

James E. Beasley School of Law

THURSDAY, MAY 22 / 4 P.M. / THE LIACOURAS CENTER

"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"* by Francis Scott Key

WELCOME Rachel Rebouché, Kean Family Dean, Peter J. Liacouras Professor of Law

DAY SPEAKER Madison L. Dawkins

EVENING SPEAKER Marc William Kaplan

PRESENTATION OF THE GEORGE P. WILLIAMS III MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented to a faculty member chosen by the Class of 2025 for excellence in teaching.

PRESENTATION OF THE JAMES A. SHELLENBERGER MEMORIAL AWARD FOR LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Presented to a faculty member for significant service to the Law School.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Honorable Mary Kay Costello, *LAW '01*

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Rachel Rebouché, Kean Family Dean, Peter J. Liacouras Professor of Law

Kristen E. Murray, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor of Law

Jaya Ramji-Nogales, Associate Dean for Research, I. Herman Stern Research Professor

John Smagula, Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Programs

MARSHALS

Andrea Monroe, Professor of Law and Chief Marshal

Alice G. Abreu, Honorable Nelson A. Diaz Professor of Law, Director of the Center for
Tax Law and Public Policy

Michael Donnelly, Practice Professor of Law, Director, Center for Compliance and Ethics

Jules Epstein, Edward D. Ohlbaum Professor of Law, Director of Advocacy Programs

Mary Levy, Practice Professor of Law

Jonathan Lipson, Harold E. Kohn Professor of Law

Rafael A. Porrata-Doria, Professor of Law

Jacob Schuman, Associate Professor of Law

Bonny L. Tavares Dean, Associate Professor of Law

Harwell Wells, Richard H. Walker '75 Professor of Law

**Audience please stand, if you are able.*

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Mary Kay Costello

United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania



Mary Kay Costello has served as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania since September 20, 2024. Judge Costello previously served as a United States Magistrate Judge from August to September 2024.

From April 2008 until August 2024, Judge Costello served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Most recently, she was assigned to the public corruption and civil rights unit. From September 2010 until October 2022, she was assigned

to the health care fraud and government fraud unit. From April 2008 until September 2010, she was assigned to the consumer and commercial fraud unit. During her career at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Judge Costello prosecuted criminal cases involving bribery, health care fraud, drug diversion schemes, schemes to defraud the government, tax fraud, cases involving violent crimes, and other matters.

Prior to joining the United States Attorney's office, Judge Costello was a litigation associate at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Philadelphia from 2004 to 2008. Ms. Costello's practice focused on class actions and other complex commercial litigation, including cases involving antitrust, health care, insurance matters, contracts, and employment law. Judge Costello also worked as a litigation associate at Saul Ewing LLP in Philadelphia from 2001 until 2004 where she handled various commercial litigation matters involving contracts, insurance issues, employment law, and commercial real estate.

Judge Costello received her J.D., magna cum laude, from Temple University Beasley School of Law in 2001 and her B.A., summa cum laude, from Temple University in 1998.

From 1986 to 1994, Judge Costello served in the U.S. Air Force.

Master of Laws (China)

AUGUST 2024

Zhuoli Du
D Qinglei Guo
D Xin Jin
D Xiangyu Kong
Jiaxin Li
Chang Liu
YiFei Pei
Zhelun Shi
Lixue Zhang
D Pengli Zhao
D Hengyuan Zheng

Master of Laws in American and International Law

AUGUST 2024

Amrit Das
Ayako Hongyo
D Michiko Iwata Kokima
D Yueyao Ma
Fumi Mitarai
Ge Shi
Jiajun Wu
Chansopheaktrareachmony Yin

JANUARY 2025

Leticia Vieira Da Silva Abdon
Mohammed Adel A Al Ashour
Shintaro Akaishi
Taisuke Amano
Fabian Enrique Arbelaez
Xiaoyang Chen
Miguel Alfonso Gallegos Sousa
D Hana Ikeda
Bulent Iyit
Cinthia Maria Kearney
Qianqian Li
Hongqiang Liu
Mariko Morokawa
Valeriia Natsvina
Ying Sun
C Filiberto Ferruccio Tasca
Weiwei Xiao

