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The Class of 2023

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FRIDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF MAY,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE
AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
SARATOGA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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PROGRAM

Processional	Majestic Brass
Introduction	Debra B. Treyz <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>
National Anthem	Alexia Wilson <i>Class of 2024</i>
Call To Order	Debra B. Treyz
Welcoming Remarks	Alicia Ouellette <i>President and Dean</i>
Presentation of Faculty Awards	Professor Danshera Cords Professor Edward De Barbieri Professor Patricia Reyhan
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Alicia Ouellette
Commencement Address	Roberta “Robbie” Kaplan
Presentation of Candidates.	Rosemary Queenan <i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Debra B. Treyz
Calling of Names	Rosemary Queenan
Presentation of Doctoral Hoods.	Professor Ava Ayers Professor Danshera Cords Professor Edward De Barbieri
Friend of the Class Award.	Michelle McCabe, <i>Class President</i>
Senior Class Gift Presentation	
National Alumni Association President’s Welcome	Mark Chieco <i>President</i>
Closing Remarks	Alicia Ouellette
Recessional	Majestic Brass

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2022-2023

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ALICIA OUELLETTE '94 PRESIDENT & DEAN



ALICIA OUELLETTE is the 18th President and Dean of Albany Law School.

As a leader in legal education, Dean Ouellette has championed the value of law schools as drivers of change in communities, society, and the lives of students and graduates. As President and Dean, she has presided over Albany Law School's execution of a new strategic plan, fulfillment of an institutional affiliation with the University at Albany, expansion into online graduate programs, and completion of a record-setting fundraising campaign, *We Rise Together: The Campaign for Albany Law School*.

Prior to her appointment as President and Dean, she served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Intellectual Life and a Professor of Law. Before joining the law school in 2001, Dean Ouellette was an Assistant Solicitor General in the New York State Attorney General's Office and a law clerk to the Honorable Howard A. Levine at the New York Court of Appeals.

As a scholar, Dean Ouellette focuses on health law, disability rights, family law, children's rights, and human reproduction. Her book, *Bioethics and Disability: Toward a Disability Conscious Bioethics*, was published in 2011 by Cambridge University Press. She has authored numerous articles published in academic journals such as the *American Journal of Law and Medicine*, *American Journal of Bioethics*, *Nevada Law Journal*, *Hastings Law Journal*, *Indiana Law Journal*, and *Oregon Law Review*.

She has presented to distinguished audiences around the globe, including at the Yale School of Medicine and the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

In September 2020, Dean Ouellette was appointed to New York Governor's COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Implementation Task Force. In October of 2022, she was awarded the 2022 Academic Laureate Award from the University at Albany Foundation.

Dean Ouellette has served in leadership positions for numerous professional and community organizations, including as chair of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section for Deans, secretary and a board member for the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU), secretary and a board member for the Burdett Birthing Center in Troy, N.Y., and a board member for the University at Albany's Institute for Health and Human Rights.

An alumna of Hamilton College, Dean Ouellette graduated *magna cum laude* in 1994 from Albany Law School, where she was editor-in-chief of the *Albany Law Review*.

ROBERTA “ROBBIE” KAPLAN, COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



ROBERTA “ROBBIE” KAPLAN successfully argued before the Supreme Court of the United States on behalf of LGBTQ rights activist Edith Windsor, in *United States v. Windsor*, a landmark decision that invalidated a section of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) requiring the federal government to recognize marriages of same-sex couples.

Kaplan went on to author *Then Comes Marriage: United States v. Windsor* and the Defeat of DOMA, chosen by the Los Angeles Times as one of the top 10 books of 2015.

Kaplan currently leads some of the country’s highest-profile commercial and public interest litigation, from suing the neo-Nazis behind the violence in Charlottesville to representing E. Jean Carroll, Mary Trump and investors in ACN in lawsuits against Donald Trump.

Kaplan left Big Law to found Kaplan Hecker & Fink in 2017 as a new kind of law firm blending a high-stakes commercial and white-collar practice with a fundamental commitment to public interest cases centered on values of inclusion, equity and justice. The firm is majority women- and LGBTQ+-owned and more than 75 percent of its attorneys identify as women, people of color and/or LGBTQ+.

