

James E. Beasley School of Law

THURSDAY, MAY 21 / 4 P.M. / THE LIACOURAS CENTER

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

WELCOME Kristen E. Murray, Interim Kean Family Dean and Professor of Law

DAY SPEAKER Marco Anthonio Granston

EVENING SPEAKER Nebi Mema

PRESENTATION OF THE GEORGE P. WILLIAMS III MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented to a faculty member chosen by the Class of 2026 for excellence in teaching

PRESENTATION OF THE PROFESSOR JAMES A. SHELLENBERGER MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented to a faculty member in recognition of sustained service and significant contributions to the law school

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Honorable Mitchell S. Goldberg (JD '86)

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (Retired)

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Kristen E. Murray, Interim Kean Family Dean and Professor of Law

Jeffrey Dunoff, Associate Dean for Research and Laura H. Carnell Professor of Law

Jennifer J. Lee, Associate Dean for Experiential Learning and Community Engagement and Associate Professor of Law

Jaya Ramji-Nogales, Sheller Family Professor in Public Interest Law

John Smagula, Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Programs

RECESSIONAL "Trumpet Tune" by John Stanley

MARSHALS

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

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

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

Mary Levy, Practice Professor of Law

Laura E. Little, James G. Schmidt Chair in Law

Rachel E. López, Barrack Chair in Law

Rafael A. Porrata-Doria, Professor of Law

Jacob Schuman, Associate Professor of Law

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

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Mitchell S. Goldberg (JD '86)

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (Retired)



The Honorable Mitchell S. Goldberg is the former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and a proud Temple Law graduate—Class of 1986.

Judge Goldberg's legal career began at the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, where he worked in both the trial and appellate divisions. He transitioned to a multinational law firm, focusing on commercial litigation and ultimately serving as senior partner and manager of the firm's Arson and

Fraud Unit. In 1997, Judge Goldberg returned to public service as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In 2003, he was elected to the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas. Judge Goldberg was then nominated to a seat on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate in October 2008. He became Chief Judge in March 2024. Judge Goldberg returned to private practice in 2025 and is now Senior Counsel at the firm of Blank Rome.

One of his proudest accomplishments is that he was a member of the first Temple Law Trial Team. Through that role he had the privilege to interface with Temple Law icons such as Eddie Ohlbaum and JoAnne Epps, and more recently Jules Epstein, who continues the Temple Law tradition of teaching the art and science of trial advocacy. Judge Goldberg remains steadfastly committed to improving legal education and the profession. He is an adjunct professor at Temple Law School, at various times teaching trial advocacy and federal practice and he remains a trusted mentor to countless Temple Law students and a role model for Temple Law graduates.

Master of Laws (China)

AUGUST 2025

- D Shaolong Luo
- D Ling Ye

Master of Laws in American and International Law

AUGUST 2025

- Hiroyuki Atsumi
- Hiroshi Chiba
- Itamar Haliwa
- Hiroto Ishihara
- Ayako Kobayashi
- D Eri Nishiguchi
- Makiko Ohno
- Takashi Watanabe
- Toshiki Watanabe
- D Shiori Watson

JANUARY 2026

- Maryna Bondar
- S Adrian Buchwald
- Douglas Roberto Cestari Ruoizzi
- D Ishara Madhubhashini
 - Keerthisinghe Ehalapa Gamage
- Naoki Fujishima
- Alliyah Solange Goddard
- Rie Honda
- Jiayue Hu
- D Tatsunari Ishibashi
- Yumi Itakura
- Merve Kabak
- Manmeet Kaur
- Usman Khan
- Tayheng Lao
- Dennis Appiah Larbi Ampofo
- D Xuefang Li
- Shahad Fouad Mustafa
- Elaine Alexandra Rodriguez
 - Guerrero
- Nilufar Shahpanahi
- Jose Tomas Sierra Peralta
- Sokny Soung
- C Giorgio Vergari
- Juliana Villa-Pelaez
- Shouli Xu