MAY 2025

Masood Akhtar
Abdulaziz Mesfer Alotaibi

Andrii Andrushchak
Nicky Afua Akyena Boadum
M Vittoria Cerrai Ceroni
Siyu Chen
Mohamed Elbehiry
Yiwei Guo
Shuai Han
Jiao He
Limchhay Hem
Gertrude Barivule Karenton-Mordi
C Bar Keisar
Hiroshi Kojima
Asuka Kuribayashi
C Ziqing Lan
Shulamit Laniado
Linwei Li
Sibei Long
Karla Mariana Morales Garcia
Leangmeng Phan
S Lea Sophie Philipp
Iris Saarelainen
Fernanda Marques Saldanha
Kenisha Savla
Toshimitsu Sekiguchi
Rengaowa Sha
Efe Solak
Monyoth Soun
Jinglu Sun
Nimra Munawar Toor
Zikui Wan
Haixuan Wang
Zhiting Ye
Methea Yeng
Alan Yin
Liangjun Yin
Nathan Zhang
Ran Zhang
Haiqi Zhao
Xiongmo Zhu

Master of Laws in Transnational Law

MAY 2025

Hector William Contreras

Master of Laws in Taxation

AUGUST 2024

Jack Xiwen Jiang

Sarah Jean Nendel
Joshua Kenneth Stanton
D Hannah Elizabeth Travaglini

JANUARY 2025

Lu Bai
Melissa Marie Bishop
Samuel Flaks
Camille A. Garcia-Flahaut
D Zachary Tyler Niles
Lindsey Elizabeth Wilkinson

MAY 2025

D Frederick Sommers Long
Jun Ma
Micah Gabrielle-Joye Mahdi
Laura M. Zartman

Master of Science in Taxation

JANUARY 2025

Tyler Andrew Dinnella

MAY 2025

Jerel Antony
D Timothy Joseph Campbell
Maria Jeffkin
Brent Michael Larson
Cassandra Walter

Master of Laws in Trial Advocacy

MAY 2025

Steven A. Arellano
H Gabrielle Angelita Best Husband
Michael W. Bootier
Andrew Cash
H Heidi Grace Crikelair
Thomas Satchel Finnegan
Heather Hill
H Sarah O'Laughlin Kulik
Alexander G. Kykta
Walker Lee
Roland Dominic Lucas
Bertland Lloyd O'Connor
Joseph Piomelli
Nasser Razack
Waqar Rehman
Elizabeth Saleb

H Ryan Aloysius Smith
H Charles Maurice Stam
H Clark Ryan Torbett
H Rebecca M. Waddell
H Benjamin I. Wilkoff

Juris Doctor

JANUARY 2025

Asad A. Ansari
M Cathy Ginder
C Mary Kate Martin
Jacqueline L. McCann
Hadassah Nisenfeld

MAY 2025

Martha Clare Abrams
M Daniela Marie Acebal
C Comfort O. Adeyemi
Adebobola Adeyemi-Boboye
Victoria E. Alexis
Zachary M. Alvarez
Abena Oforiwa Ampofo
Hannah M. Anderson
Isabel T. Apothaker
Jack T. Auteri JD/MBA *
C Justin L. Bailey
Hadley Claire Barber *
S Christopher Andrew Bathon
S Megan Theresa Bertrand †
M Zoe Bracha Bertrand
M Lily Bohlke
Claire B. Bowen
S Tyler Brainard
John H. Brown
M Nicholas Joseph Browndorf
C Carlene Buccino
S Macey Beth Burges
M Fiona Alexandra Burke
C Fazilet Merve Caglayan
C Allison Carr †
Stephen Casner
Alice Rose Caughey
M Blayne A. Cekine
Wai Ting Chan
Dara K. Chase
Adam I. Chaudhri
C Dillon A. Collins
Jamal B. Connelly
Emily MacRae Cook †
Bertilio Correa Jr. †
Jennifer M. Creel †

