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Legal Writing Awards

Achievement Award in Legal Writing was established to promote excellence in practice-oriented writing and to honor those students who are best able to represent simulated and/or actual clients' interests by means of written advocacy. It is presented to the student who has demonstrated the highest caliber of legal writing abilities in a graded law school course or courses. The award may be made for a single piece of writing or a portfolio of pieces. This award is funded by Professor Ruth Anne Robbins and her husband, Steven C. Robbins.



Christian Pirri

Albert P. Blaustein Memorial Award, in honor of the late and beloved Professor Albert Blaustein, is presented to the students whose written works published in the law school's journals exemplifies the highest standard of legal scholarship.



Rutgers Law Review
Ren Ramos



Rutgers Journal of Law & Religion
India Patel



Rutgers Journal of Law & Public Policy
Zachary Carr

Blaine E. Capehart Award for Legal Writing Excellence was established by the firm of Capehart & Scatchard to honor its most senior shareholder, Blaine E. Capehart, and to promote and recognize excellence in legal writing at Rutgers School of Law - Camden. This award is presented to a student who has written an outstanding piece of scholarly or practical writing during the past academic year, exemplifying the highest standards of writing in the legal profession.



Mia Arbona

First-Year Writing Awards are presented to students for their outstanding performance in the Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I and II courses. These students mastered the fundamental lawyering skills of research, analysis, and writing and were selected based on their demonstrated ability to write clear and precise practical legal documents. This solid foundation should serve them well in their legal careers as they continue to develop these important skills.

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Joy Rosenberg
Nathan Broffman

Ricks

Christian Pirri
Daniel Hynes

Simkins

Kayla Handt
John Lively

Carpenter

Zachary Doctor
Jordynn Gemberling

Wade

India Patel
Kyle Hannigan

Campanella

Deidra Hopkins
Billie Mwangi

Shashoua

Danies Maldonado

William McNichol Annual Award in Intellectual Property This award was established by Adjunct Professor William J. McNichol, Jr. in honor of his late father, William J. McNichol, to recognize and encourage scholarship in intellectual property law. It is presented annually to a student who has authored an outstanding piece of scholarly or practical writing during the past academic year that exemplifies the highest standards of the law school and of the legal profession



Joy Rosenberg

The Leigh Bienen Award This award is given to the student whose written work published in the Women's Rights Law Reporter exemplifies the highest standard of legal scholarship.



Mia Arbona



Service Awards

David Dolgenos Memorial Award honors a successful New York real estate, entertainment, and commercial lawyer. He was from a working-class family and put himself through law school by working as a dance instructor, construction worker and waiter, and holding other jobs. This award is for a student who has overcome similar difficult obstacles in the path to a J.D., such as being a non-native English speaker, the first in a family to attend college, a single parent, disabled, or facing other life obstacles. The award, which is funded by the family of Professor Sarah Ricks, is designed to help the student lighten financial burdens while studying for the bar exam.



Hala Zawil

Herb and Tricia Hinkle Award for Commitment to Educating Camden Youth About Law recognizes a student or students who demonstrated outstanding commitment to educating young people in Camden about the law through one or more of the law school's projects (including but not limited to the Street Law Pro Bono Project, the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project or the Summer Law Institute).



Jenna Centofanti

National Association of Women Lawyers Award is presented to the student who, through academic achievement, motivation, tenacity and drive, shows promise to contribute to the advancement of women in the legal community and in society.



Deidra Hopkins

Philadelphia Bar Association Eve Biskind Klothel Law Student Pro Bono Distinction Award, in recognition of Eve Biskind Klothel's tremendous support and guidance to generations of public interest attorneys, students, and organizations during her career, honors students from the area law schools for their outstanding pro bono and public interest work during law school.



Laurie Bartolomeo, Jibri Douglas, Jasmyn Montgomery

Philadelphia Bar Association Public Interest Section Law Student Award, honors law students from the area law schools who exemplify the pro bono ethic and who have worked tirelessly in support of social justice at their law schools and in their communities.



Ren Ramos

Mary Philbrook Student Public Interest Award, presented since 1999, recognizes students for exceptional contributions to the public interest during their years in law school. The qualities recognized by the Student Public Interest Awards are: outstanding public service contributions in community organizations, particularly contributions related to law, justice and the legal system; activism in the Rutgers community; a continuous dedication to public interest that goes above and beyond that of most law students; and a G.P.A. of 2.5 or above.