MAY 2026

- Maidina Abudukadier
- Sara Baccan
- Yanuaría Ivanessa Batista
- Saravotey Both
- D Adrien Castermans
- Xiaofang Fu
- Zihan Geng
- Ayumi Gushiken
- D Hamza Handzo
- Jia He
- Qi Hu
- Zhongying Huang
- D Chihiro Ishikawa
- Fakhar Khan
- D Ida Leonie Krueger
- Chalermpon Laksanosurang
- Linling Li
- Yiming Li
- Zhiqian Lin
- Haoting Liu
- Xin Lyu
- Yicun Ma
- Tahir Mahmood
- Qianchu Meng
- C Mohua Morshed
- Shuqi Mu
- Jiahui Ning
- Hirona Ono
- Thais Elena Ramirez Aponte
- D Hikari Saito
- Hamza Salahuddin
- Qing Shi
- Gabriel Alfredo Smith
- Masako Tanaka
- Vanessa Tran
- Yukiko Uto
- D Anne Franzina von Haefen
- Martha Lucia Wills
- Lingling Xu
- Nuo Xu
- Shino Yamamoto
- Shimin Yang
- Berivan Yilmaz
- D Kana Yoshimoto
- Xinyue Zhang
- D Jingsen Zhao
- Adi Zheng

Master of Laws in Transnational Law

AUGUST 2025

Alex Arend

Master of Laws (International Business Law)

AUGUST 2025

D Wenying Chen
D Zhe Chen
Jian Du
Mingjin Zhang

Master of Laws in Taxation

JANUARY 2026

Catherine T. Duffy
Leah A. Silverman

MAY 2026

James John Callahan
D John Garrett Miller

Master of Science in Taxation

JANUARY 2026

Ka Ming Au
D Claire Shiao Eleshewich
Kali Erika Hughes

MAY 2026

Felix Stephen Mandato, Jr.
Dani Rose Stillman

Master of Laws in Trial Advocacy

MAY 2026

Angela Aseye Attachie
H Rachel Berkness
H Victoria Bouvé
H José Constantino Campos
H Matthew A. Capacete

Chelsie L. Green
H Samuel A. Haaz
Waqas A. Hassan
Gertrude Barivule Karenton-
Mordi
Danielle L. Kennebrew
Daniel R. Klaproth
H Wyatt Larkin
Breck Christopher McDaniel
Edmond Rohlfig Shinn
Tiffany D. Taylor
H Jonathan Kovach Trout
Craig Voorhees
H Brittany Erin Wallace
H Zachary Alexander Zawrotny

Juris Doctor

JANUARY 2026

Kaleigh Apostolico
Shanaya Darius Desai JD/MPH
Carolyn Elizabeth Skorseth Posey
C Douglas James Sasso *
Jack Samuel Ullman

MAY 2026

Eugene V. Abramov †
Oluwadurotimi F. Adeoye
Nabin Adhikari
Priya Ahsan Ahmad
M Micaela Renee Anders
M Steven J. Armstrong
Ezekiel C. Arubuike
C Adis Bajraktarevic
M Michael P. Barrett Jr.
Maxwell Joseph Barrile
C Samantha Stribling Bass
Pekham Basu
Elizabeth Anne Beck †
C Sessi Kuwabara Blanchard
Amir C. Borghaei
M Gavin W. Brown
M Graeme E. Brown
S Samantha Michelle Brown JD/MSW
S James Edward Burnett
Alexander J. Busterna
Evan Robert Cabrejas
Meghan Alexandra Cahill
S Catherine Irene Cain
C Paulina Simone Calistru
C Ryan Callahan
S Rachelle L. Casement †

C Jamin Chen
Sheila A. Chinaeke
Stephanie Evelyn Chodl
M Ethan M. Cohen
M Amalis J. Cordova Mustafa
M Amanda Covalleski
C Abby E. Davidson
M Brian A. Davis †
M Madelyn Carly Demchick
S Lydia Dastous DePaul
C Jack Neilson Despain Zhou
Francis William DiGiorgio
M Joseph Mitchell Dixon
C Nicholas C. Donner
C Kristyn Paige Drummonds
Johannes Petrus Du Toit
C William T. Edwards †
Ryan Ekelburg †
Jakob J. Elson
C Connor D. Eonta
Anthony Preston Essick II
M Eli Alexander Evans
Victoria Valerio Faria
C Sean Fay
C Madison B. Feeney
M Erika Leigh Finkernagel
Matthew Spencer Wagner Fritz
M Meghan Elizabeth Gauld
Cassandra Gibson
M Hailey McHugh Gilles
C Damaris Gimenez
C Thomas Giral †
S Jack Goldberg
Benjamin Goldsmith
Jaymarie Diane Gonzalez †
C Marco Anthonio Granston †
Sarah Grynps
M Olivia A. Guerriero
Jason L. Guidangen
Aloana Kie Hall
M Dominique S. Hazel-Criss
Isaac C. Hebert
C Jessica E. Hemmons
Samuel Harrison Hilfiker *
S Jasmine M. Hinkey †
C Zoe McKenna Hoag
Deborah Hoffman Filler
M Felix S. Honnér
William J. Huggett
S Alyssa Lynn Humeston †
S Nicholas C. Hunsicker
M Seth Robert Israel
C Bailey N. Ix

