



ALUMNI RECOGNITION



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026

HONORING: PROF. ATIYA AFTAB '91 • JULIA A. LÓPEZ '06 • HON. JAMEL K. SEMPER '07

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July 14, 2026

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

On behalf of the Rutgers School of Law – Newark Alumni Association, it is with great pleasure that we invite you to our Annual Alumni Recognition Gala at Maplewood Country Club on Thursday, October 29, 2026, where we will be honoring three Distinguished Alumni. The Gala festivities will begin with an extended cocktail reception beginning at 6:00 PM, and it will be followed by a seated dinner at 7:30 PM that will coincide with our awards program for the evening. The Gala will also feature a silent auction, in which you can bid on exclusive experiences, memorabilia, gift baskets and more.

Our Distinguished Honorees

We are pleased to announce that the 2026 Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented to Professor Atiya Aftab '91, Adjunct Professor at Rutgers University, Department of Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies Program and Julia A. López '06, Partner, Reed Smith LLP.

The Fannie Bear Besser Award for Public Service will be presented to The Honorable Jamel K. Semper '07, United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. We are proud to recognize the achievements and contributions that these dynamic alumni have made to the community, the law school, and our profession.

Ticket Information

Individual tickets for the Gala are \$215 for Rutgers Law School alumni and \$235 for non-alumni.

We Invite Your Additional Support to Fund Our Programs

Please take this opportunity to further support the Alumni Association by becoming an event sponsor, purchasing a table of eight, or placing an ad in the souvenir Program Journal. The attachments to this letter outline opportunities at a variety of price levels. The Alumni Association does not charge dues and relies on this event as its major source of funding. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Two Easy Ways to Register and Pay

We encourage you to register and pay online with a credit card at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/NLAWGala26>

You may also return the attached registration by mail with your check made payable to:

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If you prefer to complete your registration online, but pay by check and not credit card, your registration will be confirmed once your check is received at the address listed above. We look forward to seeing you on October 29th as we applaud the achievements of our distinguished honorees. We thank you in advance for your anticipated support of this event.

Very truly yours,

Marissa Koblit Kingman '14
Gala Co-Chair

Babatunde P. Odubekun '17
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Recent Grads from Class Years 2023-2026 or Non-Profit Alumni Attorneys **limited number of tickets available*.....\$135

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Sponsorship Opportunities

PLATINUM (2 available).....\$15,000

Benefits: Up to two (2) front and center Gala tables for eight people each, platinum-level signage throughout reception and Gala, full platinum color page in Program Journal and shared acknowledgement on front inside, cover of Program Journal with up to one other platinum sponsor, logo on event registration website, and mention in all press releases.

GOLD (4 available).....\$11,000

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SILVER.....\$6,000

Benefits: Up to one (1) Gala table for eight people, silver-level signage throughout reception and Gala, full silver color page in Program Journal, logo on event registration website, and mention in all press releases.

BRONZE\$3,500

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SCHOLARSHIP CHAMPION:\$7,500

Benefits: One (1) Gala table for eight people for the scholarship recipients and their families. Scholarship Champion-level signage throughout reception and Gala. Full color page in Program Journal. Logo on event registration website, and mention in all press releases.

SCARLET KNIGHT (no Gala tickets)\$4,000

Benefits: Scarlet Knight-level signage throughout reception and Gala. Full color page in Program Journal. Logo on event registration website, and mention in all press releases.

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FULL PAGE\$1,200

Full color page ad is 4.75" wide x 7.75" tall

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Half color page ad is 4.75" wide x 3.875" tall

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Quarter color page ad is 2.375" wide x 3.875" tall

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Business Card Size color ad is 3.5" wide x 2" tall

Deadline for submission of camera-ready artwork via email is October 2, 2026

Camera-ready JPEG, TIFF, DOC, or PDF formats preferred. Submit camera-ready artwork by email to: jessica@jpgevents.com
All contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

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To strengthen relationships among alumni and the law school community; and to advance the ideals, reputation and educational goals of Rutgers School of Law-Newark.



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