Jenna Centofanti
Kate Doyle
David Freckleton
Deidra Hopkins
Kate Isidro
Paige Kaercher
Kayalyn Kibbe
Jasmyn Montgomery
Christina Ramelli
Ren Ramos

Honorable Judith H. Wizmur Bankruptcy Pro Bono Award recognizes the significant contributions that the awardee made to the Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project.



David Freckleton

Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, enlists law students in an effort to increase civic literacy and participation in American democracy. The project prepares gifted upper-level law student "Fellows" to teach a course in Constitutional and civic literacy in local high schools. The aim is to make the Constitution "come alive" for young people in Camden while reinforcing law students' mastery of the substantive material and lawyering skills. The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project is supported by funding from a foundation named for Michael Young, an outstanding Rutgers-Camden Law student who died shortly before his graduation in 2004.



Jonathan Dodo
Kaitlyn Doyle
Claire Gallagher
James Park
Yaslin Reyes
William Stinson
Sydni Young
Hala Zawil

Pro Bono Publico Awards

All aspects of the Pro Bono Program are designed with three goals: (1) to address unmet legal needs in the community; (2) to help law students develop substantive legal knowledge, while honing professional contacts and skills; and (3) to help law students cultivate a lifelong commitment to pro bono service. Students receiving a Pro Bono Award have made a significant volunteer commitment to one or more of the Law School's pro bono projects or have served through local, regional, or national public interest legal organizations. Pro Bono Publico awardees have volunteered at least 50 hours (35 for part-time students); Dean's Pro Bono Publico Award for Exceptional Service awardees have volunteered at least 100 hours (70 hours part-time); Dean's Pro Bono Publico Award for Exceptional Service, with Distinction awardees have volunteered at least 200 hours (140 part-time).



Dean's Pro Bono Publico Award for Exceptional Service, with Distinction

Deidra A. Hopkins, Kate Isidro, Kayalyn Kibbe, Byron Mitchell, Jasmyn Montgomery, Brett Weise



Dean's Pro Bono Publico Award for Exceptional Service

Daniella L. Babae, Jenna Centofanti, Jibri Douglas, Kaitlyn Doyle, David E. Freckleton, Waqaas Hassan, Jacob Honesty, Daniel Huet, Talia Irvine, Paige Kaercher, Sandra Khalil, Jared LaBoy, Jillian F. Leoni, Shirneil A. Merisier, Randy Petronko, Yaslin Reyes, Glexdy Rodriguez



Pro Bono Publico Award for Significant Service

Laurie Bartolomeo, Jennifer F. Bauman, Nathan Broffman, Leslie E. Burnette, Zachary Carr, Christian J. Donato, Savannah Hayes, Danielle King, John M. Lively, Emily Mitchell, Elizabeth Muller, Samuel Portner, Gee Moses Paegar, Ren Ramos, Julia Sarabia, Simon A. Schmitt-Hall, Carley R. Swanson, Kimberly Taylor, Marissa Terwilliger, Aaron R. Usinowicz

Social Justice Scholars

The Social Justice Scholars (SJS) Program is an elite scholarship program for students with a commitment to public service and social justice. Rutgers Law School is committed to promoting public interest law through a variety of programs and opportunities for our students. Each year, Rutgers Law recognizes a small cohort of incoming students at the Camden location as Social Justice Scholars; they remain in the program throughout law school and beyond. These students demonstrate an exceptional commitment to public service and are most likely to dedicate their legal careers to working on social justice causes and on behalf of underserved communities.



Alexis McDonough
Brett Weise
Dee Hopkins
Jacob Honesty
Jasmyn Montgomery
Jenna Centofanti
Jibri Douglas
Julia Sarabia
Kim Taylor
Ren Ramos
Shirneil Merisier
Talia Irvine
Victoria Adeleke
Yaslin Reyes

Rayman L. Solomon Scholars

The Rayman L. Solomon Scholars program at the Camden location of Rutgers Law School in honor of former dean and retired faculty member, Ray Solomon. The new program is designed to attract students to Rutgers Law who have distinguished themselves academically and indicated an interest in public service.



Roman Brooks



Recognition for Participation in Journals, Moot Courts, Mock Trials

Journals

Rutgers Journal of Law and Public Policy is a premier periodical for scholarship articulating vital intersections between the law and public policy. Grounded in the ever-deepening awareness that interdisciplinary investigation is crucial to an understanding of law and culture, the RJLPP provides a unique intellectual forum for encounters between law and a variety of disciplines. The RJLPP is primarily located in Camden.