Madison L. Dawkins †
Devan J. Deck
Christopher Garland Diaz
C Christopher Francis DiRienzi
C Delaney L. Doran
Shane Alec Dorsey
Christopher Downey †
C Joshua Timothy DuBois †
Robert Casey Dwyer
C Allyson Yvonne Echevarria
Cierra Rose Eckenrode †
Carolina M. Fernandez
Anna Manu Fineanganofa
Daniel H. Flores †
M Joshua Ilan Friedman
Savannah N. Fritz
Cameron Joi Gamble
C Ravi Mukul Gandhi
M Cally Amanda Gant
S Alec Solomon Garber
Hannah M. Garber
Benjamin Knox Gathright
Patrick Michael George
Kaylee Ann Givler
Jeremy Benjamin Goodman #
C Amal N. Goteti
C Nathanael P. Grefe
C Yousra Harbouli
M Olivia R. Herbstritt
Jolie Grace Hess
C Alice Hindanov
C Olenka Romana Hladky
Charles J. Holmes
David Holtz
C Bailey O'Donohue Hutchins †
Diana Leah Baum Hymowitz
Ehenneden J. Idehen-Amadasun
Emmanuel Ihenakwe Jr.
Christine Lindsey Jay †
C Shadwal Jha
Samuel Morgan Johnson
Marc William Kaplan
S Celia Fern Karparkin
S Rebecca Claiborne Kientz
C Luke K. Kim
Timothy E. Kish
C Max Irving Kleinman
C Theophilos Klonaris
Jetmir Koboci
M Nishtha Kochhar †
John P. Kuhlmeier
C Genevieve Grace Lamont
Brandon Lancaster

C Chaeyeon Lee
S Christopher John Lehmann
M Alexandra Leone-Gregory
M Steven Ma Liang
Pai Liu
C Xun Liu
Kyle J. Mackey
M Juan Andres Marroquin Ceballos
C Alyssa Gayle Mason
M Charles M. Matthews
Saaramsh Mattinamane Satheesh
Makayla Maynard
C Przemyslaw P. McEwan
C Thomas J. McGann #
Kathleen E. McPolin
M Emma Clare Meister †
M Lily Alexandra Mell
Jonelle Malia Menner †
C Ilsa Mir †
Luis Moreno †
M Dionis Mucollari
Vaishna Nithya Muralidaran †
Riley Brendan Murphy
Suzane Nazir †
C Trenton Newman
Tulasi Nidamarthy
M Jessica Brooke Novey
C Meghan Christine O'Brien
C Maggie E. O'Connor
Thomas J. O'Malley Jr.
Sameen Oboudiyat
M Brittany L. Olley
M Selin Ozoglu
C Phoebe Padget †
M Tithi Patel
Patricia E. Paulino †
Gavin Paulshock
Drew Wesley Charles Perkoski
Terra Sage Peter
C Haley Singer Platt
C Melissa Milagros Poblete
M Rhea S. Prabhu
M Glen A. Price IV
Christopher E. Pyo
Briana M. Quinn †
M Indira Rahman
Aniqa Fairouz Raihan
S John R. Rama †
C Marco Antonio Ramirez Torres
C Julia Marie Rankin †
Neil Ren
C Llewellyn O. Robinson III
S Brett Ford Rodos

S Andrew Lee Rosen
 S Benjamin S. Rothstein
 Allyson L. Ruch †
 S David J. Ryan
 William Sebastian Saunders Ryley †
 M Angela J. Sadat
 M Sarah Renee Shaiman
 M Nicole Jeanette Shammo
 S Nicholas S. Shedd
 Holden J. Shelley
 David James Sillhart
 Cameron J. Singleton
 Luc Sinon
 M Bradley A. Smutek
 Zachary J. Snyder
 Erico S. Solis
 Sreenath Somanath
 Olivia M. Spergel
 Laura Marie Stanton
 S Jeffrey Ross Stern †
 Ramon A. Suarez
 Thomas Roger Sullivan
 C Daniel J. Symonds
 Bianca M. Taibe
 M Timothy Andrew Thielke
 C Lilian O. Umetiti
 M Mayce Van
 Khaaliq Samir Van-Otoo
 Alexis Claire Verdini
 Eli Weisman
 Dillon M. Weiss
 M Cole Patrick White
 M Matthew Whitworth
 Nicole Renee Williams
 Richard R. Wilson
 M Valerie Kathryn Wilson
 C Lily E. Winter †
 Malgorzata Anna Witalis
 S Katherine Woodbury
 Da Run Xin
 Brandon Nathan Yao
 S Millisa L. Yensel
 Yueh Yeong
 Morgan Young
 M Carmen Zheng

JULY 2025

Adriana Armstrong
 Claire E. Hirschberg
 Valerie Elianna Rodriguez Estevez
 Joshua David Rosenberg Daneri

C Cum Laude
M Magna Cum Laude
S Summa Cum Laude
 † Certificate in Trial Advocacy and Litigation
 * Certificate in Business Law
 # Certificate in Public Health Law
D Distinction
H Honors

PLEASE NOTE: As final action cannot always be taken by the time this program is printed, lists of candidates and awards are only tentative. The student's transcript is the official record of the university.

