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INTRODUCTION	ROSEMARY QUEENAN <i>Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i>
GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.	SHELLEE DANIEL AND ELLIOTT BUCCIERI <i>Class of 2021</i>
CALL TO ORDER	DEBRA TREYZ, <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>
WELCOMING REMARKS	ALICIA OUELLETTE, <i>President and Dean</i>
INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER	ALICIA OUELLETTE
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	ROBERT CAPERS
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES	CONNIE MAYER <i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</i>
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	DEBRA TREYZ
CALLING OF NAMES.	CONNIE MAYER
PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL HOODS.	PROFESSOR EDWARD W. DE BARBIERI ASSOCIATE DEAN ANTONY HAYNES PROFESSOR AVA AYERS
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2020-2021

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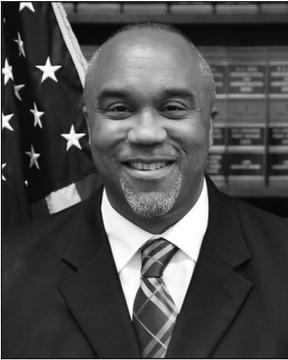
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ROBERT CAPERS
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER & HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



ROBERT L. CAPERS '96 has enjoyed a long and storied career in public service and exemplifies the principals of service shared by Albany Law. He is currently the Chief United States Probation Officer for the Eastern District of New York (EDNY). In that capacity, he is a Court Unit Executive within the United States District Court for the EDNY, which includes Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island, as well as Nassau and Suffolk Counties on Long Island, and is responsible for overseeing a staff of approximately 90 federal probation officers

and staff that prepares over 600 presentence reports per year in aid of sentencing for federally convicted criminal defendants and supervises over 2,000 offenders per year.

From October 2017 to his appointment as Chief Probation Officer in December 2019, Capers was a partner in the New York City Office of Arent Fox LLP, where he co-chaired the White-Collar Defense and Investigations practice group and was a member of the Business Compliance and Integrity Monitorships practice group.

Capers began his career in the Eastern District in 2003 and served as a trial AUSA in the General Crimes, Narcotics, and the Violent Crimes and Terrorism Sections. He also served as an Acting Deputy Chief of the General Crimes Section, Deputy Chief and Chief of the Narcotics Section and the International Narcotics Strike Force, Deputy Chief of the Litigation Unit within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice's Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section in Washington, D.C., and Senior Litigation Counsel in the Office's Public Integrity Section.

On October 8, 2015, Capers was nominated by Former President Barack Obama to be the United States Attorney for the EDNY. On the same day, Former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed Capers to that position in an interim capacity until he was confirmed by the Senate on December 15, 2015. As United States Attorney, he was responsible for overseeing all federal criminal and civil investigations and cases in the district and supervised a staff of approximately 180 attorneys and 130 support personnel.

Upon his graduation from Albany Law in 1996 until 2003, Capers served as an Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office under the legendary Robert M. Morgenthau and the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for New York City.

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 launch 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 Andrew Cuomo's COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Implementation Task Force.

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*.

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magna cum laude

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cum laude

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cum laude

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summa cum laude

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magna 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

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cum laude

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(2020-2021)

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Megan Leigh Bassler

magna cum laude

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cum laude

Emely Batista Ramirez

Alison Claire Beck

cum laude

Charles F. Beck

Zana Marie Beck

summa cum laude

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Lavinia Bhaskaruni

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Steve Bobarakis '89, uncle

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cum laude

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Albany Law Review

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Claire R. Burke

cum laude

Gary M. Peck '79 Memorial Prize

Walter E. Burke '42, grandfather

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summa cum laude

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cum laude

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Matthew J. Capezuto

Gerald P. Casertino

summa cum laude

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Gregory Cholakis '92, father;
Catherine Cholakis '89, aunt
Constantine Cholakis '58, grandfather*

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cum laude
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Executive Editor,
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cum laude