KHF takes on groundbreaking, precedent-setting cases that not only advance the public interest, but have a significant impact beyond the courtroom – especially for women and other marginalized groups. In pioneering this new kind of boutique law firm, Kaplan has redefined the traditional concept of “pro bono” by taking on important matters – both to the firm and the public – and ensuring they are at the core of the firm’s practice.

Kaplan has been widely recognized for her impact and leadership, including the New York State Bar Association’s Gold Medal Award and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York Law Journal, which also named her Attorney of the Year in 2020. Kaplan was also named Litigator of the Year by *The American Lawyer* and Most Innovative Lawyer of the Year by *The Financial Times*.

In addition to an A.B. from Harvard College (magna cum laude) and a J.D. from Columbia Law School – where she teaches a seminar on advanced civil procedure – Kaplan holds honorary doctorates from Johns Hopkins University and the Jewish Theological Seminary, among others.

CLASS OF 2023

MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.)

Joanys Marie Aparicio Massanett

summa cum laude

Distinguished Leader Award

Jordan Bentz El-Halim^

summa cum laude

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summa cum laude

Mhamed Dalil***

cum laude

Emil N. Kambala*

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magna cum laude

Distinguished Award for Practical

Application of the Law

Terence L. Kindlon '73, father

Adolphe Mogbaya Mopotu

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magna cum laude

J. Anthony Ogden*

summa cum laude

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summa cum laude

Julia Stecuik*

Venita Whidbee-Jordan

summa cum laude

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Application of the Law

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summa cum laude

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summa cum laude

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summa cum laude

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summa cum laude

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summa cum laude

Barry Cook

cum laude

Cari L. Daniels^

summa cum laude

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magna cum laude

Hafsa K. Iqbal

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magna cum laude

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Wayne R. Premo, Jr.*

cum laude

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summa cum laude

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summa cum laude

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magna cum laude

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.)

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cum laude

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summa cum laude

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cum laude

Leigh Aman
magna cum laude
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Association (2022-2023)

Chirag Arora

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summa cum laude
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summa cum laude
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Advocacy Competition;
First Prize, Siegel Scholarship;
Executive Editor for Notes &
Comments, *Albany Law Review*

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cum laude
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Evan R. Bernstein
summa cum laude

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summa cum laude
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Dana L. Salazar Esq. '05, mother;
Frederik Erikson Esq. '99, uncle;
Erik Piorkowski Esq. '22, cousin

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Siegel Scholarship; Executive Managing Editor, *Albany Law Review*

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summa cum laude

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Thomson Reuters Award;

Siegel Scholarship; Executive Editor for Notes & Comments, *Albany Law Review*

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magna cum laude

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summa cum laude

Law Clinic & Justice Center Prize; Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*

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Burke M. Cronin*

Kara Czapski-Orlop°

Shivani Damera*

cum laude

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cum laude

National Order of Barristers; Director of Competitions, Anthony V. Cardona '70 Moot Court Program (2022-2023)

Matt DeLaus

magna cum laude

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Nicholas Deon

Deana J. DiBenedetto

summa cum laude

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cum laude

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Neha Goel

cum laude

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Yaqarra Greene^o

Colin Sayer Grimm^{*}

cum laude

Lillian Charis Hahn

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cum laude

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cum laude
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Francis H. Anderson Negotiation
Award; Donna Jo Morse Negotiations
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cum laude
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Associate Editor, *Albany Law Journal
of Science & Technology*

Anthony Jenouri

magna cum laude

MingHong Ji*

cum laude

Olimata Jobe

Grace Ann Johnson

cum laude
Outstanding Clinical Student Award

Seaborn William Jones

magna cum laude
Regina Katherine Treffiletti '89, aunt

Aastha Katakya-Alvarez

David A. Wanger Memorial Award;
Associate Editor, *Albany Law Journal
of Science & Technology*