Pledge of Professional Commitment

I understand that today I am joining an academic community and embarking on a professional career.

I pledge to respect the academic endeavor that I am about to undertake, and to uphold the honor and integrity of the legal profession that I seek to enter.

I will conduct my academic, professional, and personal life with honesty, dignity, and care, honoring the values and standards that are expressed in the rules governing Temple Law School and that are shared by the legal profession.

I will treat all of my colleagues—students, staff, and faculty—with fairness and respect, even in disagreement.

I will remember that my actions reflect not only on me, but also on Temple Law School and on the legal profession.

I understand that one of the many privileges of the legal profession is the opportunity to serve others, and I commit myself to seeking equal justice for all.

I take this pledge freely and upon my honor.



Order of the Coif

The following graduates have been elected to membership in the Order of the Coif, an honorary scholastic society aimed at encouraging excellence in legal education by fostering a spirit of careful study and recognizing law students who have attained a high grade of scholarship. These graduates are wearing the badge of membership in the Order, a piece of white cloth that was affixed to the wig of English barristers, replacing the close-fitting cap, or coif, worn by serjeants-at-law in medieval England.

Christopher Andrew Bathon
Megan Theresa Bertrand
Zoe Bracha Bertrand
Tyler Brainard
Macey Beth Burges
Blayne A. Cekine
Alec Solomon Garber
Celia Fern Karpatkin
Rebecca Claiborne Kientz
Christopher John Lehmann
Emma Clare Meister

John R. Rama
Brett Ford Rodos
Andrew Lee Rosen
Benjamin S. Rothstein
David J. Ryan
Nicholas S. Shedd
Jeffrey Ross Stern
Katherine Woodbury
Millisa L. Yensel
Carmen Zheng

Rubin Public Interest Law Honor Society

Martha Clare Abrams
Zachary M. Alvarez
Carlene Buccino
Macey Beth Burges
Alice Rose Caughey
Blayne A. Cekine
Jamal B. Connolly
Bertilio Correa Jr.
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Patrick Michael George
Jeremy Benjamin Goodman
Claire E. Hirschberg
Bailey O'Donohue Hutchins
Christine Lindsey Jay
Celia Fern Karpatkin
Rebecca Claiborne Kientz
Nishtha Kochhar
Genevieve Grace Lamont
Chaiyeon Lee

Alexandra Leone-Gregory
Kyle J. Mackey
Jacqueline L. McCann
Kathleen E. McPolin
Jonelle Malia Menner
Ilsa Mir
Maggie E. O'Connor
Phoebe Padget
Patricia E. Paulino
Terra Sage Peter
Haley Singer Platt
Aniqa Fairouz Raihan
John R. Rama
Julia Marie Rankin
Neil Ren
Brett Ford Rodos
David J. Ryan
William Sebastian Saunders Ryley
Thomas Roger Sullivan
Daniel J. Symonds
Bianca M. Taipe

Awards and Prizes

Master of Laws Awards

THE PROFESSOR SAMUEL GYANDOH AWARD

Awarded to the graduates in the International LL.M. Program who have rendered outstanding professional and personal service to the law school community.

Awarded to Qianqian Li, Miguel Alfonso Gallegos Sousa

THE PROFESSOR PETER SEVAREID AWARD

Awarded to the graduate in the International LL.M. Program who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in academic studies at Temple.

Awarded to Lea Sophie Philipp

THE FACULTY AWARD – TAXATION LL.M.

Awarded to the graduate in the Taxation LL.M. Program who demonstrates outstanding achievement in academic studies at Temple.

Awarded to Frederick Sommers Long

THE FACULTY AWARD – MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TAXATION

Awarded to the graduate in the Master of Science in Taxation Program who demonstrates outstanding achievement in academic studies at Temple.

Awarded to Timothy Joseph Campbell

THE FACULTY AWARD – TRIAL ADVOCACY LL.M.

Awarded to the graduates in the Trial Advocacy LL.M. Program who demonstrate outstanding achievement in courtroom presentation and performance.

Awarded to Ryan Aloysius Smith, Rebecca M. Waddell

Academic Achievement Awards

ALBERT L. BRICKLIN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Established in memory of Albert L. Bricklin '38, founding partner of Bricklin Bennett & Saltzburg. To the graduate in the Evening Division who achieves the highest cumulative grade point average.