Sarah S. Jang
Gabrielle R. Janovsky
S Bret Jaspers
C Elsa Louisa Johnson
Francesca Allyson Johnson
M Melanie L. Kane
M Benjamin Kanfer
Zaid M. Kapadia
Emily Rose Katsiff
C Alexis R. Kelly
Rhys D. Kelly
John J. Kenney
C Micha Elan Kerbel †
M Maxwell T. Klenk
Akunna Korieh
Jennifer Koshy
Jessica Kowal
C Emily Ku
C Jackson Kusiak
Caroline M. Ladd
M Ann Xiuzhi Lalicker †
M Rachel Keira Huynh Lavelle
Theresa Lemke
Cheyenne Alexis Lemonius
John Carlo Letizia †
M Jessica Li
Jack Henry Liss
Thomas A. Loudenslager †
S Lingxi Lu *†
Su Ang Ly
M Hunter S. Maenner †
C Natalia E. Mahecha Baron
Emma Maher
S Muskan Malhotra
M Stephen J. Mallozzi
M Amelia Jane Martinie †
Colin Philip McCrossan
Jake Herzing McGovern
M Brenna M. McGowan
Megan Caroline McGuire †
C Shubh Mehta
Nebi Mema
M Bradley J. Metts
S Aimely Josephine Michaud-Nolan
Maxwell Patrick Monheit
Kahden J. Mooney
M Ellie Marie Morrison
Reynerio Joseph Muradaz
Jessica L. Newberg
Solan Noritoki O'Malley †
M Bethany Oh
Rabeea Ola
Stephen Joseph Paccione Jr.

- C Samuel David Parrott †
- M Julia Rose Pascale
- Manuel Richard Paules
- Tram Anh L. Pham
- Sita Premlal
- Emily K. Preston
- Franz-Robert Quaye
- Ryan Thomas Carl Quinn
- C Grace Katherine Quinones †
- Jonathan David Rachlin
- C Pranav Ramesh
- Ella Rapp
- Maxwell M. Rauchut
- C Marco Ricci *
- M Cameron R. Robinson †
- Alexander David Rodriguez
- Scott Roman
- Raquel Elise Romero
- M Jessica M. Rosenthal
- Morgan V. Ross
- M Devin Clare Rudisill
- Xavier A. Ruffin
- C Anna Rita Sacks
- Ashin Saju
- Jajuan Franklin Sanders Jr.
- M Sagan Renee Schaffer
- C Miron Sergeev
- S Christopher Severini
- Maya Shankar
- Samantha P. Sharenow
- Morgan B. Sharinn
- M Kevin Sherry
- C Matthew C. Sibona
- C Justin A. Siegal
- C Sarah E. Sitzler
- M Apreah Erica Rose Smith
- C Madison Smith
- Isaiah Stafford
- Adam Jonathan Stambor †
- C Haley Rae Stav †
- C Ryan Steele
- Noah Stephenson
- Tyler J. Stern
- Xin Tan
- Michael John Thomas
- C Sarah R. Tiktin †
- Nina Torres
- M John Ellis Trismen
- Tommaso A. Trotti
- Declan Morrow Urffer
- Brenda Uriona
- Jacqueline Vanessa Valadez
- Brenden Vanic

- Joe'lyce Waiters
- M Joseph Austin Waldman †
- Amanda Lynne Wassum †
- Emma Gordon Weiss
- Steven J. Williams
- S Andrew Hsing Xu
- C Anna Grace Yamamoto
- C Kelly V. Zimmerman

JULY 2026

- Joseph R. Leighty
- Eric Thach

C Cum Laude
M Magna Cum Laude
S Summa Cum Laude
† Certificate in Trial Advocacy and Litigation
* Certificate in Business 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 – Temple Law 2026

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.

