loria	Brent Munyon
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Jenna Imbrogno	Erin Lue-Hing	Evan Naar
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Briana Jimenez	Ryan Malloy	Sara Osinski
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Alexandria Paterno	Kayla Santosuosso	Kathy Torres
Shada Paula	Carolyn Sartori	Julia Tortora
Brooke Pearlman	Edmond Sasooness	Matthew Toto
Mitchell Pepe	Jaclyn Sceusa	Larry Townes
Erica Peralta	Sean Scheinfeld	Jennifer Tuz
Eric Perfetti	Darren Schweibel	Kiriaki Tzanis
Frank Pina	Lauren Sevigny	Alan Vaitzman
Paige Pirtle	Alex Seyad	Elizabeth Valldejuli
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Matthew Rabinowitz	Aaron Simkovitz	Ian Wallace
Omar Rafiq	Brittany Singh	Stephanie Weissenburger
Reshma Ramrup	Taylor Slotin	Hannah West
Jonathan Rand	Jeffrey Smith	Tyler Wilkerson
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Alana Reid	Elizabeth Stasiak	Katherine Wyatt
Sade Reid	Lauren Stolz	Alexander Yandoli
Irwin Reiter	Natasha Streitz	Yechezkel Yavne
Joshua Riley	Kathy Stucka	Natalie Young
Susan Robinson	David Sullivan	Veronica Yount
Gina Rodriguez	Christopher Suris	Serena Zachariah
Hannah Rodriguez	Mariam Tabrez	Anthony Zaleski
Francesca Rogo	Sepehr Talasazan	Andrew Zeitz
David Romero	Neslihan Talu	Mengxi Zhao
Luke Rosenberger	Mendel Taub	Mark Zientek



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

HONORARY DEGREE, DOCTOR OF LAWS

## HON. LETITIA JAMES



Letitia “Tish” James is the 67th Attorney General for the State of New York. She is the first woman of color to hold statewide office in New York and the first woman to be elected Attorney General.

Since taking office in January 2019, Attorney General James has led broad coalitions of state attorneys general and other public officials to push back against adverse federal government policies; enforced antitrust laws against some of the world’s largest technology companies, including Google and Facebook; and held accountable one of the nation’s most powerful lobbying groups, the National Rifle Association, for significant self-enrichment. In addition, she led a successful national effort to protect the integrity of the 2020 Decennial Census.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Attorney General James has protected New Yorkers from fraud and predatory practices, helped New Yorkers stay in their homes through foreclosure relief assistance, and established a program to provide free legal assistance for tenants facing eviction throughout the entire state.

From 2013 to 2018, Attorney General James served as Public Advocate for the City of New York. She was the first woman of color to hold citywide office in New York City. Her office handled over 32,000 constituent complaints and passed more legislation than all previous Public Advocates combined, including a groundbreaking law that banned questions about salary history from the employment process to address the pervasive gender wage gap. She successfully took on the gun industry by pushing New York City’s largest pension fund to divest from gun and ammunition retailers. She fought in court on behalf of children and families on issues including children in foster care, children with disabilities, and tenant protection.

Prior to serving as Public Advocate, she represented the 35th Council District in Brooklyn in the New York City Council for 10 years. Her accomplishments as a Council Member included passing legislation that forced landlords to improve living conditions for tenants in New York City’s worst buildings and substantially expanding recycling efforts. Before her election to the City Council, she served as head of the Brooklyn Regional Office of the New York State Attorney General’s Office. Attorney General James began her career as a public defender at The Legal Aid Society.

A proud Brooklynite, she is a graduate of Lehman College and Howard University School of Law.

*New York Law School honors New York Attorney General Letitia James in recognition of her extraordinary commitment to justice, equity, and public service on behalf of all New Yorkers. In a season of unprecedented challenges, she has demonstrated the power and promise of lawyers to improve the lives of those they serve. She has modeled the strength, tenacity, and compassion that are hallmarks of the profession.*

## JOAN FISHMAN



Joan Fishman has served New York Law School for 43 years. She has been a key advisor to six Deans, and her roles have touched on nearly every aspect of the School's academic and operational work. Her portfolio of projects has included the most pressing issues facing the School and its students during the past four decades—a time of profound change in legal education and the profession.

