

# 2021 COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

## Special Recognition Awards

### **ALI-CLE Scholarship and Leadership Award**

Awarded to the student in the graduating class who best represents a combination of scholarship and leadership, the qualities embodied by the American Law Institute.

Gregory Joseph Kramer

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### **Chief Judge Edward D. Re Commencement Award**

Established in honor and memory of Chief Judge Edward D. Re, an honor graduate of the class of 1943, who was Chief Judge Emeritus of the U.S. Court of International Trade and served as a professor at St. John's University School of Law. Awarded to the students in the graduating class who are selected by the Dean based on outstanding scholarship and service.

Beth D. Do  
Mohammed S. Hassan  
Ryan Ramon Iglesias  
Jasmine Marie Johnson  
Pharoah Sutton-Jackson

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### **Daniel A. Furlong Award**

Awarded to students in the graduating class who, in the opinion of the Dean, have rendered outstanding service and leadership to the Law School community.

Willow Nita Stowe  
Kimberly Elizabeth Capuder

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### **National Association of Women Lawyers Award**

Awarded to an outstanding law graduate of each American Bar Association approved law school who shows promise to contribute to the advancement of women in society.

Samantha Claire Gagnon

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Note: In cases in which two or more students have equally high grades, the award is given to the student with the higher cumulative grade point average.

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## Academic Excellence Awards

### Joseph Kerzner Prize

Established through a generous endowment from Joseph Kerzner and awarded to the student in the graduating class who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average.

Michael S. Dauber

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### Esterina Giuliani Award

Established by Esterina Giuliani '06 and awarded to the student in the part-time division who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average.

Alexandra Joanna Karambelas

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### Michele G. Falkow Excellence in Legal Writing Award

The Michele G. Falkow Excellence in Legal Writing Award was established in memory of Michele G. Falkow, a former School of Law Assistant Professor of Legal Writing, and is awarded each year to the first-year student who submits the best brief in the Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research course.

Alexandra Joanna Karambelas (2018)  
Catherine Elizabeth Mapelli (2019)

### American Bankruptcy Institute Medal for Excellence in Bankruptcy Studies

Awarded to the J.D. and LL.M. students in the graduating class who have demonstrated excellence in the study of Bankruptcy Law.

Alexander Cirkovic Koban (J.D.)  
Ryan Christopher Beil (LL.M.)

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# 2021 Commencement Awards

## **Justice Harold Birns Award**

Established by Renee Birns in memory of her husband, Justice Harold Birns, an honor graduate of the class of 1937, and awarded to the student in the graduating class who has published the best note in a student journal.

**Matthew Kirby Cleaver**

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## **Beatrice Levine Awards**

Established by Beatrice Levine in memory of Abraham, Gussie, and Max Levine and awarded to students who achieve the highest grades in Property; Drafting: Real Estate Transactions; and Condominiums, Cooperatives & Homeowner Associations, respectively.

**Kelan Campbell Sullivan (Condos, Coops, and Homeowner Assoc.)**  
**Norah Catherine Alimonos (Drafting: Real Estate Transactions)**  
**Brent Ernest Bomkamp (Property)**

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## **Cornelius W. Wickersham, Jr. Award**

Established by the Federal Bar Council and awarded to the student in the graduating class who achieves the highest grade in Constitutional Law.

**Brent Ernest Bomkamp**

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## **Dean Mary C. Daly Memorial Award**

Established by alumni and friends in memory of Dean Mary C. Daly, former Dean and John V. Brennan Professor of Law and Ethics (2004–2008) and awarded to the student in the graduating class who has achieved the highest grade in Professional Responsibility.

**Gregory Joseph Kramer**

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## **International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award**

Awarded to the student in the graduating class who achieves the highest grade in Evidence.

**Michael S. Dauber**

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## **Justice David T. Gibbons Award**

Established by the Bar Association of Nassau County, New York and members of the Gibbons family in memory of the late Justice David T. Gibbons, a member of the class of 1949, and awarded to the student in the part-time division who has achieved the highest grade in Evidence.