Lily G. Killar

cum laude

Olivia H. Kim

summa cum laude
Lead Article Editor, *Albany Law Journal
of Science & Technology*;
Alexis E. Kim '15, sister

Abigail Mary King

summa cum laude
Siegel Scholarship; Executive Editor for
Notes & Comments, *Albany Law Review*

Lesley A. Kirkpatrick*

magna cum laude
Isabelle Redman Prize

Lianna Kubista*

Evan R. Levesque

summa cum laude
Thomson Reuters Award; Domenick
L. Gabrielli Appellate Advocacy
Competition, First Prize; Siegel
Scholarship; Executive Managing Editor,
Albany Law Review

Renee M. Liporace

Keenan J. Loder

summa cum laude
Frank M. Patterson Prize; Cardozo Prize;
Siegel Scholarship; Editor-in-Chief,
Albany Law Review

Shaun P. LoVerdi

magna cum laude
NYSBA Representative, Student Bar
Association (2022-2023)

Conor M. Lynch

summa cum laude
Gary M. Peck '79 Memorial Prize;
Symposium Editor, *Albany Law Journal
of Science & Technology*;
Margaret Comard Lynch '82, mother;
Michael C. Lynch '79, father

Murphy Kenefick

Allison M. Magnarelli

magna cum laude

Judge Merle Nahum Fogg, Jr. '45 Moot Court Prize; Domenick L. Gabrielli Appellate Advocacy Competition, Second Prize; Karen C. McGovern Senior Trials Prize, First Prize; National Order of Barristers; Siegel Scholarship; Executive Editor for Coordinating & Operation, *Albany Law Review*; 1L Class President, Student Bar Association (2020-2021)

Michael P. Maio

cum laude

Siegel Scholarship; Executive Editor for Miscarriages of Justice, *Albany Law Review*

Daniel Mancini

cum laude

Logan M. Martin

magna cum laude

Associate Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*

Julia Massimi**

Matthew J. McAuliffe

3L Representative, Student Bar Association (2022-2023), 2L Representative, Student Bar Association (2021-2022)

James G. McAuliffe '82, father

Michelle A. Viera McCabe

3L Class President, Student Bar Association (2022-2023)

Thomas McCarthy

summa cum laude

Edward M. Cameron, Jr. '21 Memorial Prize; Siegel Scholarship; Executive Editor for Research & Business, *Albany Law Review*

John R. McCartin

Brian B. McCauley

cum laude

Securities Regulation Prize

Daniel R. McCormick***

cum laude

Associate Editor,

Albany Government Law Review;

Thomas McCormick '02, father;

Kathleen Nally '76, aunt;

Arthur Peer '60, uncle

Meaghan Rose McKay

cum laude

Katherine Aurelia Miller

Lukas J. Moller

cum laude

Matthew Mosdell

summa cum laude

Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*

Nikita Nayar

Beven B. Nedumthakady

magna cum laude

National Order of Barristers;

3L Executive Vice President,

Student Bar Association (2022-2023);

2L Representative, Student Bar

Association (2022-2021);

1L Representative, Student Bar

Association, (2020-2021)

Jacob M. New

Selections Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*

Jack Nicholas

Rebecca L. Novick

cum laude

Robert A. Barker Award; National Order of Barristers; Associate Board Member, Anthony V. Cardona '70 Moot Court Program (2021-2022); Executive Director, Anthony V. Cardona '70 Moot Court Program (2022-2023); Managing Editor for Business and Production, *Albany Government Law Review*

Jared J. Novotny

cum laude

Emily Kate O'Halloran

cum laude

Anna Victoria O'Neill

Michael J. Murphy '82, uncle

Joshua Paultre°

magna cum laude

Note and Comment Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*

Lyssabeth Pedersen**

Taane J. Pegg

magna cum laude

Keith M. Pelcher

cum laude

Jessica M. Phillips

magna cum laude

The Honorable Leslie E. Stein '81 Commencement Prize

Madeline K. Ping

magna cum laude

Executive Editor, *Albany Government Law Review*

Michael Pitcher

cum laude

Managing Editor for Production, Research and Writing, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*

