

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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**STUDENT HONORS**  
AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

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CLASS OF 2020 HONORS RECIPIENTS
 

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**JURIS DOCTOR  
CANDIDATES**
**With Highest Honors**

Paul J. Aylward  
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 Neal S. Mehrotra  
 Macy J. Mize

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 Andrea M. Orr  
 Lindsey A. Ricchi  
 Catherine G. Sheets  
 Samuel J. Thomas  
 Andrew H. Trinker  
 Janelle S. Walwyn-White  
 Tyler S. Weinblatt

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Tyler R. Ackerson  
 JoAnna B. Adkisson  
 Samantha S. Alexander  
 Kristianna E. Anderson  
 Olufunmilola Anifowoshe-  
 Manning  
 John E. Antishin  
 Damilola G. Arowolaju  
 Camille Bachrach  
 Brendan J. Balent  
 Ali H. Bazzi  
 Joseph S. Benevento  
 Jesse Benov  
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 Erica M. Bilkis  
 Allison M. Booth  
 Kainoa A. Bostock  
 Andrew T. Brown  
 Joseph C. Burns  
 Spencer R. Butcher  
 Jarrod R. Carman  
 Arya M. Channaveeraiah  
 Olivia S. Chap  
 Christine L. Chen  
 Xiaoyu Chen  
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 Changmin Choi  
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 Deepti B. Gage  
 Tejal Garg  
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 Pariya S. Ghafoori  
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 Natalie J. Goldberg  
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 Jordan R. Harman  
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 Graham J. Hyman  
 Boseul Jeong  
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 Namrata Kakade  
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 Jordan C. Kiellach  
 Kaitlin M. Kinsella  
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 Min Ki Kwon  
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 Michaela M. Lovejoy  
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 Aaron Parnas  
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**ORDER OF THE COIF**

*The Order of the Coif is a national legal honor society open to the top 10 percent of the Juris Doctor class.*

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**MASTER OF LAWS CANDIDATES****With Highest Honors**

Jeffrey Dale Baldridge  
*General LL.M.*

Katelyn Marie Bries  
*Energy and Environmental Law*

Holly Louise Buchanan  
*Government Procurement and Environmental Law*

John Michael Cane  
*Energy and Environmental Law*

Yanmeng Chen  
*Intellectual Property Law*

Julian Elias Glas  
*Litigation and Dispute Resolution*

Diana Maria Guevara Duque  
*International and Comparative Law*

Aimee Rochelle Haney  
*Environmental Law*

Jonathan David Hoag  
*Government Procurement Law*

Todd Emerson Hutchins  
*National Security and Cybersecurity Law*

Matías Jackson Bertón  
*Intellectual Property Law*

Allison Kathryn Walsh Johnson  
*Government Procurement Law*

Idil Muge Karatas  
*International and Comparative Law*

Lea Main-Klingst  
*International Environmental Law*

Ashley Dianne Norman  
*General LL.M.*

Seth Bucher Ritzman  
*Government Procurement Law*

Ashley Marie Ruhe  
*Government Procurement Law*

Aleks Semerciyán  
*National Security and U.S. Foreign Relations Law*

Andronikos Stylianou  
*International and Comparative Law*

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 Anousheh Asadi Moghaddam  
 Ayse Guzel Ozturk  
 Nicholas Anthony Richardi  
 Alessia Isabel Bonilla Rietti  
 Sarah Efua Bentuma Takyi-Micah

*\* Degrees were conferred in January 2020.*

# 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.

**Halima Nur**

## 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.

**Rebecca Miller**

## 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.

**Spencer Butcher**

## 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.

**Samantha Alexander**

## 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.

**Anna Mizzi**

# AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED ACCOMPLISHMENT

## 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.

**AJ Link**

## 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.

**Janina Heller**

## 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.

**Jeremy Allen-Arney**

## 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.

**David O'Neill**

## Justice Thurgood Marshall Civil Liberties Award

to a member 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.

**Macy Mize**

## 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.

**Christine Coogle**

## 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.

**Mutasim Ali**

# 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.

**Elana Rofel**

## Ogden W. Fields Labor Law Award

to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor class who demonstrated the highest overall proficiency in the area of labor law.

**Megan Childs**

**Andrea Orr**

## Finnegan Prizes in Intellectual Property Law

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

2019 Second Place: **Jeffrey Merrill**

2019 Third Place: **Carol Conroy**

## 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.

**Jarryd Page**

## 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.

**Christine Coogle**

## 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.

**Steven Peters**

## Joel B. Rosenthal Commercial Law Award

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

**Elana Rofel**

## 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.

**Yiang Chen**

## 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.

**Javier Farfan**

## Jennie Hassler Walburn Award

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

**Alexandra D'Amelio**

## Imogen Williford Constitutional Law Award

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

**C'zar Bernstein**

# AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN ORAL ADVOCACY

## 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.

**Aaron Parnas**

**Arielle Stephenson**

## 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: James Lego**

**Mock Trial: Wyatt Benson**

## Graduation Award for Excellence in Pre-Trial and Trial Advocacy

to the members of the graduating Juris Doctor class who demonstrated excellence in the courses of Pre-Trial and Trial Advocacy.

**Daniel Gordon**

**Aaron Parnas**

## 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.

**JoAnna Adkisson**

**Christine Coogle**

**Hayden Pendergrass**

**Griffin Simpson**

**Alexandra Utech**

## 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.

**Alexander Davis**

**Kayvon Ghayoumi**

## 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.

**John Antishin**

**Grace Sullivan**

**Elizabeth Vincento**

# AWARDS FOR OVERALL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

## 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.

**Paul Aylward II**

**Steven Peters**

**Eric Wall**

## 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.

**Steven Peters**

## 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: Anna Mizzi**

**Part-time: Megan Bowers**

## 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: Paul Aylward II**

**2L: Paul Aylward II**

**1L: Kayvon Ghayoumi**

## 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.

**Ashley Leen**

## 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.

**Steven Peters**

## John Bell Lerner Award

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

**Paul Aylward II**

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