Taylor Leigh Cupp

The Jay Milstein Award
Collin D'Arcy 2016, brother

Shellee M. Daniel

magna cum laude
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Entrepreneurship; Domenick L. Gabrielli
Prize – First Prize; National Order
of Barristers Award; The Edward F.
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Client Counseling Competition; Siegel
Scholarships; Executive Editor for Notes
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Competition – Second Prize; Associate
Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science
& Technology*

AbiDemi Donovan

summa cum laude
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Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor
for Submissions, Research and Business,
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Jake Eisland

magna cum laude

Andrew Ellis

magna cum laude
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cum laude
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Jeremy Guarino

cum laude

Jessica N. Haller

magna cum laude

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Assistant Editor, Best Practices for *Legal
Education Blog* (2019-2020); Selections
Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science &
Technology*

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cum laude

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Director of Finance, Anthony V.
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Bioethics Institute – Albany Medical
College; Associate Editor, *Albany Law
Journal of Science & Technology*;
1L Senator, Student Bar Association
(2018-2019)

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summa cum laude

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Second Prize; Siegel Scholarships;
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cum laude

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magna cum laude

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cum laude

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Gail Malone 2016, cousin

Marlena L. Mareno

magna cum laude

The Honorable Leslie E. Stein '81 Commencement Prize

Olivia Marine

Christopher C. Marney*

cum laude

Melanie L. Marotta

Adrianna Mathew

The Moscovitz Health Law Clinic Prize; Judge Merle Nahum Fogg, Jr. '45 Moot Court Prize; Karen C. McGovern Senior Prize Trials Competition; Associate Board Member, Anthony V. Cardona '70 Moot Court Program (2020-2021); Associate Editor, *Albany Government Law Review*

Matthew J. May

magna cum laude

Don Armstrong '79, uncle

Abigail McCormick-Foley

magna cum laude

Managing Editor for Production, Research, and Writing, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*; 3L Senator, Student Bar Association (2020-2021)

Mary Margaret Meehan

summa cum laude

Cameron-Danaher Prize; Frank M. Patterson Prize; Securities Regulations Prize; Thomson Reuters Award

Benjamin Mehic*

cum laude

Catherine Mibaum

Adrianna Mihalek
magna cum laude

Cassidy Virginia Milam
summa cum laude
Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor
for Lead Articles, *Albany Law Review*

Matthew J. Millea*
summa cum laude
John B. Lurie '20 Memorial Prize
James S. Millea, Jr. '73, father

Antonia Minutoli

Matthew M. Morales
cum laude

Daniel J. Mosher
cum laude
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Association (2019-2020); 1L Senator,
Student Bar Association (2018-2019)

Emma Marguerite Moskowitz

Kevin M. Nelson

Mark E. Nesbitt, Jr.
cum laude

Danielle L. Nevinger

Arthur Nix
summa cum laude
Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor
for Miscarriages of Justice,
Albany Law Review

Alexandrea Nuwer

Bryan P. O'Keefe
Siegel Scholarships; 3L Senator,
Student Bar Association (2020-2021);
Executive Editor for State Constitutional
Commentary, *Albany Law Review*

Scott Fitzgerald Owen
cum laude
Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor for
New York Appeals, *Albany Law Review*
Christopher Owen '79, father

Hyunjin Park
cum laude

Spencer C. Patterson

Brittany N. Patton*
cum laude
National Order of Barristers Award;
Isabelle Redman Prize; Chair of
Collegiate Competitions, Anthony
V. Cardona '70 Moot Court Program
(2020-2021); Associate Board Member,
Anthony V. Cardona '70 Moot Court
Program (2020-2021)

Francis I. Pellicciaro
3L Senator, Student Bar Association
(2020-2021); 2L Senator, Student Bar
Association (2019-2020)

Kevin B. Perry
Stone Family Prize Fund in Business
and Entrepreneurship; NYSBA At-Large
Senator, Student Bar Association (2019-
2020, 2020-2021)