Kyle C. Pittman

magna cum laude

Editor-in-Chief, *Albany Government Law Review*

Paige M. Pomerantz

cum laude

Gabrielle A. Popielarski

Shane Protivansky

cum laude

Olivia Reinhardt

Emma Renzi*

summa cum laude

Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*; Robert Renzi '60, great uncle

Zoe N. Reszytniak

cum laude

Executive Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*; Hon. Anthony V. Cardona '70, grandfather

Jacob E. Richards*

cum laude

Daniel W. Richer

Brittany (Brit) Renée Rios

cum laude

Chloe I. Ross

Hilana T. Said

summa cum laude

Francis H. Anderson Negotiation Award; Donna Jo Morse Negotiations Competition Winner (2021-2022); Siegel Scholarship; Executive Editor for New York Appeals & State Constitutional Commentary, *Albany Law Review*

Lauren A. Salatto-Rosenay**

summa cum laude

Subeditor, *Albany Law Review*

Danielle A. Salazar

Garreth L. Santosuosso

magna cum laude

Nathanael Savasta*

magna cum laude

Associate Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*

Jared L. Scali

Madisyn Alessandra Scopteuolo-Camus

magna cum laude

Associate Editor,
Albany Government Law Review

Charles E. Serino

cum laude

Kelsey A. Shaffer

summa cum laude

Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*

Omid Michael Shamim

Lead Article Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*

Jacob Sheingold

Luke T. Sheridan

cum laude

Donna Jo Morse Memorial Award;
National Order of Barristers; Donna
Jo Morse Client Counseling and
Negotiations Competition Chair,
Anthony V. Cardona '70 Moot Court
Program (2022-2023); Associate
Editor, *Albany Government Law Review*

Katelynne L. Shoots

Noah F. Smith***

Ashley Liberta Snyder***

cum laude

Subeditor, *Albany Law Review*; Spring
Start Representative, Student Bar
Association (2021-2022)

Craig D. Specht

magna cum laude

Michael Specht '90, father

Shawn Ray Sperbeck

Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*

Ashley Sperbeck '19, spouse

Cole H. Stevens

cum laude

Claire J. Stratton

Editor-in-Chief, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*; 3L Executive
President, Student Bar Association
(2022-2023), 2L Class President,
Student Bar Association (2022-2021),
1L Representative, Student Bar
Association, (2020-2021)

Amber L. Swinden

Trevor J. Telisky**

Tina Thermadam

National Order of Barristers

Jason Thomas

Executive Treasurer, Student Bar
Association (2021-2022)

Marcus J. Thompson

Joshua A. Trott

cum laude

Daniel C. Twardowski^

Alexandra F. Vecchio

Raymond P. Weiss Jr.*

magna cum laude

American Bar Association State and
Local Government Law Section Prize;
Associate Editor, *Albany Government
Law Review*

Morgan A. Welling[°]

summa cum laude

Associate Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*

Jacob Wheeler

Patricia Tatyana Whelan

Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*;

3L Representative, Student Bar

Association (2022-2023), ABA

Representative, Student Bar Association (2021-2022)

Tai Olivia White

ACBA Representative, Student Bar

Association (2022-2023), ACBA

representative, Student Bar Association (2021-2022)

Matthew R. Winchell^{*}

John E. Winters

Taylor L. Yates

cum laude

Note and Comment Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*

Taylor Lea Yensan

Jaclyn R. Yoselevich

summa cum laude

Capital District Trial Lawyers

Association Prize; National Order of

Barristers; Associate Board Member,

Anthony V. Cardona '70 Moot

Court Program (2021-2022); Karen

C. McGovern Senior Prize Trials

Competition Chair, Anthony V.