**Alexandra Joanna Karambelas**

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## **Justice Louis Wallach Memorial Award**

Established by friends and family of the late Justice Louis Wallach, a graduate of the class of 1946, and awarded to the student in the graduating class who achieves the highest grade in New York Practice.

**Michael Sean Murphy**

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## **Morton Wasserman Award**

Established by Frances Wasserman in memory of her husband, Morton Wasserman, and awarded to the student in the graduating class who achieves the highest grade in Introduction to Intellectual Property.

**Fatih Mercan**

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## **Ned D. Frank Award**

Established by Justice and Mrs. Harry B. Frank to perpetuate the memory of their son, Ned D. Frank, a member of the class of 1960, and awarded to the student in the graduating class who achieves the highest grade in Criminal Law.

**Alexandra Joanna Karambelas**

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## **Rita Giannone Memorial Award**

Established by friends and family in memory of Rita Giannone, a member of the class of 1981, and awarded to the student in the part-time division of the graduating class who has achieved the highest grade in Constitutional Law.

Alexandra Joanna Karamelas

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## **Springer Legislative Award**

Established by Adele I. Springer '30 in honor of her brother, Jack Springer '33, to encourage appreciation of the law-making process and the enactment of worthwhile legislation, and awarded to the student in the graduating class who achieves the highest grade in a legislation course.

Brent Ernest Bomkamp

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## **Timothy J. Meehan Memorial Award**

Established by the family and friends of the late Timothy J. Meehan, a member of the class of 1974, and awarded to the student in the graduating class who achieves the highest grade in Real Estate Transactions.

Gregory Joseph Kramer

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## **The Wann Family Foundation Award**

Established by Robert Wann, Jr. '07 and awarded to the students in the graduating class who achieve the highest grade in each of the following courses: Corporate Finance, In-House Counsel: Law & Practice, and Securities Regulation.

Gregory Joseph Kramer (Corporate Finance)  
Fatih Mercan (In-House Counsel: Law & Practice)  
Kimberly Elizabeth Capuder (Securities Regulation)

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## Appellate and Trial Advocacy Excellence Awards

### Center for Trial and Appellate Advocacy Award for Excellence in Mock Trial

Awarded to the graduating member of the Polestino Trial Advocacy Institute who best demonstrated talent in the art and science of trial advocacy through external competitions.

Sandra Jovic

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### Center for Trial and Appellate Advocacy Award for Excellence in Moot Court

Awarded to the graduating member of the Moot Court Honor Society who best demonstrated talent in the art and science of appellate advocacy through external competitions.

Michael S. Dauber

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### CourtCall Awards for Advocacy

Awarded to the students in the Polestino Trial Advocacy Institute and the Moot Court Honor Society who received the highest grades in Trial Advocacy (PTAI) and Appellate Advocacy-Moot Court, respectively.

Samantha Leigh McCarthy (Trial Advocacy)  
Bradley W. Jennings (Appellate Advocacy-Moot Court)

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### Justice Albert H. Bosch Award

Established by Justice Albert H. Bosch, a graduate of the class of 1933, and awarded to the students in the graduating class who have demonstrated excellence in the area of appellate advocacy and trial advocacy.

Emmanuelle N. Yeremou-Ngah (Appellate Advocacy)  
Emma Grace Bausert (Trial Advocacy)

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## **New York City Trial Lawyers Alliance Trial Advocacy Award**

Awarded to the student in the graduating class who has shown excellence in civil trial advocacy.

**Jasmine Marie Johnson**

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## **Tyler Ramaker Memorial Award**

Established by the family and friends of the late Tyler Ramaker, a member of the Moot Court Honor Society, and awarded to the graduating Moot Court student who demonstrates outstanding service, leadership through action, dedication, and cooperative teamwork. The Dean selects the recipient, upon the recommendation of the Moot Court Honor Society's incoming Executive Board.