Kimberly L. Philip*
Daniel H. Prior, great grandfather;
Daniel H. Prior, great uncle

Joseph T. Pidel
Robert A. Baker Award; National Order
of Barristers Award; Chair, Collegiate
Competitions, Anthony V. Cardona '70
Moot Court (2019-2020); Executive
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Court Program (2020-2021);
ACBA At-Large Senator, Student Bar
Association (2020-2021)

Colleen Rachel Pierson*
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Albany Government Law Review

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cum laude
Vincent J. Reilly, Jr. '67, uncle

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summa cum laude

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(2018-2019)

Raziq K. Seabrook
magna cum laude

Kathryn C. Seely
summa cum laude
National Order of Barristers Award;
Karen C. McGovern Senior Prize
Trials Competition Chair, Anthony
V. Cardona '70 Moot Court program
(2020-2021); Executive Vice President,
Student Bar Association (2020-2021);
2L Senator, Student Bar Association
(2018-2019)
Patrick L. Seely '92, father;
Sean M. Seely '93, uncle

Justin E. Shapiro
cum laude

Jennifer Sherman*
cum laude

Chelsea M. Sinclair
2L Senator, Student Bar Association
(2019-2020)
Judith Sinclair '90, mother

Kaitlyn A. Smith
cum laude

Rhiannon Snide
Patricia E. Salkin, Esq. '88 Government
Law Center Prize

Meghna Srikanth
Cardozo Prize; Siegel Scholarships;
Executive President, Student Bar
Association (2020-2021); 2L President,
Student Bar Association (2019-2020);
1L Senator, Student Bar Association
(2018-2019); Executive Editor for
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Caitlyn Ann Tabor*
cum laude
Executive Editor for Symposium,
Albany Law Review

Eileen Tchao
Martin H. Belsky Graduation Prize

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3L Senator, Student Bar Association
(2020-2021)

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Research & Writing,
Albany Government Law Review
George Camino '61, grandfather

Alaynah Troutman

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Alizabeth Haley Volkman
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Association Prize; 3L President,
Student Bar Association (2020-2021);
2L Senator, Student Bar Association
(2019-2020)

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cum laude

Dmitri Yepikhin
cum laude

Alexis Janel Young
magna cum laude
National Order of Barristers Award;
Director of Competitions, Anthony
V. Cardona '70 Moot Court Program
(2020-2021); Associate Board Member,
Anthony V. Cardona '70 Moot Court
Program (2020-2021)

Syeda K. Zahra
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Michelle Zaludek
magna cum laude

Joseph F. Zeitler*
magna cum laude
American Bar Association State and
Local Government Law Section Prize
Joyce Zeitler '86, mother

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 2020 semester.

CORD DISTINCTIONS:

White: *summa cum laude*

Gold: *magna cum laude*

Silver: *cum laude*

Red/White/Blue: Veteran

THE CLASS OF 2021 LEGACY FUND

The Class of 2021 Legacy Fund is a three-year program that educates students about the importance of philanthropic support to Albany Law School and provides networking opportunities with members of the Board of Trustees and the National Alumni Association, as well as the law school's alumni, faculty, staff, and friends.

Funds raised are directed to a project voted by the class as an area of priority. Previous projects include scholarship support for current students and renovations to law school facilities.