Cardona '70 Moot Court Program

(2022-2023); Associate Editor,

Albany Government Law Review; 3L

Representative, Student Bar Association

(2022-2023), 2L Representative, Student

Bar Association (2021-2022)

Patrick R. Youngs^{*}**

Karen L. Zenilman^{*}

summa cum laude

Article Editor,

Albany Government Law Review;

Maria Lally Clark '89, aunt;

John Clark '90, uncle

JingYu Sophie Zhang^{*}

cum laude

Yue Zhang

Xin Zhao^{*}

[★] VETERAN

[^] JULY OR AUGUST 2022 GRADUATE

^{*} DECEMBER 2022 GRADUATE

^{**} JULY OR AUGUST 2023 GRADUATE

^{***} DECEMBER 2023 GRADUATE

[°] PRO BONO SCHOLAR GRADUATE

THE JUSTINIAN SOCIETY

Members of the class receiving their Juris Doctor degrees *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, or *cum laude* become members of the honorary legal society of Justinian. Academic honors designation is based on grade point average as of the conclusion of the fall 2022 semester.

CORD DISTINCTIONS:

White: *summa cum laude*

Gold: *magna cum laude*

Silver: *cum laude*

Red/White/Blue: *veteran*

PRIZES, HONORS, AND AWARDS

American Bar Association State and Local Government Law Section Prize –

A prize awarded to the graduating senior with the highest standing in Land Use Law. *Raymond P. Weiss Jr.*

Francis H. Anderson Negotiation Award – An award established in honor of Professor Emeritus Francis H. Anderson, presented to the two students who displayed competence in their capacity as conciliators and negotiators by winning the annual Donna Jo Morse Negotiations Competition. *Magdalena R. Holmes and Hilana T. Said*

Robert A. Barker Award – An award given in honor of Professor Emeritus Robert A. Barker, former Associate Dean, to the graduate chosen by the Moot Court Board for outstanding service to the Moot Court Program. *Rebecca L. Novick*

Martin H. Belsky Graduation Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established by the friends and colleagues of Martin H. Belsky, former dean, to the graduate who has demonstrated the greatest commitment to Public Interest Law during law school. *Magdalena R. Holmes*

Edward M. Cameron Jr. '21 Memorial Prize – A prize established by the Lyric Foundation in memory of former foundation president and former Albany Law School trustee, Edward M. Cameron Jr., Class of 1921, to the highest-ranking graduate who has made a significant contribution in the area of public interest law. *Thomas McCarthy*

Cameron-Danaher Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established by the families of Frederick W. Cameron, Class of 1882, former trustee and faculty member, and Franklin M. Danaher, a member of the State Board of Law Examiners for many years, to the graduate having the highest standing in the subjects of Civil Procedure and Evidence. *Alice M. Broussard*

Capital District Trial Lawyers Association Prize – A prize awarded by the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association to honor students who compete in trial team competitions with other law schools nationwide. Prize recipients are selected by faculty and coaches based on students' dedication to trial practice and on the trial skills they demonstrate in competition. *Jaclyn R. Yoselevich*

Cardozo Prize – A prize awarded by a fund established by the late Benjamin N. Cardozo, former Justice of the United States Supreme Court and member of the Law School faculty, to the graduating member of the Law Review Board who, in the judgment of the Law Review faculty advisor, has made the most significant contribution to the *Albany Law Review* during the academic year. *Keenan J. Loder*

Judge Merle Nahum Fogg, Jr.'45 Moot Court Prize – A prize dedicated to the memory of Judge Merle N. Fogg, Jr., Class of 1945, awarded annually in equal shares to the two winners of the Moot Court Senior Prize Trials.

Deana J. DiBenedetto and Allison M. Magnarelli

Domenick L. Gabrielli Appellate Advocacy Competition – Prizes awarded to the winners of the Gabrielli Appellate Moot Court Competition from a fund set up in honor of Domenick L. Gabrielli '36, former judge of the New York State Court of Appeals. (Final Round held in Spring 2022). *James C. Ashley and Evan R. Levesque* – First Prize; *Deana J. DiBenedetto and Allison M. Magnarelli* – Second Prize

Law Clinic & Justice Center Prize – A prize awarded to a student in the Clinic and Justice Center who has exhibited the most interest in and has contributed significantly to individuals represented by the clinic during the academic year.