**Danielle Ulló**

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## **Public Interest Awards**

### **Dianne Marie Arrue Memorial Award**

Established by the classmates of the late Dianne Marie Arrue, a student committed to public interest work and service, and awarded to a graduate who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to public interest work, including dedication to and leadership of the Public Interest Law Student Association. The Dean selects the recipient upon the recommendation of the Assistant Dean for Students.

**Catherine Louise Helde**

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### **School of Law Alumni Association Pro Bono Award**

Established by the School of Law Alumni Association and awarded to a student in the graduating class with exceptional pro bono service.

**Matthew Kirby Cleaver**

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# 2021 COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

## Excellence in Experiential Education Awards

### St. Vincent de Paul Clinic Awards

Awarded to the students who made the most outstanding overall contribution to each of the following clinics: Bankruptcy Advocacy Clinic; Child Advocacy Clinic; Consumer Justice for the Elderly: Litigation Clinic; Criminal Defense Clinic; Domestic Violence Litigation Clinic; Economic Justice Clinic; Prosecution Clinic; Refugee and Immigrant Rights Litigation Clinic; Securities Arbitration Clinic; and Tenants' Rights Advocacy Clinic.

Laila Rizk (Bankruptcy Advocacy Clinic)

Samantha Claire Gagnon (Child Advocacy Clinic)

Gregory Joseph Kramer (Consumer Justice  
for the Elderly: Litigation Clinic)

Matthew Kirby Cleaver (Criminal Defense Clinic)

Abigail Kennedy Bittel (Domestic Violence Clinic)

Alexine J. Ralph (Economic Justice Clinic)

Nicholas Michael Kania (Prosecution Clinic)

Melissa A. Carroll (Refugee and Immigrant Rights Litigation Clinic)

Maria Estefania Vaz Ferreira (Securities Arbitration Clinic)

Ashley Fatima Williams (Tenants' Rights Advocacy Clinic)

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### CLEA Outstanding Externship Student Award

Awarded to the student who has shown excellence in the field work component of the externship course determined by the quality of the student's performance in assisting or representing individual or organizational clients or in undertaking advocacy or policy reform projects; excellence in the seminar component of the externship determined by the quality of the student's thoughtfulness and self-reflection in exploring the legal, ethical, strategic, and other pertinent issues raised in the particular clinic or externship; and the nature and extent of the student's contribution to the clinical community at the law school, legal community, or broader community.

Nicole Rose Intriери

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# 2021 COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

## LL.M. Achievement Awards

### Outstanding Academic Achievement Award LL.M. Programs

Awarded to the students in the graduating class who achieve the highest grade point average in each of the Master's Degree programs.

Ryan Christopher Beil (Bankruptcy)  
Nina Elvire Bouillon (Transnational Legal Practice)  
Chunxia Cole (U.S. Legal Studies)

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### Applied Legal Skills Award

Awarded to the LL.M. student who has demonstrated excellence in applied legal skills.

Chunxia Cole

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### Excellence in Legal Writing Award

Awarded to the student who has demonstrated superior academic performance in two sections of Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing.

Chunxia Cole

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### Excellence in Transnational Legal Practice

Awarded to the LL.M. student in Transnational Legal Practice who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement over two semesters in required Transnational Legal Practice courses.

Nina Elvire Bouillon

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### Global Leadership Award

Awarded to LL.M. students from either the USLS or TLP Program who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and citizenship within the St. John's Community.

Yanan Bai  
Margaux Pauline Beun

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## Latin Honors - J.D.