Awarded to Christopher Andrew Bathon

ISRAEL PACKEL MEMORIAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SCHOLASTIC PERFORMANCE

In memory of Professor Israel Packel, faculty member, attorney general of the Commonwealth, and justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Established by a principal gift from his former law firm, Fox, Rothschild, O'Brien & Frankel, and by gifts from admirers and friends. To the graduate in the Day Division with the highest cumulative grade point average.

Awarded to Nicholas S. Shedd

THE FACULTY AWARD FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Awarded to the graduates chosen by the Faculty for outstanding overall academic achievement.

Awarded to Celia Fern Karpatkin, Christopher John Lehmann, Andrew Lee Rosen, Katherine Woodbury

THE LYNNE M. ABRAHAM AWARD

Established by the Temple Law Alumni Association, this award honors Lynne M. Abraham, Class of 1965, and a former Court of Common Pleas judge, who was sworn in as the first woman district attorney of Philadelphia in May 1991. Awarded to a graduate with outstanding grades in Criminal Law and Professional Responsibility who plans to work in a public service position.

Awarded to John R. Rama

THE DAVID ADAMANY AWARD

Established by David Adamany, former President of Temple University. For the graduates who excel in the study of constitutional law.

Awarded to Celia Fern Karpatkin, Nicholas S. Shedd

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS ERIC D. TURNER AWARD

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Awarded to the graduating student who best exemplifies the positive attributes of a matrimonial lawyer.

Awarded to Jolie Grace Hess

THE ARTHUR L. AND MINETTE BERNs MEMORIAL PRIZE IN REAL ESTATE LAW

Established by family and friends, including Mrs. Arthur L. Berns, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Citron, and Mrs. Sylvia Goldman in memory of Arthur L. Berns. Awarded to the graduates who demonstrate excellence in real estate law.

Awarded to Jack T. Auteri, Katherine Woodbury

THE CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (CLEA) OUTSTANDING CLINIC STUDENT AWARD

To the graduate who has demonstrated outstanding work in a clinic and contributed to the clinical community at Temple.

Awarded to Anna Manu Fineanganofu

THE CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (CLEA) OUTSTANDING EXTERNSHIP STUDENT AWARD

To a graduate who has demonstrated excellence in the field work component of an externship course.

Awarded to Cierra Rose Eckenrode

CATHERINE DONAHUE MEMORIAL AWARD

To the graduates with the highest grades in trusts and estates.

Awarded to Nathanael P. Grefe, Yousra Harbouli, Christopher John Lehmann

TERRENCE H. KLASKY MEMORIAL AWARD

Established in memory of Terrence Howell Klasky, Class of 1972. To the graduate who demonstrated outstanding achievement in banking, negotiable instruments, or consumer protection.

Awarded to Benjamin S. Rothstein

NANCY J. KNAUER & ELEANOR W. MYERS INTEGRATED TRANSACTIONAL PROGRAM AWARD

To the graduates who demonstrated outstanding achievement in the Integrated Transactional Program.

Awarded to Justin L. Bailey, Chaiyeon Lee, Melissa Milagros Poblete, Marco Antonio Ramirez Torres, Neil Ren, Brett Ford Rodos

ROBERT E. LAMBERTON AWARD

Established by Judge Samuel Rosenberg. To the graduates who have received the highest grades in constitutional law.

Awarded to Blayne A. Cekine, John R. Rama, Mayce Van

THE LAW & PUBLIC POLICY SCHOLARS AWARD

To the Law & Public Policy Scholar who has made outstanding contributions to the Temple Law & Public Policy Program.

Awarded to Joshua Timothy DuBois

THE ROBERT C. PODWIL MEMORIAL PRIZE

Established by the partners of the law firm of Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay, the award honors Robert C. Podwil, a late partner of the firm and a distinguished member of the adjunct faculty at Temple Law School. It is awarded annually to the graduates who demonstrated excellent academic performance in the area of intellectual property.

Awarded to Comfort O. Adeyemi, Xun Liu, Rhea S. Prabhu

THE JOSEPH W. PRICE III MEMORIAL AWARD

To the graduate who demonstrated outstanding achievement in the law of taxation.

Awarded to Blayne A. Cekine

THE LENARD SIGAL MEMORIAL AWARD

To the graduates who demonstrated excellence in criminal law studies.