Kaitlynn J. Chopra

The Edward F. Layden, Esq. '53 and Kathryn I. Layden Moot Court Award –

A prize awarded in memory of Edward F. Layden, Esq. class of 1953, a distinguished alumnus of Albany Law School who was valedictorian of his graduating class and a Moot Court winner, to a third-year student involved in Albany Law School's Moot Court Program in the areas of Appellate, Advocacy, Negotiations, or Client Counseling, who expresses a high level of performance in competitions as either a participant or coach and is dedicated to improving and promoting the Moot Court Program. *Deana J. DiBenedetto*

John B. Lurie '20 Memorial Prize – A prize dedicated to the memory of John B. Lurie, Class of 1920, and established by the estate of Lurie's wife, Ada B. Lurie, awarded to a third-year student who has demonstrated academic merit and professional promise. *Elizabeth L. Getz*

Karen C. McGovern Senior Trials Prize – A prize funded by William P. McGovern, Esq. '68 – father of Karen C. McGovern, '01. It is awarded to the first- and second-place teams in the Senior Trials. *Deana J. DiBenedetto and Allison M. Magnarelli* – First Prize; *Lillian C. Hahn and Robert R. Hojnacki* – Second Prize

The Jay H. Milstein Award – A prize awarded from a fund established by family and friends in memory of Jay H. Milstein, Class of 1949, to a graduating student who demonstrates leadership, professionalism, ethical judgment, strong problem-solving skills, and advocacy through participation in Albany Law School's Field Placement Clinic. Preference is given to a student from Albany County.

Willy J. Ferreira

The Moscovitz Health Law Clinic Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established in honor of the marriage of Martha Kronholm Moscovitz '08 and Frank Moscovitz to recognize and reward talented students in the Health Law Clinic at Albany Law School's Clinic & Justice Center. *Lisa-Michelle P. Houck*

Donna Jo Morse Memorial Award – The criteria for this prize was established by Professor Donna Morse shortly before her death. Her wish was that the student who did the most to help other students be recognized. Therefore, this prize is awarded to the student who has demonstrated an incredible amount of dedication to the Moot Court Program. *Luke T. Sheridan*

Donna Jo Morse Negotiations Competition – This competition is dedicated to the legacy and memory of the late Donna Morse, a 1991 graduate of Albany Law School. Donna later returned to the school to teach the Introduction to Lawyering course to first-year students. She also served as faculty advisor for the Law School's American Bar Association Negotiation Team from 1991 to 1995. During that time she successfully guided the Albany Law School Negotiation Team to five regional championships. These competitions are held in honor of her contribution as a teacher, mentor and friend to the Law School community.

Magdalena R. Homes and Hilana T. Said (2021-2022)

National Order of Barristers Award – Certificates are awarded to the graduates who have made outstanding contributions to the Moot Court Program.

Mia C. Dardanelli, Deana J. DiBenedetto, Alexandra L. Galus, Lillian C. Hahn, Robert R. Hojnacki, Allison M. Magnarelli, Beven B. Nedumthakady, Rebecca L. Novick, Emmalynn Salazar Blake, Luke T. Sheridan, Tina S. Thermadam, Jaclyn R. Yoselevich

Outstanding Clinical Student Award – An award given by the Clinical Legal Education Association to a student nominated by the law school clinical faculty, in recognition of excellence in clinical fieldwork, high quality of representation provided to clients, and outstanding participation in clinical seminar.

Grace A. Johnson

Frank M. Patterson Prize – A prize from a fund established by Frank M. Patterson, awarded to the students having the highest standing in Contracts. *Keenan J. Loder*

Gary M. Peck '79 Memorial Prize – Awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated a personal commitment to Environmental Law and issues, and exhibits the highest principles of integrity, honesty and professionalism. *Conor M. Lynch*

Isabelle Redman Prize – A prize created to honor Isabelle A. Redman, Class of 1999. This prize will be given to the graduating student who has demonstrated the qualities personified by Ms. Redman: courage, perseverance, and graciousness in confronting extraordinary challenges. *Lesley A. Kirkpatrick*

Thomson Reuters Award – Prizes awarded annually to the students having the highest standing in the field of Evidence. *Erin L. Butler and Evan R. Levesque*