Steven J. Armstrong
Graeme E. Brown
Samantha Michelle Brown
James Edward Burnett
Catherine Irene Cain
Rachelle L. Casement
Ethan M. Cohen
Lydia Dastous DePaul
Hailey McHugh Gilles
Jack Goldberg
Dominique S. Hazel-Criss
Jasmine M. Hinkey
Alyssa Lynn Humeston
Nicholas C. Hunsicker
Bret Jaspers
Melanie L. Kane
Benjamin Kanfer
Lingxi Lu
Muskan Malhotra
Aimely Josephine Michaud-Nolan
Christopher Severini
Andrew Hsing Xu

Rubin Public Interest Law Honor Society

Temple University Beasley School of Law has long fostered an environment where the values of public service work are supported and cultivated. The Rubin Public Interest Law Honor Society was created to acknowledge students whose exceptional dedication to public service gives them the energy to go beyond the rigors of their academic curriculum. In realizing Temple's tradition of public service, the Rubin Public Interest Law Honor Society recognizes our students whose public service efforts exceed the expectation of a part-time job or a clinical class.

FELLOWS

Oluwadurotimi F. Adeoye
Samantha Stribling Bass
Pekham Basu
Sessi Kuwabara Blanchard
Samantha Michelle Brown
Stephanie Evelyn Chodl
Erika Leigh Finkernagel
Meghan Elizabeth Gauld
Thomas Giral
Olivia A. Guerriero
Aloana Kie Hall
Zoe McKenna Hoag
Alyssa Lynn Humeston
Bret Jaspers
Emily Ku
Jackson Kusiak
Anna Xiuzhi Lalicker
Jessica Li
Natalia E. Mahecha Baron
Amelia Jane Martinie
Brenna M. McGowan
Megan Caroline McGuire
Kahden J. Mooney
Bethany Oh
Tram Anh L. Pham
Sita Premlal
Jonathan David Rachlin
Anna Rita Sacks
Maya Shankar
Matthew C. Sibona

Justin A. Siegal
Sarah E. Sitzler
Adam Jonathan Stambor
Haley Rae Stav
Nina Torres
Jacqueline V. Valadez
Amanda Lynne Wassum
Emma Gordon Weiss
Anna Grace Yamamoto

ASSOCIATE

Jamin Chen
Madelyn Carly Demchick
Sean Fay
Lingxi Lu

MEMBER

Amalis J. Cordova Mustafa
Ryan Ekelburg

Awards and Prizes

Master of Laws Awards

THE PROFESSOR SAMUEL GYANDOH AWARD

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

Awarded to Dennis Appiah Larbi Ampofo

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 Adrian Buchwald

THE FACULTY AWARD – INTERNATIONAL LL.M.

Awarded to the graduate in the International LL.M. Program who wrote an outstanding paper on law and public policy.

Awarded to Adi Zheng

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 Catherine T. Duffy

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 Claire Shiao Eleshewich

THE FACULTY AWARD – TRIAL ADVOCACY LL.M.

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

Awarded to Matthew A. Capacete

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 Lingxi Lu

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 graduates in the Day Division with the highest cumulative

grade point average.

Awarded to James Edward Burnett, Catherine Irene Cain

THE FACULTY AWARD FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

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

Awarded to Rachelle L. Casement, Jack Goldberg, Alyssa Lynn Humeston, Nicholas C. Hunsicker, Bret Jaspers, Aimely Josephine Michaud-Nolan

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 Joseph Austin Waldman

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 Brian A. Davis, Jasmine M. Hinkey, Bret Jaspers

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 Benjamin Goldsmith

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 graduate who demonstrates excellence in real estate law.

Awarded to Christopher Severini

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 Lingxi Lu

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 Abby E. Davidson

CATHERINE DONAHUE MEMORIAL AWARD

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

Awarded to Maxwell T. Klenk, Kevin Sherry

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 Sessi Kuwabara Blanchard

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

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

Awarded to Anthony Preston Essick II, Isaac C. Hebert, Maxwell T. Klenk, Theresa Lemke, Franz-Robert Quayle, JaJuan Franklin Sanders Jr., Tommaso A. Trotti, Andrew Hsing Xu

ROBERT E. LAMBERTON AWARD

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

Awarded to James Edward Burnett, Benjamin Kanfer

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 Jason L. Guidangen

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 graduate who demonstrated excellent academic performance in the area of intellectual property.