Dean Fishman, who joined the School in 1978, serves as Associate Dean and Senior Advisor to the Dean and President, a high-profile, multifaceted role in which she provides strategic counsel to the Dean, the Board of Trustees, and members of the School's senior management team. She acts as a consultant to administrators from other departments, advising on institutional planning, the faculty, accreditation, and critical data reporting requirements by regulatory entities.

Her prior responsibilities have included administrative oversight of the Admissions, Career Services, Financial Aid, and Student Services Offices. She has served as Director of Financial Aid, Acting Dean of Development, Acting Dean for Administration, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Associate Dean for Special Projects, and Associate Dean of Institutional Accountability.

Dean Fishman has witnessed the journeys of more than 18,000 students, many of whom she encounters in daily life. In addition to serving six Deans, she has presided over the transitions of Board Chairs and Board members. She has overseen six American Bar Association site review visits—an essential and highly demanding process all accredited law schools must undergo. She has helped plan graduation ceremonies at Radio City Music Hall, the Javits Center, Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, and, during the COVID-19 pandemic, on screen.

Dean Fishman has also contributed to particularly memorable and enduring projects, including the installation of New York Law School subway signs at the Franklin Street subway station, which she led in partnership with fellow honoree George H. Hayes. She also helped plan a special programming series that strengthened ties between the School and the greater Tribeca community.

Dean Fishman's early career included serving as Associate Director of Financial Aid at Barnard College. She holds a B.A. from Johns Hopkins University and an M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University.

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PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

## GEORGE H. HAYES



George H. Hayes is Vice President for Institutional Project Management. In his 39 years at New York Law School, he has approached his work with an architect's eye and a deep affinity for the School's history.

Mr. Hayes has served New York Law School since 1982 in a range of positions. He spent his first five years in the Offices of Personnel, Financial Aid, and Student Affairs. He also managed staff in the Office of Faculty Secretaries. In 1987, he was promoted to Director of Facilities Management. Following the expansion of the School's facilities in 1992, he was appointed the Director of the new Office of Security and Safety. In 2013, he was promoted to Assistant Vice President of Business

Operations and subsequently to his current position.

Over the decades, as his responsibilities expanded, Mr. Hayes managed increasing operating budgets efficiently and strategically. He oversaw the expansion of the School following the acquisition and renovation of 240 Church Street as the Bernard H. Mendik Library, as well as numerous renovations of the School's Worth Street buildings and other campus spaces.

In the 1990s, he helped design emergency protocols, including the implementation of an automatic defibrillator response program, one of the first for a college or university in New York City. He also developed the School's first comprehensive disaster preparedness/business continuity plan and emergency response/evacuation plan. He managed the installation of a new state-of-the-art fire alarm system and became the School's first FDNY-approved Fire Safety Director.

Beginning in 2003, Mr. Hayes worked with architects and consultants on plans for the security systems and applications during the design of the 185 West Broadway building and subsequent renovations to other parts of campus. In 2013, he oversaw improvements to dining services and copy, print, and scan services. He also led the transition to an online campus bookstore.

He has closely advised the Dean on the School's Strategic Plan and has supported numerous senior and junior staff on operations-related issues and projects.

Mr. Hayes received his B.S. and B. Arch. degrees from the City College of the City University of New York. He received his M.A. in Urban Planning and his M.A. in Health Services Planning and Design from Columbia University.

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PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

## SUSAN REDLER



Susan Redler is Vice President of Finance. She has served New York Law School since 1997. Ms. Redler oversees a vast array of financial responsibilities, helping to ensure that the School operates efficiently, strategically, and sustainably for the long-term. Under her expert guidance, the institution has gone from strength to strength.