Patricia E. Salkin, Esq. '88 Government Law Center Prize – A prize awarded to one or two graduates who have participated in Government Law Center programs and who have demonstrated a commitment to law and public policy with a potential for distinction in these areas. *Samantha L. Bardwell*

Securities Regulations Prize – A prize established by Joseph Dormer Stephen III, Class of 1996, awarded to the student having the highest standing in Securities Regulations. *Brian B. McCauley*

The Honorable Leslie E. Stein '81 Commencement Prize – To commemorate her retirement from the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, the dedicated law clerks of Judge Stein established this award. It is given to a graduate who has demonstrated a strong academic record and a commitment to helping others navigate family law issues. The award honors Judge Stein, a graduate of Albany Law School, who has exemplified judicial compassion, collegiality, and excellence throughout her tenure on the bench at each level of the New York State court system. *Jessica M. Phillips*

Siegel Scholarships – Prizes awarded by the Siegel family from a fund established by the late Distinguished Professor Emeritus David D. Siegel to members of the *Albany Law Review* editorial board for excellent service and academic leadership. *Emily A. Ahlqvist, James Ashley, Julia Berry Lopez, Alice M. Broussard, Elise I. Butler, Erin L. Butler, Nicholas Erly, Abigail M. King, Evan R. Levesque, Keenan J. Loder, Allison M. Magnarelli, Michael P. Maio, Thomas McCarthy, and Hilana T. Said*

Stone Family Prize Fund in Business and Entrepreneurship – A prize awarded from a fund established by Christine Stone '81 to a graduate who has distinguished him, her, or themselves through outstanding efforts in the Community Development Clinic. *Neha Goel*

Kate Stoneman Student Award – A prize awarded from a fund established by Miriam M. Netter, Class of 1972 and founding member of Kate Stoneman Day, to the graduating senior who exemplifies the pioneering spirit of Kate Stoneman, Class of 1898, first female graduate of Albany Law School and first female member of the New York State Bar. *Rebekah E. Carson and Elizabeth L. Getz*

Student Service Award – A prize awarded from a fund established by members of the Class of 1990 to a student at the end of the second academic year in recognition of unselfish commitment to the Law School community. *Shivani Damera (2022)*

David A. Wanger Memorial Award – A prize awarded from a fund established by the family of Judge David Wanger, Class of 1920, to the second-year student who has shown outstanding ability in moot court and advocacy programs.

Aastha Katakya-Alvarez

**THE FOLLOWING WILL BE AWARDED BASED ON GRADE POINT AVERAGES
AS OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPRING 2023 SEMESTER:**

Maurice Supiro Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established by Mildred Supiro, in memory of her brother, Maurice Supiro, Class of 1919, to the valedictorian of the graduating class.

Trustees' First Prize – A prize awarded by the Board of Trustees to the graduate maintaining the highest average for the three-year course of study.

Trustees' Second Prize – A prize awarded by the Board of Trustees to the graduate maintaining the second highest average for the three-year course of study.

Matthew Bender Prize – Copies of *Drafting New York Wills* and *Lexis Nexis Answer Guide New York Surrogates Court*, 2015 Edition is awarded by Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender, a leading provider of analytical legal research, to the two graduates having the highest standing in the field of Trusts and Estates.

Herbert E. Cohen Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established under the will of Herbert E. Cohen, Class of 1957, to the graduate demonstrating the greatest potential for excellence in the area of Corporate Law and Taxation.

John Dugan Prize – A prize awarded to a student who has demonstrated academic excellence in one of the fields of particular interest to Mr. Dugan: Tax Law, Tax Policy, and Government Finance

Friedman Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established by Irving and Lillian S. Friedman, Class of 1958, to the graduate who attains the highest average in the subject of Family Law.

The Eugene M. Karp, Esq. '56 Prize in Trust & Estates – A prize awarded from a fund established by the Karp family in memory of Eugene M. Karp, Esq., Class of 1956, a distinguished alumnus of Albany Law School and prominent member of the legal community, to the graduate having the highest standing in the subject of Trusts & Estates.

