



GRADUATION CONVOCATION

HONORS PROGRAM

NEWARK CAMPUS CEREMONY

May 23, 2025



ORDER OF THE COIF

The order of the Coif is an honorary scholastic society, the purpose of which is to encourage excellence in legal education by fostering a spirit of careful study, by recognizing those who as law students attained a high grade of scholarship, and by honoring those who as lawyers, judges and teachers attained high distinction for their scholarly or professional accomplishments. Of the 203 American law schools, 87 have been granted a charter to establish a Coif Chapter. In 1991 Rutgers Newark was the first New Jersey law school to establish a Coif chapter. In 2018, a charter was issued to Rutgers Law School as a whole.

Individual membership in the Order of the Coif may be conferred upon graduates of member schools who rank at least in the top 10% of their class.

CLASS OF 2025 HONORS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Delaney Hellman-Wilker ❖
Jeffrey Midose ❖
Christopher Mullen ❖
Luisa Nin Reyes ❖
Jason Nissenblatt ❖
Alexander Storzillo ❖

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Peter Agress ❖
Soorim Choi ❖
Gianna Dano ❖
Brandon Federici ❖
Samantha Haquia ❖
Fiona Keefe ❖
Makayala Laster ❖
Samuel Little ❖
Thomas McGowan ❖
Sean Regan ❖
Dilan Samo ❖
Claudia Sanchez ❖
Hannah Shepherd ❖
Katie Warren ❖
Patrick Waters ❖

CUM LAUDE

Adela Barbura	Kayalyn Kibbe
Thomas Bernice	Caroline Kim
Lilly Brown	Jing Kong
Anwasha Chatterjee	Zachary Orchard
Matthew Chiota	Meghan Pane
Camila Fernandez	Eric Parr
Catalina Gaglioti	Brad Prestiano
Christopher Gitelman	John Robinson
Joseph Grushko	Clay Ward
Lauryn Kearney	Saturday Zammit

❖ *Elected to the Order of the Coif*

PRIZE AND AWARD RECIPIENTS

Logan Bennett Noll Mariam Syed	JUSTICE HENRY E. ACKERSON, JR. PRIZE This prize is awarded to the student who has most distinguished themselves in the area of legal skills.
Laurny Kearney Aparna Patankar	RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH LAW This award is given to honor superior academic performance in the area of health law.
Jing Kong	RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW This award is given to the student demonstrating the highest academic achievement in the area of intellectual property law.
Claudia Sanchez	RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW This award will be presented to the student with the highest academic achievement in the fields of labor and employment law.
Camila Fernandez	THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS AWARD This award is sponsored by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and is given to the student who has shown the most aptitude in Family Law.
Zachary Orchard	THE FRANK AND MARILYN ASKIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL STUDIES This prize is awarded by the law school clinical faculty to the student who, over the course of their legal education, has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the clients of the Rutgers Law School Clinics and to the principles and values of clinical legal education.
Caroline Kim Joseph Grushko	THE ALLAN AXELROD PRIZE This prize was established to recognize the immense commitment by Professor Axelrod to Rutgers Law School, and is given to the student with the best grades in Commercial Law.
Han-Gyong Jacob Yu	THE AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE This prize is awarded to the student who most excelled in the area of bankruptcy studies.
Brad Prestiano	CHARLES DAVENPORT PRIZE IN TAX LAW This prize is awarded to the member of the graduating class having the best grades and highest achievement in Tax Law.

Caroline Kim	MORRIS GANN PRIZE IN EVIDENCE This prize is given to the member of the graduating class having the best grade in Evidence.
Joseph Grushko Delaney Hellman-Wilker	LEONARD GARTH APPELLATE ADVOCACY AWARD This award is given to the student or students showing the most promise as an appellate advocate.
Makayla Laster Christina Little	MYRON HARKAVY PRIZE This prize is awarded to the member of the graduating class showing the most promise as a trial lawyer.
Maxwell Johnson	CHIEF JUSTICE RICHARD J. HUGHES PRIZE This prize is awarded to the graduating student who has achieved the best record in the New Jersey Practice course.
George Pond III	ELI JARMEL MEMORIAL PRIZE This prize is awarded to the student who demonstrated the greatest interest and proficiency in public interest law.
Erick Guerra	MENDLOVITZ FAMILY FUND PRIZE This prize is awarded for outstanding and distinguished work in law and humanities.
Luisa Nin Reyes	KENNETH G. WOLFSON PRIZE Greatest Interest and Scholarship in the Field of Land Use.
Camila Fernandez	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS AWARD This prize is given to the student or students showing the greatest commitment to women's issues.
Kayalyn Kibbe	CAROL RUSS MEMORIAL PRIZE This prize is awarded to the student who has best demonstrated a commitment to and a record of distinction in promoting women's rights through the law.
Catherine De Freitas	SERA RAMCHARITAR MEMORIAL AWARD This prize is awarded to the student who has excelled in work on behalf of the underprivileged, particularly women, children and families.
Logan Bennett Noll	G. A. MOORE, JR. PRIZE This prize is awarded to the student who has done distinguished work in the field of equal employment opportunity law. It was donated by Mr. Moore, a participant in a symposium held in 1975 at the law school to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.