Ms. Redler serves on the School's senior management team and closely advises the Dean, Academic Dean, General Counsel, and Board of Trustees on strategies to enhance the School's financial standing. For decades, she has overseen the School's accounting, investments, capital budget development and management, payroll, tax, compliance, and other key financial activities. She helps prepare the School's annual budget and manages timely and accurate financial reporting, as required by law. She also oversees a team of fellow accounting and financial professionals.

Ms. Redler has been a key architect of New York Law School's long-term financial plans, and she has helped manage the School's growing investment portfolio and endowment, in close coordination with Board of Trustees committees. She has also collaborated closely with all institutional units and departments to help them set, and implement, appropriate budgets to ensure they operate efficiently without compromising quality. She has also managed New York Law School's bond financing and compliance with debt requirements.

Of particular note, she managed all financial aspects of the School's new building at 185 West Broadway, which opened in 2009.

Ms. Redler began her career at Ernst & Young before taking on accounting roles in the nonprofit sector, including at Montefiore Medical Center, Grand Street Settlement, and Planned Parenthood of New York City. She began her New York Law School career as Director of Financial Planning and Management before being promoted to Assistant Vice President, Financial Planning and Management and subsequently to her current role.

She earned her B.S. in Accounting and Spanish from Boston University and her M.B.A. from Baruch College of the City University of New York.

A lover of travel and culture, Ms. Redler has balanced her accomplished financial career with activities that immerse her in the arts, literature, South American culture, and adventurous trips. She is also an avid dancer and is well-versed in many styles of dance.

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## MARAYA ABOLY-BROWN



Maraya Aboly-Brown is a highly accomplished member of New York Law School's Class of 2021. This summer, she will begin her legal career at the New York County District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney.

At New York Law School, Ms. Aboly-Brown served as President of the Black Law Students Association, an Executive Editor for the School's Moot Court Association, and a Senior Editor for the *Family Law Quarterly*. She participated in the School's Advocacy Program and was affiliated with its Impact Center for Public Interest Law. In the broader legal community, she served as Northeast Regional Vice Chair of the National Black Law Students Association.

Well before graduating from New York Law School, Ms. Aboly-Brown sought to gain experience in government and service to her fellow New Yorkers. She was a Summer Honors Intern in the New York City Law Department's Family Court Division, working on matters involving young people who encounter the criminal justice system. She was also a student in the School's Criminal Prosecution Clinic—New York County, which engages students in the prosecution of criminal cases in conjunction with the Manhattan District Attorney. In addition, Ms. Aboly-Brown was a judicial intern with Hon. Jeanine Johnson of Bronx County Criminal Court and a dedicated participant in the School's Courtroom Advocacy Program, offering pro bono service to survivors of domestic violence.

In 2018, she earned a B.A. in Political Science *cum laude* from Spelman College, where she was a member of the international Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity and held leadership positions on the Mock Trial team. As an undergraduate student, she held internships with Georgia State Representative Debra Bazemore and Congressman Charles B. Rangel.

*New York Law School honors Maraya Aboly-Brown of the Class of 2021 for her deep commitment to service and leadership as a law student and for her vast potential as a public service attorney.*



# 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

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## 1955 to the Present

- 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 Griffin 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 Iakovos  
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

