2021 ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY
THE FIFTEENTH OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY ONE
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.

Fayruz Lama

Community Legal Clinics Volunteer Service Award

to a member 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.

Victoria Yamarone

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.

Makenzie Briglia

John F. Evans Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class for outstanding achievement in the criminal division of the Law Students in Court Program.

Hope Bonen-Clark

Richard C. Lewis, Jr. Memorial Award

to a member 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.

Alexis Mayer

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.

Samrin Ali  Matthew Clauson  Violet Edelman

Joshua Gilmer  Brooke Pemberton

ALI CLE Law Scholarship and Leadership Award

to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor or Master of Laws class who best represents a combination of scholarship and leadership.

Muamera Hadzic

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.

Jessica Sullivan

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.

Gina McKvleen

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

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

Henry Carras

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.

Lindsay Hannibal

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.

Hooman Movassagh
AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN A GENERAL FIELD OF STUDY

American Bankruptcy Institute Medal for Excellence in Bankruptcy Studies
to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who demonstrated excellence in the field of debtor and creditor law.
Molly Behan

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.
Audrey Carroll

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.
Caroline Greenfield

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.
Wilson Smith

Henry R. Berger Award
to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who has demonstrated excellence in the area of tort law.
Rachel Lerner

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.
Sean Wesp

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.
2020 First Place: Danielle Manahan
2020 Second Place: Kimberlynn Seifert
2020 Third Place: Alice Danelia

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.
Julia Caffery

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.
Natalie Cristo

Jamie Grodsky Prize for Environmental Law
to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor or Master of Laws class for the best papers written in the previous year in the field of environmental law.
2020: Aaron Aber
2021: Laura Cahier

Phi Delta Phi Award
to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who demonstrated excellence in the areas of professional responsibility, ethics, and jurisprudence.
Sean Lowry

Joel B. Rosenthal Commercial Law Award
to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who demonstrated excellence in the area of commercial law.
John Diamandis

Howard J. Rudge Creative Solutions Award
to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor or Master of Laws class for the best papers proposing a creative solution to a serious societal problem in the United States.
James Franco
Jessica Mugler (2020)
Lily Hsu
Seena Paul
Helen Marsh

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.
Nicole Vele

Jennie Hassler Walburn Award
to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who demonstrated excellence in the area of civil procedure.
Ashley Connelly

Imogen Williford Constitutional Law Award
to a member of the graduating Juris Doctor class who demonstrated excellence in the area of constitutional law.
Geoffrey Comber
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.
2020: Ashlyn Roberts  2020: Shane Roberts

**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.
2019: Madison Kewin  2019: Jessica Mugler  2020: Christina Saad

**CourtCall Law School Award**
to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor class who have contributed most to the success of the GW Law Moot Court or Mock Trial programs.
Moot Court: Jessica Sullivan  Mock Trial: Helen Marsh

**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 Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.
Leah Calabro  Claire Connor  Mary Grupp

**Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck Award**
to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor class who were the winning team in the on-campus Giles S. Rich Memorial Moot Court Competition.

**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.
Tiange Chen  Danni Shanel

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: Rachel Lerner  Part-time: Ellen Albritton  Full-time: Amy Orlov

**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.
Amy Orlov

**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: Geoffrey Comber  2L: Colton Canton

**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.
Taylor Kilpatrick

**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.
Colton Canton  Geoffrey Comber  Rachel Lerner

**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.
Ellen Albritton

**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.
Geoffrey Comber