John Bassil
Dylan Brown
Mary Bruder
Alison Capecci
Zachary Carr
Jenna Centofanti
Jibri Douglas
Savannah Hayes
Jacob Honesty
Deidra Hopkins
Kristina Ingersoll
Paige Kaercher
Sarah Kushnirak
Matthew Lamorgese
Byron Mitchell
Randall Petronko
Christine Ramelli
Emma Roth
Simon Schmitt-Hall
Marissa Terwilliger
Aaron Uscinowicz
Justin Zaragoza
Yaslin Reyes,
Olga Romadin,
Florence Hulbert

Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion is the world's first online legal journal dedicated to the study of the dynamic interaction between law and religion. The RJLR publishes controversial and current articles relating law and religion. The goal of the RJLR is to explore how law impacts different religions, and reciprocally, how various religions impact the law. The RJLR is primarily located in Camden.

Jennifer Bauman
David Freckleton
Alexandria Hudak Garibaldi
Olivia Hunt
Emanuel Miraglilo
Gee Paegar
India Patel
Carley Swanson



Rutgers Law Review is the flagship law journal of Rutgers Law School. The Law Review, co-located in Camden and Newark, is a professional publication devoted to critical discussions of current legal problems. Issued five times a year, the Law Review publishes lead articles by practitioners and scholars, as well as student contributions in the form of notes, comments, and online commentary. The Law Review publishes an annual survey of state constitutional law and an issue featuring work presented at its yearly symposium.

**Brendan Aldrich
Jonathan Bigelow
Timothy Cooney
Zachary Doctor
Kaitlyn Doyle
Jordynn Gemberling
Kayla Handt
Daniel Hynes
Danielle King
Brian Lewis
John Lively
Brian McCann
Brooke Meyers
Rebecca Mezei
Alex Miller
Andrew Moore
Jesse Papineau
Christian Pirri
Lucas Pollack
Jacob Prince
Ren Ramos
Joy Rosenberg
Benjamin Smith
Brendan Teufel
Chancellor Wahl
Madison Ward
Brett Weise**

Business Law Review is the preeminent space for research and publication in the area of business and corporate law within Rutgers Law School and primarily operates as an academic outlet for students interested in pursuing these ever-expanding fields of law. Areas of research and publication include, but are not limited to, securities law, corporate governance and entity formation, mergers and acquisitions, cryptocurrency and blockchain, as well as international trade and tax law. The RBLR is proud to have a vibrant student membership in both Newark and Camden.

**Stephen Barkasy
Louis Esposito
Lewis Evans
Taylor Larosa
Kevin Rafuse
William Stinson
Mason Switsky
Nicole Talvacchia**

International Law and Human Rights Journal brings into the American discussion on international law and human rights, those scholars which have heretofore been ignored or undervalued. The Journal is committed to highlighting the work of scholars or practitioners from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and other overlooked legal communities, to enhance the international legal debate in the United States.

Michael Campbell
Bridget Finnegan

Rutgers Computer & Technology Law Journal is one of the earliest and longest running academic journals dedicated to scholarship on the interaction between law and technology. Issued semi-annually, the RCTLJ publishes scholarship on the legal implications of computer technology and the use of such technology within the legal profession. The RCTLJ is primarily based in Newark.

Daniella Babae
James Park

Women's Rights Law Reporter is a quarterly journal of legal scholarship and feminist criticism published by students at the Rutgers Law School. Founded in 1970 by late-Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and feminist activists, legal workers, and law students and first published independently in New York City, the Reporter moved to Rutgers in 1972 and became formally affiliated with the law school in 1974. It is the oldest legal periodical in the United States focusing exclusively on the field of women's rights law. The Reporter examines legislative developments, significant federal and state court cases, judicial doctrines, litigation strategies, and the lives and careers of prominent women jurists, the legal profession, and other areas of the law or public policy relating to women's rights. The Reporter is primarily located in Newark.

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Grace Ricciotti-Molishus**

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These awards are presented to two or three students based on their scholarly accomplishments.

Paul C. Ireton Memorial Award for Highest Grade Point Average

Funded by the Rutgers Law School Alumni Association in memory of a faculty member, this award recognizes the student or students in the graduating class having the highest cumulative grade-point average.