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## 1955 to the Present

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|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1990 | Alvin J. Bronstein '51<br>Linda A. Fairstein<br>The Honorable Milton L. Williams '63    | 2003 | The Honorable Jack B. Weinstein                    |
| 1991 | The Honorable David N. Dinkins<br>The Honorable John H. Sununu                          | 2004 | The Honorable Alexis M. Herman<br>Anthony Lewis    |
| 1992 | The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor<br>James F. Simon                                     | 2005 | The Honorable Bob Kerrey                           |
| 1993 | Shepard Broad '27<br>Drew S. Days III<br>The Honorable Judith S. Kaye                   | 2006 | The Honorable Joel I. Klein                        |
| 1994 | The Honorable Rudolph W. Giuliani<br>Bernard H. Mendik '58                              | 2007 | David Boies                                        |
| 1995 | The Honorable José A. Cabranes<br>Alexander D. Forger                                   | 2008 | Dennis W. Archer                                   |
| 1996 | The Honorable Sidney H. Asch<br>Boris Leavitt '26<br>The Honorable Jon O. Newman        | 2009 | Gregory H. Williams                                |
| 1997 | The Honorable Harry T. Edwards<br>Dr. Raymond D. Horton<br>Lewis M. Steel '63           | 2010 | The Honorable Jonathan Lippman                     |
| 1998 | Joseph T. Arenson<br>Lawrence S. Huntington '64<br>Vernon E. Jordan Jr.                 | 2011 | The Honorable Cory A. Booker                       |
| 1999 | The Honorable Guido Calabresi                                                           | 2012 | Kenneth R. Feinberg                                |
| 2000 | Sybil Shainwald '76<br>Harry H. Wellington<br>The Honorable Ralph K. Winter             | 2013 | The Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg                 |
| 2001 | Taylor R. Briggs (posthumously)<br>Ira Glasser<br>The Honorable Judith B. Sheindlin '65 | 2014 | Steven Banks                                       |
| 2002 | The Honorable Pierre N. Leval<br>The Honorable Charles E. Schumer                       | 2015 | Joe Plumeri<br>Cyrus R. Vance Jr.                  |
|      |                                                                                         | 2016 | The Honorable Robert A. Katzmann                   |
|      |                                                                                         | 2017 | Preet Bharara<br>Laura Ricciardi '96               |
|      |                                                                                         | 2018 | The Honorable Stephen G. Breyer<br>Alex Dimitrieff |
|      |                                                                                         | 2019 | Nicholas Haysom                                    |
|      |                                                                                         | 2020 | <i>No recipient due to the COVID-19 pandemic</i>   |
|      |                                                                                         | 2021 | Joan Fishman<br>The Honorable Letitia James        |

# 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

## 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**

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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