Awarded to Megan Theresa Bertrand, Bailey O'Donohue Hutchins

TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICE FOR ATTORNEYS (TASA) PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE FIELD OF EVIDENCE

Established by Edwin H. Sherman, former member of the Board of Trustees and past president of the General Alumni Association, and Jay L. Rosen, past president of the General Alumni Association, who are co-founders of Technical Advisory Service for Attorneys. To a student who excels in the field of evidence.

Awarded to Celia Fern Karpatkin

Research & Writing Awards

JULIAN EULE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Established by his colleagues and friends to honor Julian Eule, a member of the Temple Law Faculty from 1977 to 1984, this prize is awarded to the graduating student who, in the opinion of the faculty, wrote the best paper in the area of federal or state constitutional or procedural law.

Awarded to Zoe Bracha Bertrand

ALBERT H. FRIEDMAN PRIZE

In memory of Albert H. Friedman, Class of 1929, a dedicated lawyer for 52 years. Awarded for outstanding performance in the production of a writing project.

Awarded to Claire B. Bowen

JACK M. GOLDEN AND FRIEDA GOLDEN PRIZE

Established by Charles M. Golden, Esq., Class of 1961, and presented to the law school to honor his parents. Awarded to the student who demonstrates superior qualities in legal research and writing which advance an understanding of health care and health administration.

Awarded to Celia Fern Karpatkin

THE JACOB KOSSMAN AWARD IN CRIMINAL LAW

To the student who submitted the best paper in the field of constitutional rights and privileges of persons accused of a crime.

Awarded to Nicole Jeanette Shammo

THE KRANZEL AWARD

Established in memory of Frank Kranzel and in honor of Sonia Kranzel by their son Judge Isador Kranzel, Class of 1956. Awarded to the graduate who wrote the best paper in the areas of public service, state or local government regulations, or health law.

Awarded to Delaney L. Doran

ARTHUR G. RAYNES AWARD

For scholarly achievement in the law as relates directly to research, organization of thought, clarity, and the ability to draw explicit conclusions.

Awarded to Haley Singer Platt

THE J. HOWARD REBER MEMORIAL AWARD

Established by the Law Alumni Association for excellence in student writing and editing for the *Temple Law Review*.

Awarded to Sarah Renee Shaiman - writing, Tyler Brainard - editing

HENRY J. RICHARDSON, III AWARD

Established to honor Henry J. Richardson, III, Professor of Law, for his personal contribution to critical thinking in the areas of international law, development, and human rights, and his dedication to fostering thoughtful scholarship in these areas. Awarded to the student who wrote the best paper in the field of international human rights.

Awarded to Brittany L. Olley

THE SARAH A. SHULL MEMORIAL AWARD

Established by Dr. and Mrs. Elden S. Magaw for excellence in legal research and writing.

Awarded to Lily Alexandra Mell

THE HONORABLE DOLORES K. SLOVITER AWARD

This award was established to commemorate Judge Sloviter's term as Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. The award is given annually to a student who writes an excellent paper in the area of federal judicial administration or federal jurisdiction.

Awarded to Celia Fern Karparkin

THE SMITH AND LEIBEL FAMILY LAW AWARD

Established by two alumnae of the law school who practice domestic relations law to emphasize the importance of this area. Awarded to the student who wrote the best paper on a topic related to family law.

Awarded to Haley Singer Platt

TAU EPSILON RHO LAW SCHWARTZBERG PRIZE

Presented by the Tau Epsilon Rho Law Society, Philadelphia Chapter to the graduating student who wrote the best paper on a topic related to professional responsibility.

Awarded to Valerie Kathryn Wilson

THE JOHN COLVIN WRIGHT, JR., ESQUIRE AWARD

Established to honor the life and memory of John Colvin Wright, Jr. Esq. This award recognizes a graduating law student who demonstrates academic achievement in the field of labor or employment law through coursework, a research paper, or Law Review comment, article or note.

Awarded to Joshua David Rosenberg Daneri

Advocacy Awards

CENTER FOR FORENSIC ECONOMIC STUDIES JEROME M. STALLER AWARD

Awarded annually to the graduate who has proven to be the most promising litigator.

Awarded to Trenton Newman

MYRON H. DEUTSCH '60 MEMORIAL AWARD

Established by his colleagues to honor the memory of Myron H. Deutsch '60, this award is given to graduates who have excelled in the trial advocacy program.