Awarded to Cassandra Gibson

THE JOSEPH W. PRICE III MEMORIAL AWARD

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

Awarded to James Edward Burnett, Samuel Harrison Hilfiker, Marco Ricci

THE LENARD SIGAL MEMORIAL AWARD

To the graduate who demonstrated excellence in criminal law studies.

Awarded to Olivia A. Guerriero

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 the graduates who excel in the field of evidence.

Awarded to Steven J. Armstrong, Ethan M. Cohen, Brian A. Davis, Thomas Giral, Bethany Oh, Andrew Hsing Xu

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 Melanie L. Kane

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 Ryan Steele

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 Sarah Grynps, Muskan Malhotra

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 Sita Premlal

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 Oluwadurotimi F. Adeoye

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 Sessi Kuwabara Blanchard

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 Brenna M. McGowan

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 Ann Xiuzhi Lalicker – editing, Micaela Renee Anders – writing

THE RACHEL REBOUCHÉ PRIZE

Established by her colleagues and friends to honor Dean Rachel Rebouché, dean of the Law School from 2021 to 2025, this prize is awarded to the graduating student who, in the opinion of the faculty, wrote the best paper in the area of family law or reproductive rights and justice.

Awarded to Samantha Michelle Brown

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 Deborah Hoffman Filler

THE SARAH A. SHULL MEMORIAL AWARD

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

Awarded to Amanda Covaleski, Nicholas C. Hunsicker

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 Benjamin Kanfer

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 Hailey McHugh Gilles

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 William T. Edwards

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 Amir C. Borghaei, Thomas A. Loudenslager, Miron Sergeev

ANDREW GAY AWARD

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

Awarded to Steven J. Armstrong

INTEGRATED TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM AWARD

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

Awarded to Madison Smith, Michael John Thomas

THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS' PRIZE

For distinguished achievement in the art and science of advocacy.

Awarded to Elizabeth Anne Beck, Jasmine M. Hinkey

THE VICTOR S. JACZUN AWARD

To the graduates who have demonstrated excellence in trial advocacy.

Awarded to Marco Anthonio Granston, Rabeea Ola

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 Sarah S. Jang, Bret Jaspers, Lingxi Lu, Hunter S. Maenner, Cameron R. Robinson

PHILADELPHIA TRIAL LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION JAMES J. MANDERINO AWARD

To the outstanding student in trial advocacy.

Awarded to Rachelle L. Casement

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 Olivia A. Guerriero

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 Kaleigh Apostolico, Ezekiel C. Arubuike, Brian A. Davis, Damaris Gimenez, Micha Elan Kerbel, Maxwell T. Klenk, Bradley J. Metts, Samuel David Parrott, Kelly V. Zimmerman

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 Cassandra Gibson, Jason L. Guidangen, Bret Jaspers, Rachel Keira Huynh Lavelle, Nina Torres, Jacqueline V. Valadez

THE CROSSEN AWARD

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

Awarded to Adis Bajraktarevic, Elizabeth Anne Beck, Sheila A. Chinaeke, Jessica E. Hemmons, Jessica Kowal, Lingxi Lu, Raquel Elise Romero, Joe'lyce Waiters

JACQUELYN E. DAVIS JOHNSON SUCCESS AWARD

Awarded to the graduates who will incur expenses in preparing for the bar examination, are dues-paid members of the Black Law Students Association, and who have contributed to the law school community.

Awarded to Sheila A. Chinaeke, Franchesca Allyson Johnson, Cheyenne Alexis Lemonius

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 Priya Ashan Ahmad, Samantha Stribling Bass, Thomas Giral, Marco Anthonio Granston, Ann Xiuzhi Lalicker, Theresa Lemke, Su Ang Ly, Natalia E. Mahecha Baron, Miron Sergeev

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

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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 Eli Alexander Evans, Dominique S. Hazel-Criss

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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 Pranav Ramesh

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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 Ezekiel C. Arubuike

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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 Dominique S. Hazel-Criss

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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 Natalia E. Mahecha Baron, Muskan Malhotra, Nebi Mema

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 Paulina Simone Calistru, Nicholas C. Hunsicker, Rabea Ola, Ella Rapp, Anna Rita Sacks, Justin A. Siegel

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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.