Jason Nissenblatt

H. THEODORE SORG PROPERTY PRIZE

This prize is awarded to the student with the highest average in Property.

Clay Ward
Kevin Stawicki

OUTSTANDING CLINICAL STUDENT AWARD

This prize is presented by the Clinical Legal Education Association to a member of the graduating class based on the high quality of representation provided to clients and for exceptionally thoughtful, self-reflective participation in and accompanying clinical seminar.

Caroline Kim
Jing Kong

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW CLINIC AWARD

The award is given to the student who demonstrated the greatest proficiency in the Clinical Practice of Intellectual Property Law.

Sally Abdulraouf
Meghan Pane

RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP AND LEADERSHIP AWARD

Demonstration of excellence in a combination of scholarship and leadership.

Martin Min

RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR BEST STUDENT NOTE, COMMENT OR SCHOLARLY PAPER

Peter Agress

RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

Marissa Carvelli

RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR LEGAL WRITING & RESEARCH

Perle Desir

RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR CORPORATE AND BUSINESS LAW

Clay Ward

RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Luisa Nin Reyes

RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR FAMILY LAW

Kevin Stawicki

ANTHONY ENGELBRECHT PRIZE

This prize is awarded annually to the graduating student who attains the highest average in their final year.

Jason Nissenblatt

PHILIP KRAVITZ MEMORIAL PRIZE

This prize is awarded to the part-time student with the highest academic average.

Delaney Hellman-Wilker

A. HARRY MOORE & SAUL TISCHLER MEMORIAL PRIZES

These prizes are awarded to the student with the highest grades for their entire three or four years.

Anusha Das

JUDGE J. SKELLY WRIGHT PRIZE

This prize is awarded to the student who has done most for civil rights, civil liberties, and human affairs.

Delaney Hellman-Wilker

ALUMNI SENIOR PRIZE

This prize is awarded to the graduating senior exhibiting the greatest achievement during their entire law school career, and who has the greatest promise as a future member of the legal profession.

PRO BONO AWARDS

PRO BONO RECOGNITION

Rutgers Law School's Pro Bono Program recognizes those students who have performed a certain amount of law-related service hours through the public interest program.

Dean's *Pro Bono Publico* Award

Full Time: 50 hrs

Part Time: 35 hrs

Jowkuell Arias-Tapia
Daniel Altomare
Logan Bennett Noll
Isabelle Kapoian
Sarah McCaffery

Moira Phan
Claudia Sanchez
Justin Seaman
Amber Soffer
Danielle Tabatneck

Dean's *Pro Bono Publico* Award for Exceptional Service

Full Time: 100 hrs

Part Time: 70 hrs

Julissa Juarez
Michelle Mason
Sylvia Gilsun Won

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PRO BONO RECOGNITION

Rutgers Law School's Pro Bono Program recognizes those students who have performed a certain amount of law-related service hours through the public interest program.

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

Full Time: 200 hrs

Part Time: 140 hrs

Peter Agress
Ashley Burns
Joseph Grushko
Raiyan Hossain

CERTIFICATE IN CORPORATE AND BUSINESS LAW

Frishta Abdul Walli

Samuel Jacobs

Sally Abdulraouf

Stanford Kim

Julia Bond

Daniel Malone

Ashley Burns

Parker Ramsay

Soorim Choi

Joshua Rosenberg

Simran Dhillon

Adriana Ruiz

Sivani Divakarla

Danielle Tabatneck

Kimberly Ercolino

Pablo Velastegui

Adam Heba

CERTIFICATE IN FAMILY LAW

Bianca Hernandez

CERTIFICATE IN IMMIGRATION LAW

Erick Guerra

Bianca Hernandez

Raiyan Hossain

Hanna Wargula

CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINAL LAW

Cathryn Calia Schrope

Ian Cullen

Clay Ward

CERTIFICATE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Jacqueline Alcantara

Ian Lawrie

Adela Barbura

Jeffrey Midose

Jannine Cooke

Meghan Pane

Khush Dorawala

Eric Parr

Zachary Fini

Shakira Ramirez

Victoria Isaiah

Justin Riley

Fiona Keefe

Joshua Rosenberg

Isabelle Kapoian

Dilan Samo

Jing Kong

Julianna Scofield

Madeline Kopp

Justin Seaman

Isaiah Lauwerys

Nicola Touma