Awarded to Bertilio Correa Jr., Daniel H. Flores, Christine Lindsey Jay, Jonelle Malia Menner, Patricia E. Paulino

ANDREW GAY AWARD

Established by Edward Chacker, Esquire, in honor of Andrew Gay, Class of 1963, this award is presented to the students who have excelled in trial advocacy particularly in the area of criminal law.

Awarded to Madison L. Dawkins, Phoebe Padget

INTEGRATED TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM AWARD

To the graduates who have demonstrated excellence in civil trial advocacy skills.

Awarded to Nishtha Kochhar, Ilsa Mir

THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS' PRIZE

For distinguished achievement in the art and science of advocacy.

Awarded to Jennifer M. Creel, Lily E. Winter

THE VICTOR S. JACZUN AWARD

To the graduate who has demonstrated excellence in trial advocacy.

Awarded to Adebobola Adeyemi-Boboye

THE NATIONAL ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS AWARD

Awarded to the graduates who have exhibited excellence in the art of oral advocacy and brief writing through appellate moot court and mock trial programs.

Awarded to Isabel T. Apothaker, Lily Bohlke, Genevieve Grace Lamont, Nicholas S. Shedd, Ramon A. Suarez

PHILADELPHIA TRIAL LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION JAMES J. MANDERINO AWARD

To the outstanding student in trial advocacy.

Awarded to Christopher Francis DiRienzi

Awards for Outstanding Contributions to the Law School Community

THE HENRY KENT ANDERSON HUMAN SERVICES AWARD

Established by his great-grandson in 2005, this award honors Henry Kent Anderson, a Native American Cherokee who was born in 1855 and dedicated his life to the cause of human rights and social justice for his people. It is awarded to a student whose challenging career has demonstrated, through exemplary work and deed, a concern for the victims of society's inequities.

Awarded to Bianca M. Taipe

THE ALBERT M. COHEN MEMORIAL AWARD

Offered by Lambda Sigma Kappa law fraternity to the graduates who rendered outstanding service to the law school in the work of the Student Bar Association.

Awarded to Genevieve Grace Lamont, Jacqueline L. McCann, David J. Ryan

THE BETH CROSS AWARD

Awarded to graduates who are planning a career in public interest law and who have demonstrated Ms. Cross' commitment and dedication to providing legal assistance to underserved populations.

Awarded to Carlene Buccino, Madison L. Dawkins, Claire E. Hirschberg

THE CROSSEN AWARD

Awarded to the graduates who have overcome adversity and demonstrated perseverance in obtaining a law degree.

Awarded to Diana Leah Baum Hymowitz, Ehenneden J. Idehen-Amadasun, Lilian O. Umetiti, Nicole Renee Williams

JACQUELYN E. DAVIS JOHNSON SUCCESS AWARD

Awarded to a graduate who will incur expenses in preparing for the bar examination, is a dues-paid member of the Black Law Students Association, and who has contributed to the law school community.

Awarded to Victoria E. Alexis, Madison L. Dawkins

HARRIET ROBINSON GILLOCK MEMORIAL AWARD

Established by the friends of Harriet Robinson Gillock, Class of 1980, to perpetuate and honor her memory. Awarded to the outstanding graduates who most exemplify Harriet Gillock's integrity and her professional and personal dedication to her fellow students and the law school community.

Awarded to Ilsa Mir, Suzane Nazir, Jessica Brooke Novey, Tithi Patel, Cole Patrick White

THE LENA L. HALE AWARD

To the graduates chosen by the faculty for outstanding extracurricular contributions.

Awarded to Bertilio Correa Jr., Amal N. Goteti, Diana Leah Baum Hymowitz, Marc William Kaplan, Alexandra Leone-Gregory, Julia Marie Rankin, Neil Ren, Khaaliq Samir Van-Otoo

ELIZABETH C. HIGH AWARD

Established by her classmates and friends in honor of Elizabeth C. High, Class of 2009, to the graduates who demonstrated academic achievement while overcoming significant adversity and contributing to the law school community.

Awarded to Blayne A. Cekine, Alyssa Gayle Mason

SARAH J. LOVE MEMORIAL AWARD

This award recognizes a student who had great impact on community justice issues during their law school career, in particular while working at the Stephen and Sandra Sheller Center for Social Justice.

Awarded to Carolina M. Fernandez

THE CAPTAIN ROBERT MILLER KNOX AWARD

Created by his mother, Helen Knox. To the graduate chosen by the faculty for the most outstanding contribution to the law school community.