# 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**

**2021**

**MARAYA ABOLY-BROWN '21**

**2017**

**THE HONORABLE DAKOTA RAMSEUR '97**

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

**2018**

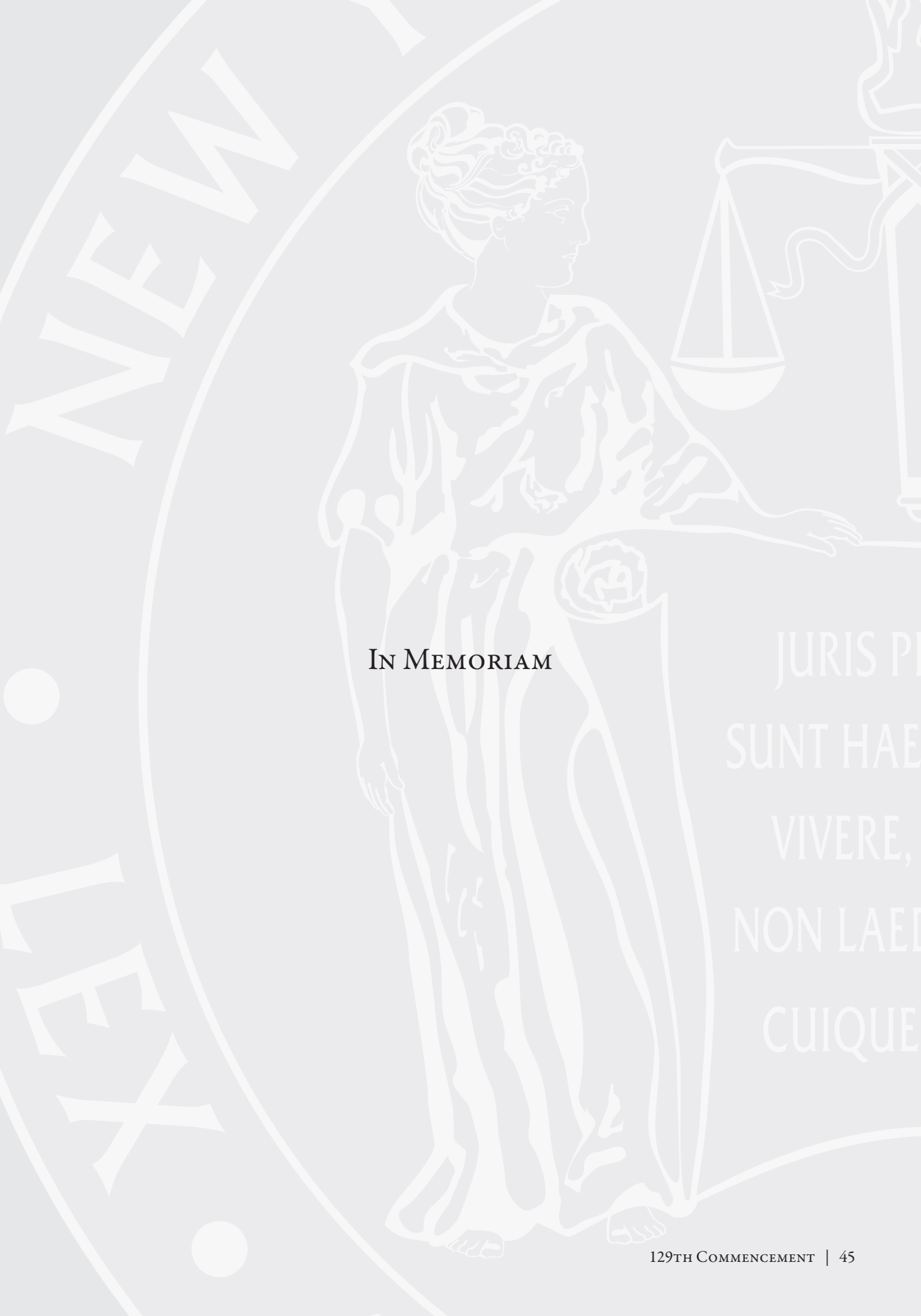
**MONIQUE BAPTIST '18**

**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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## JOSÉ E. NOGUERAS

