

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

# Celebration

# 2021

2021

## 2021 ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY

THE FIFTEENTH OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY ONE

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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.

**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**

**Lily Hsu**

**Helen Marsh**

**Jessica Mugler (2020)**

**Seena Paul**

## 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.

2020: **Sean Wesp**

2021: **Wrenne Bartlett**

2020: **Chih-wei Wu**

2021: **Joseph Toth**

## 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.  
**Tiang Chen** **Danni Shanell**

# 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**

**Full-time: Amy Orlov**

**Part-time: Ellen Albritton**

## 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**

**Rachel Lerner**

**Geoffrey Comber**

## 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**