MatLaw™ Prize – An annual award, provided by MatLaw™, Inc., given for outstanding achievement in family law to the graduates having the highest standing in the courses of Family Law and Matrimonial Law and Practice.

Patrick B. McNamara Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established in memory of Patrick B. McNamara, Class of 1978, to the student having the highest grade in the Labor Law field.

Selma Mintz Memorial Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established by Dr. Stephen J. and Nancy Mintz Sills, Class of 1976, in memory of a most supportive mother, awarded to a student who graduates with honors while raising a family.

Joseph Rosch Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established by Emil Peters, Class of 1932, and his wife, Winifred Rosch Peters, in honor of her father, Joseph Rosch, former Justice of the New York State Supreme Court and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, to the graduate having the highest standing in the subject of Administrative Law.

Jacob L. Rubenstein Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established by the will of Ida D. Rubenstein in memory of Jacob L. Rubenstein, Class of 1914, awarded to the graduate having the highest standing in Procedure subjects.

The Wann Family Prize for Excellence in Business Law and Litigation – A prize awarded from a fund established by Nancy Wann '06 and the Wann Family Foundation to the graduate having the highest grade point average within the litigation concentration after the first semester of the third year.

John C. Welsh Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established by members of the faculty and staff in recognition of the many services given to Albany Law School by Professor John C. Welsh, Class of 1955, to the graduate having the highest standing in the subjects of Property and Trusts and Estates.

White-Rosbrook Prize – A prize awarded by the Board of Trustees in memory of Frank White and Alden Rosbrook, former teachers at Albany Law School and authors in the field of Corporate Law, to the graduates having the highest standing in Business Organizations.

ONLINE GRADUATE SCHOOL PRIZES, HONORS AND AWARDS

Distinguished Award for Practical Application of the Law – For exhibiting an ability to produce outstanding and highly-practical coursework that models the quality and scope of work product expected from successful practitioners in the field. *Lee C. Kindlon and Venita Whidbee-Jordan*

Distinguished Leader Award – For exhibiting peer-to-peer leadership qualities, including exceptional collaboration, professional dialog, and support for others within the learning community. *Joanys Marie Aparicio Massanett and J. Anthony Ogden**





ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

Albany Law School is the nation's oldest independent school of law. Founded in 1851, Albany Law has played an important role in the development of legal education in the United States.

In mid-19th century America, the standard preparation for the bar was a legal clerkship. The school's founders—Amos Dean, Ira Harris and Amasa Parker, all successful lawyers active in public affairs—felt that this approach fell short in preparing new lawyers. The trio set out to replace it with a structured educational program that encompassed both thorough knowledge of the principles of law, and experience in applying them. Their philosophy of legal education caught hold and Albany Law School flourished. This combination of theory and practice continues to be a hallmark of an Albany Law education today.

The school's early history is marked with a range of noteworthy milestones and accomplishments. In 1873, it affiliated with Albany Medical College and Union College to form Union University. Later on Albany College of Pharmacy, now Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, joined. Each institution has its own governing board and is responsible for its own programs.

Albany Law School has attracted and produced many historically-distinguished alumni, including:

- David Brewer, U.S. Supreme Court Justice
- James Campbell Matthews, New York State's first Black judge
- Robert H. Jackson, U.S. Supreme Court Justice
- William McKinley, 25th President of the United States
- Kozu Senzaburo, first Asian graduate
- Kate Stoneman, first woman admitted to the New York Bar
- Alinton Telle, first Native American graduate; National Secretary, Choctaw Nation

In 1875, Albany Law published the nation's first student-edited law review, the Albany Law School Journal. An innovative lecture series on legal ethics began just after the turn of the century.

Throughout the 20th century, Albany Law School expanded and diversified the faculty, curriculum and student body. It added important programs such as the Albany Law School Clinic & Justice Center (now the Edward P. Swyer Justice Center), in which students and faculty provide legal support for low-income citizens, and the Government Law Center, a highly respected resource for law and policymakers in Albany and elsewhere around the country.