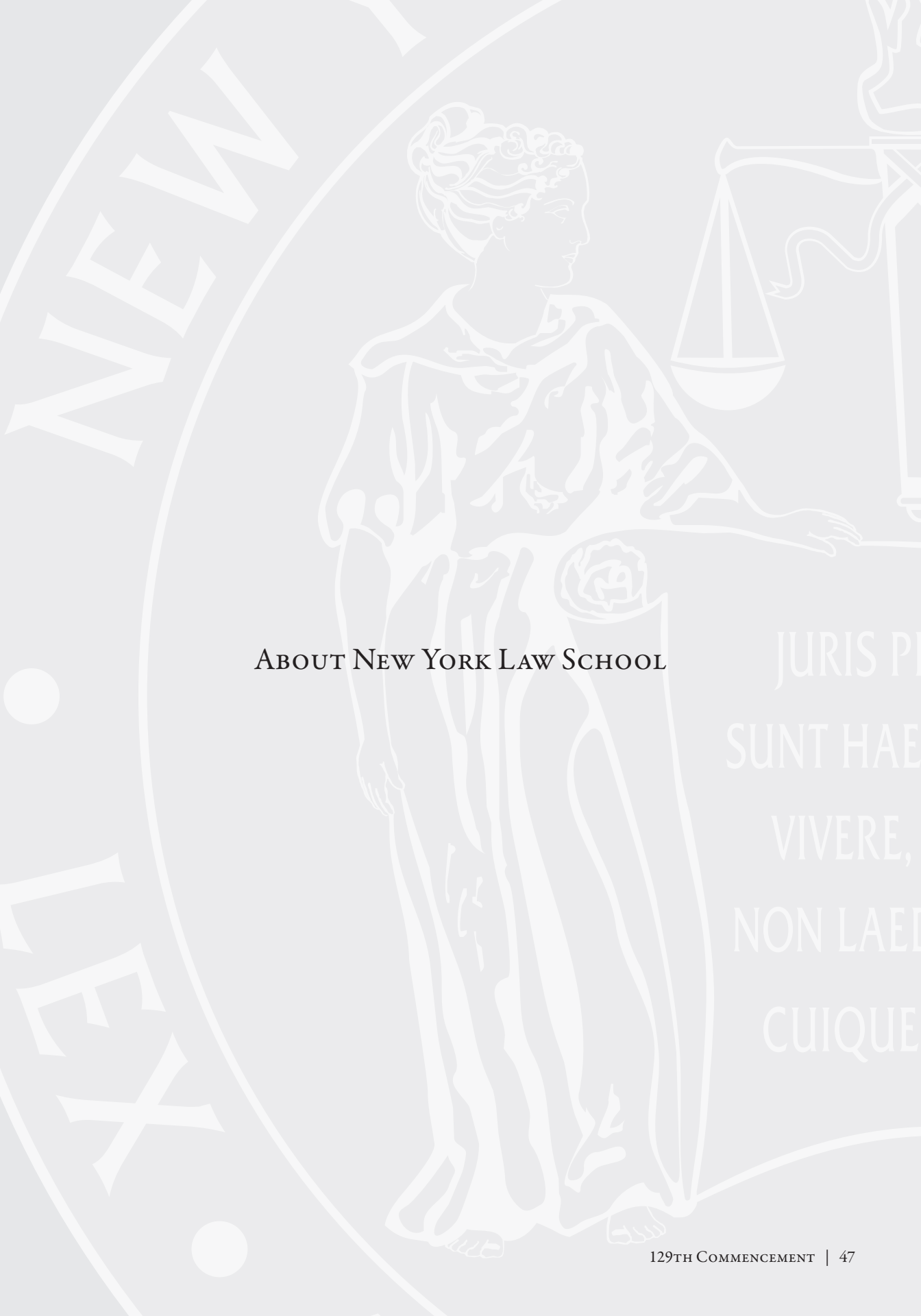


New York Law School mourns the loss of a dear friend and colleague, José E. Nogueras, a vital part of the School's Legal Practice Program, who passed away on March 25, 2021.

José worked at New York Law School for two decades. He was a bright and compassionate person who brought care, dedication, and a sense of teamwork to his role. He inspired and supported the success of faculty members and students alike. Creative and skilled at crochet, he demonstrated his affection for his colleagues through memorable handmade gifts.

Before joining New York Law School, José worked in city government, where his colleagues shared the same respect and admiration felt for him at the School. The School holds José in fond remembrance, drawing inspiration from his kindness and the warm connections he made with all who crossed his path.





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# 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

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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. 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. 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. 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 earned recognition for its diversity efforts from the Council on Legal Education Opportunity. During the 2020 and 2021, the School was named a top law school nationally in numerous specialty categories by *preLaw* magazine, including in government and public policy, racial justice, intellectual property, and business law. In 2020, New York Law School's LL.M. in Taxation was ranked No. 1 by the New York legal community for the 11th consecutive year.

In 2020, the School issued its bold new five-year Strategic Plan. Titled *Ever Upward*, the Plan builds on the successes of the 2013 Plan and sets forth bold initiatives in the areas of Academic Excellence and Innovation; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Career Success; Intellectual Life; Community Engagement; and Strength in Operations. Shortly after the new Plan was published, New York City was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. New York Law School swiftly transitioned to a virtual educational program for the first time in its 130-year history, guided by the priorities and values outlined in the Plan. In the wake of the pandemic and the national reckoning on racial injustice, the School has further reframed the Plan to support the recovery of the city, state, and nation.



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