### Summa Cum Laude

Kimberly Elizabeth Capuder  
Michael S. Dauber  
Alexandra Joanna Karambelas

### Magna Cum Laude

Brent Ernest Bomkamp  
Sarah Elizabeth Catterson  
Nicole Rose Intrieri  
Samantha Leigh McCarthy  
Fatih Mercan  
Cameron Philip Michelsen

### Cum Laude

Norah Catherine Alimonos  
Amelia Lauren Bayroff  
Evan Scott Biegel  
Melissa Marie Capalbo  
Eric W. Dang  
Brian Edward Dean  
Christopher Joseph Gainé  
Emily Nicole Gault  
Ryan Patrick Hallock  
Mohammed S. Hassan  
Bradley W. Jennings  
Jasmine Marie Johnson  
Nicholas Michael Kania  
Gregory Joseph Kramer  
Alexa Marie Major  
Federica Marini  
Danielle Rae Marino  
Loredana B. Miranda  
Shannon Duignan O'Brien  
Lauren Kelsey Petersen  
Anthony Reid Scarcella  
Paul Aaron Schochet  
Eric James Seltzer  
Albert Joseph Tagliaferri  
Maria Estefania Vaz Ferreira  
Stephanie Anne Weaver

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## Dean's List - J.D.

Samantha Vera Alfano  
Norah Catherine Alimonos  
Brandon N. Auerbach  
Amelia Lauren Bayroff  
Evan Scott Biegel  
Brent Ernest Bomkamp  
Melissa Marie Capalbo  
Kimberly Elizabeth Capuder  
Michael Edward Catapano  
Sarah Elizabeth Catterson  
Matthew Kirby Cleaver  
Eric W. Dang  
Michael S. Dauber  
Brian Edward Dean  
Samantha Claire Gagnon  
Christopher Joseph Gaine  
Emily Nicole Gault  
Eva-Maria Ghelardi  
Jessica L. Gorski  
Ryan Patrick Hallock  
Mohammed S. Hassan  
Lindsey A. Haynes  
Justin Scott Henderson  
Danielle L. Hofer  
Fiona Rose Hogan  
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Catherine Elizabeth Mapelli  
Federica Marini  
Danielle Rae Marino  
Samantha Leigh McCarthy  
Fatih Mercan  
Cameron Philip Michelsen  
Loredana B. Miranda  
Kayla M. Mistretta  
Spencer Scott Nelson  
Shannon Duignan O'Brien  
Lauren Kelsey Petersen  
Cameron Philip Purcell  
John Stanislaus Puszcz  
Rocco Joseph Recce  
Cali Ann Ross  
Anthony Reid Scarcella  
Paul Aaron Schochet  
Eric James Seltzer  
Heidi Elizabeth Simpson  
Rebecca A. Stark  
Willow Nita Stowe  
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Maria Estefania Vaz Ferreira  
Anton Vlahek  
Stephanie Anne Weaver  
Ross Arin Weiner  
Torrye Nicole Zullo

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Qinyin Wang

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Rudy Simon Cohen-Zardi  
Chunxia Cole  
Raisa Stepanonva

# 2021 COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

## **Public Service Award**

Awarded to the students who, in furtherance of the goal that members of the legal profession and those aspiring to enter the legal profession have a special professional responsibility to assist in providing quality legal services to those who cannot afford them, successfully completed at least 500 hours of pro bono work prior to graduation.

Aminah Shazada Ali  
Gina Antoun  
Damyre Kassandre Benjamin  
Kimberly Elizabeth Capuder  
Melissa A. Carroll  
Sarah Elizabeth Catterson  
Matthew Kirby Cleaver  
Joanne Therese Corrielus  
Michael S. Dauber  
Beth D. Do  
Sierra Lani Fischer  
Samantha Claire Gagnon  
Jon Lanham Hedges

Catherine Louise Helde  
Fiona Rose Hogan  
Jennifer Joanne Hopkins  
Ruben Huertero  
Komal Khosla  
Christy Li  
Colin Marinovich  
Samantha Leigh McCarthy  
Sarah McMahon  
Alexine J. Ralph  
NallyAnn Scaturro  
Tiffany Testa