Awarded to Genevieve Grace Lamont

THE H. MONICA RASCH MEMORIAL AWARD

To the graduate who demonstrated academic achievement while overcoming adversity, with a preference for graduates who have children or were members of the *Temple Law Review*.

Awarded to Joshua David Rosenberg Daneri

THE SENDER AND JANINA SZWALBENEST MEMORIAL AWARD

Established by Ben J. Szwalbenest, Class of 1981, to honor his parents. The award is given to graduates who are immigrants or are the children of immigrants and who rendered outstanding service to the law school and the community.

Awarded to Indira Rahman, Bianca M. Taipe

JERRY ZASLOW MEMORIAL AWARD

To the graduates who demonstrated outstanding academic achievement as well as well-rounded activity within the law school community.

Awarded to Zoe Bracha Bertrand, Madison L. Dawkins, Jeremy Benjamin Goodman, Haley Singer Platt, Llewellyn O. Robinson, Andrew Lee Rosen, Nicholas S. Shedd, Jeffrey Ross Stern

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The James A. Shellenberger Memorial Award for Law School Service

Temple Law School has established the James A. Shellenberger Memorial Award for Law School Service to recognize sustained service and significant contributions to the law school by a member of the faculty. The recipient is selected by their faculty colleagues, and the award is conferred during the law school's commencement ceremony. The award is given to honor the memory of Professor James Shellenberger, a member of the faculty for more than four decades until his passing in October 2024.

Commencement was Professor Shellenberger's favorite day of the academic year, and he took great pride in serving as Chief Marshal for the faculty and student procession. The Professor James A. Shellenberger Memorial Award is conferred at Commencement to further honor his enduring pride in our students and joy as they begin their legal careers.

Professor James A. Shellenberger



Professor James Shellenberger joined the law school faculty in 1980, and over the next forty-plus years helped shape who we are as a community and how we advance our commitment to student success. "Shell," as generations of students and faculty colleagues knew him, was relentlessly focused on what students needed to succeed and how the law school could best provide that to them. In the course of his service to Temple Law, Shell held leadership positions that included assistant dean for students, director of the Legal Research and Writing Program, and director of the Temple Law Rome Program. In addition to founding the Academic Core Enrichment Program, which assists first-year law students in transitioning to the rigors of legal studies, Shell was instrumental in creating the mainstay of Temple's bar examination prep curriculum, Survey of Legal Topics.

Perhaps as significant as Shell's contributions to a Temple Law education are the ways in which he shaped us as a community. Shell cared deeply about students, staff, and faculty colleagues and mentored many alumni well into their careers. We are profoundly grateful for the enduring gifts of his service, support, and friendship.

The Academic Procession and Regalia

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND THE REGALIA

worn by the faculty and officers of the University symbolically represent the continuing link between the modern American university and the founding of the great medieval universities in Europe—chief among them Bologna, Paris, and Oxford. As those institutions were derived from the Catholic Church, the universities adopted many of the ceremonial trappings of the church.

THE CAPS AND GOWNS worn in the procession also vary from place to place. Variations in design indicate the degrees held by the wearers, and many universities in the United States have introduced colorful gowns and other distinguishing details (in place of the customary clerical black from which all originated). The Bachelor's gown is a simple robe falling in straight lines from an elaborate yoke. Its distinguishing characteristic is the long, pointed sleeves. Master's gowns are arranged so that the arm emerges from a long sleeve through a slit at the wrist (replacing a former slit at the elbow). In most cases, the Doctor's gown is marked by velvet panels down the front and around the neck, and by three bars of the same material on the bell shaped sleeves. It is cut much fuller than the other gowns and may be ornamented in color. Faculty colors are occasionally seen in the sleeve bars and paneling.

THE CAPS also vary according to the customs of the university from which the wearer received a degree. Although most American universities adopted the "mortarboard" style of Oxford, others have chosen styles based on other European institutions. The color of the tassel worn with the cap may be black for any degree; or, the color may be that of the faculty of the major field of learning. Persons holding doctoral degrees and governing officials of institutions are entitled to wear tassels of gold metallic thread.

THE HOOD through length and color shows the degree and the specialization of the wearer, and the university that granted the degree. The color of the trim identifies the academic discipline. At the Law School graduation, the purple lining identifies the wearer as a recipient of a law degree.