

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

# Celebration

## ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY

THE SEVENTEENTH OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE



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# AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

## Manuel and Ana María Benítez Award for Clinical Excellence in Immigration Law

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who demonstrated extraordinary ability in their work in the Immigration Clinic and who possesses the personal qualities of the namesakes, both immigrants, including initiative, creativity, zeal, loyalty, and integrity.

**Lily Brickman**

## Community Legal Clinics Volunteer Service Award

to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor class who excelled in volunteering their time and energy to promote the goals and ideals of law in the public interest by contributing to the efforts of the Jacob Burns Community Legal Clinics.

**Nina Bundy Ori Fedida Deborah Jaffee**

## The Clinical Legal Education Association Outstanding Student Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who excelled in a clinical course of law.

**Kelly Hennessy**

## Richard C. Lewis, Jr. Memorial Award

to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor class who exhibited extraordinary dedication to their work in the Jacob Burns Community Legal Clinics and unusual compassion and humanity toward clients and colleagues.

**Carla Moss Anissa Tanksley**

## Susan Jones Memorial Social Entrepreneur and Community Empowerment Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who exemplifies Professor Jones's values of community empowerment, financial literacy, and social entrepreneurship.

**Lauren Sturm**

# AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED ACCOMPLISHMENT

## Justice Thurgood Marshall Civil Liberties Award

to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor or Master of Laws class who demonstrated outstanding performance in and dedication to the field of civil rights and civil liberties.

**Gideon Epstein Jasmine Williams**

## Michael Dillon Cooley Memorial Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who shared most generously of their time, compassion, and vitality to aid the intellectual and spiritual growth of fellow students.

**Jasmine Williams**

## National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Graduate Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor or Master of Laws class who contributed to the advancement of women, promoted concerns of women in the legal profession, achieved academic success, and earned the respect of the law school faculty and administration.

**Sarah Gates Picchini**

## Robert E. Thibault and Richard B. Schenck Award for Service to the Military

to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor or Master of Laws class who have undertaken extraordinary efforts to honor, assist, or otherwise support veterans and current members of the United States Armed Forces.

**Luke Schlobohm Allie Vaughn**

## Judge Roger W. Titus Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who seeks or obtains a federal district court clerkship and who embodies the qualities of academic excellence, personality, and humility that Judge Titus sought in his law clerks.

**Elijah Pardo**

## The Ledakis and Weston George Washington Law Review Award

to a member of Law Review for excellence in authorship of a note.

**Shloke Nair**

## Thelma Weaver Memorial Award

to a foreign student in the graduating Master of Laws class who contributed most to the intellectual and professional life of the law school, its students, and its faculty.

**Enya Stephan**

# AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN A GENERAL FIELD OF STUDY

## Ogden W. Fields Labor Law Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who demonstrated the highest overall proficiency in the area of labor law.  
**Hannah Katz**

## Lawrence E. Seibel Memorial Award in Labor and Employment Law

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who has demonstrated excellence in the labor and employment law field.  
**Christina Hitchcock**

## Richard L. Teberg Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who demonstrated the highest overall proficiency in the area of securities law.  
**Michael Schulien**

## Henry R. Berger Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who has demonstrated excellence in the area of tort law.  
**Joseph Arkfeld**

## Chris Bartok Memorial Award in Patent Law

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who has exhibited excellence in the area of patent law.  
**Brian Smallshaw**

## Finnegan Prizes in Intellectual Property Law

to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor or Master of Laws class who wrote the best publishable articles on an aspect of intellectual property law.

1st place: Natalie Smith    2nd place: Nicholas Earl Barker    3rd place (tie): Lexi Murman    3rd place (tie): Brian Smallshaw

## Peter D. Rosenberg Prize in Patent and Intellectual Property Law

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who exhibited excellence in the study of patent and intellectual property law.  
**Lorna Strachan**

## Charles and Kathryn Miller Environmental Law Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor or Master of Laws class who demonstrated excellence in the field of environmental law.  
**Sidney Lee**

## Jamie Grodsky Prize for Environmental Law

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor or Master of Laws class for the best paper written in the previous year in the field of environmental law.  
**Coleman Wheeler**

## Joel B. Rosenthal Commercial Law Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who demonstrated excellence in the area of commercial law.  
**Lenni Elias**

## Howard J. Rudge Creative Solutions Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor or Master of Laws class for the best paper proposing a creative solution to a serious societal problem in the United States.  
**Yolanda Heman-Ackah**

## Patricia A. Tobin Government Procurement Law Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor or Master of Laws class who demonstrated excellence in the area of government procurement law.  
**Bryan Dewan**

## Jennie Hassler Walburn Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who demonstrated excellence in the area of civil procedure.  
**Erin McGuire**

## Imogen Williford Constitutional Law Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who demonstrated excellence in the area of constitutional law.  
**Daniel Cooper**

# AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN ORAL ADVOCACY

## Jacob Burns Award

to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor class who were the winning team in the Van Vleck Moot Court Competition.  
2024-25: **Claire Housley**    2024-25: **Emma Stinson**

## Cohen & Cohen Mock Trial Award

to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor class who were the winning team of the Cohen & Cohen Mock Trial Competition.  
2024: **Chase O'Brien**    2024: **Emma Wardour**

## Judge Albert H. Grenadier Award

to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor or Master of Laws class who represented the law school in the National Moot Court Competition and the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

2023-24: **Saksham Sabarwal**    2024-25: **Caitlin Hyers**  
2024-25: **Jasmyn Montano**    2024-25: **Hagar Sivan**  
2024-25: **Joanne Wicki**

## Pamela Spanogle International Commercial Arbitration Competition Award

to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor class who represented the law school in the Willem Vis International Arbitration Competition.  
**Eric Anthony**    **Nawal Seedat**    **Raisa Shah**    **Melis Ulusel**

## Rothwell, Figg, Ernst and Manbeck Award

to a member of the graduating class who was on the winning team in the Rothwell Intellectual Property Law Moot Court Competition.  
2024: **William Shorter**

## M. Ethan Lucarelli Moot Court Award

to a member of the graduating class who demonstrated overall excellence in moot court competitions.  
**William Schubert**

# AWARDS FOR OVERALL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

## Kappa Beta Pi Awards

to the female members of the graduating Juris Doctor class in the full- and part-time courses of study who attained the highest cumulative averages in the first year.  
Full-time: **Lexi Orgill**    Part-time: **Eliza Puritz**

## Phi Delta Delta Award

to the female member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who attained the highest average in the first semester of study for the degree.  
**Abigail Stein**

## John Ordronaux Awards

to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor class who attained the highest cumulative averages in the first year, full-time course of study and in the second year, full-time course of study.  
1L: **Lexi Orgill**    2L: **Sean Hullihan**

## Charles Glover Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who attained the highest cumulative average in the third year, full-time course of study.  
**Nicole Economou**

## Willard Waddington Gatchell Award

to the three members of the graduating Juris Doctor class who attained the highest cumulative averages in the entire course of the degree.  
**Charles Arnett**    **Nicole Economou**    **Sean Hullihan**

## Anne Wells Branscomb Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who attained the highest cumulative average in the part-time division for the entire course of the degree.  
**Charles Arnett**

## John Bell Larner Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who attained the highest cumulative average for the entire course of the degree.  
**Nicole Economou**