Class of 2021 Legacy Fund Committee

Ryan Hunlock	Kathryn Seely
Alicia Johnson	Chelsea Sinclair
Chelsea Jory	Katherine Todd
Emma Moskowitz	Elizabeth Volkman
Joseph Pidel	Nicholas Wall
Mary Scouten	Haley Werner

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**DENOTES JULY 2021 GRADUATION

*DENOTES 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. *Joseph F. Zeitler*

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. *Joseph T. Pidel*

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. *Krystal Macharie* and *Eileen Tchau*

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. *Zana Marie Beck*

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. *Mary Margaret Meehan*

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. *Elizabeth Haley Volkman*

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. *Meghna Srikanth*

CLEA Outstanding Externship Student Award – This award recognizes excellence in the field work or seminar component of the clinic/externship course determined by the quality of the student's or team's performance in assisting or representing individual or organizational clients or in undertaking advocacy or policy reform projects and/or their thoughtfulness and self-reflection in exploring the legal, ethical, strategic, and other pertinent issues raised in the particular clinic or externship. *Peter L. Arvo*

Domenick L. Gabrielli Prize – 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. *Shellee M. Daniel* and *Alicia F. Johnson* (First Prize) *Andrew D. Ellis* and *Daniel C. Hodgkinson* (Second Prize)

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

The Edward F. Layden '53 and Kathryn I. Layden Moot Court Award – A prize awarded in memory of Edward F. Layden, 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, 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. *Shellee M. Daniel*

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. *AbiDemi Donovan* and *Matthew J. Millea*

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. *Taylor Leigh Cupp*

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. *Adrianna Mathew*

Donna Jo Morse Client Counseling 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. *Shellee M. Daniel* and *Alicia F. Johnson*

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

Jenni E. Barra, Shellee M. Daniel, Doris Stacey Gama, Megan K. Goss, Taire Herasme, Alicia F. Johnson, Brittany N. Patton, Joseph T. Pidel, Kathryn C. Seely and Alexis J. Young

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.

Elizabeth Jekytan

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

Mary Margaret Meehan

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.

Claire R. Burke

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. *Brittany N. Patton*

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.

Rhiannon L. Snide and Hilary J. Edmunds

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. *Mary Margaret Meehan*

Siegel Scholarships – Prizes awarded by the 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.

Francesca S. Boyer, Brittani Bushman, Shellee M. Daniel, AbiDemi Donovan, Madison S. Forsander, Daniel Conor Hodgkinson, Alicia F. Johnson, Cassidy Virginia Milam, Arthur Nix, Bryan P. O'Keefe, Scott Fitzgerald Owen, and Meghna Srikanth

The Honorable Leslie E. Stein '81 Commencement Prize, established by the dedicated law clerks of Judge Stein to commemorate her retirement from the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, is awarded 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. *Marlena L. Mareno*

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 or herself through outstanding efforts in the Community Development Clinic. *Kevin B. Perry* and *Shellee M. Daniel*

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. *Kelly Amorim* and *Jessica N. Haller*

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. *Olivia Ruth Cox* (2020)

Thomson Reuters Award – Prizes awarded annually to the students having the highest standing in the field of Evidence. *Mary Margaret Meehan*

David A. Wanger Memorial Award – A prize awarded from a fund established by the family of Judge David Wanger, Class of 1929, to the second-year student who has shown outstanding ability in moot court and advocacy programs. *Mehtasim Mahfuz* (2018-2019), *Alicia F. Johnson* (2019-2020)

The Steven V. DeBraccio '13 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award – Established by recent graduate, Steven V. DeBraccio, co-salutatorian of the Class of 2013, six-time Teaching Assistant, and Managing Editor of the Albany Law Review, this award honors the commitment of the graduating student who has served as the most outstanding teaching assistant throughout his or her law school career. Selected by members of the student body, the award is the first of its kind to recognize the contribution teaching assistants play in the academic success of our students. *To Be Awarded Later This Spring*

**THE FOLLOWING WILL BE AWARDED BASED ON GRADE POINT AVERAGES
AS OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPRING 2021 SEMESTER:**

Matthew Bender Prize – A prize of a set of *Drafting New York Wills* and a copy of *LexisNexis AnswerGuide New York Surrogates Court*, 2015 Edition, awarded by LexisNexis 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.

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.

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.

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 corporation law, to the graduates having the highest standing in Business Organizations.





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
- Koza 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, 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. Most recently it added a Center for Excellence in Law Teaching.

