2020
Honors Program

RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL
NEWARK LOCATION
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† Elected to the 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 205 American law schools, 86 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.
PRIZE AND AWARD RECIPIENTS

Spencer J. Mizerak

**JUSTICE HENRY E. ACKERSON, JR. PRIZE**
This prize is awarded to the student who has most distinguished himself or herself in the area of legal skills.

James R. Stone

**RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH LAW**
This award is given to the student demonstrating superior performance in the area of health law.

Michael T. Furda

**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.

Maxwell J. Smith

**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.

Alexa F. Scarpaci

**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.

Morgan C. McGoughran

**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 his or her 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.

Fiona Wang & Ernesto Claeyssen

**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.

Caitlyn Ford

**THE AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE**
This prize is awarded to the student who most excelled in the area of bankruptcy studies.

Christopher Winters

**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.

Amanda Cipriano & Joana Romero

**MORRIS GANN PRIZE IN EVIDENCE**
This prize is given to the member of the graduating class having the best grade in Evidence.
LEONARD GARTH APPELLATE ADVOCACY AWARD
This award is given to the student or students showing the most promise as an appellate advocate.

MYRON HARKAVY PRIZE
This prize is awarded to the member of the graduating class showing the most promise as a trial lawyer.

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.

ELI JARMEL MEMORIAL PRIZE
This prize is awarded to the student who demonstrated the greatest interest and proficiency in public interest law.

MENDLOVITZ FAMILY FUND PRIZE
This prize is awarded for outstanding and distinguished work in law and humanities.

G. A. MOORE 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 tenth anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS AWARD
This prize is given to the student or students showing the greatest commitment to women’s issues.

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.

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.

H. THEODORE SORG PROPERTY PRIZE
This prize is awarded to the student with the highest average in Property.

MIRON M. WALLEY MEMORIAL PRIZE
This award is given to a graduating student who has excelled in course work in the area of Real Estate transactions.

KENNETH G. WOLFSON LAND USE PRIZE
This prize is awarded to the graduating student showing the greatest interest and scholarship in the field of land use.
Ryan C. Duffy

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.

Erin E. Stidham

RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP AND LEADERSHIP AWARD
Demonstration of excellence in a combination of scholarship and leadership.

Lucas Katzenmeier & John Meyer

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

Lucas Katzenmeier

RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS AND CORPORATE LAW

Trevor Dickson & Erin Gilgen

RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CRIMINAL LAW

Priscila Abraham

RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN IMMIGRATION LAW

M’Ballou Sanogho

RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

Collin Congelton & Emma Pallarino

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

Julie Minicozzi

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

Cassandra Essert

ANTHONY ENGELBRECHT PRIZE
This prize is awarded to student with the highest grades in the final year of law study.

Samuel Allaman

SAUL TISCHLER MEMORIAL PRIZE
This prize is awarded to the student with the highest academic average in the entire course of legal study.

Samuel Allaman

A. HARRY MOORE PRIZE
This prize is awarded to the student with the highest academic average in the entire course of legal study.

Cassandra Essert

PHILIP KRAVITZ MEMORIAL PRIZE
This prize is awarded to part-time student with the highest academic average in the entire course of legal study.
The Eric R. Neisser Public Interest Program is delighted to recognize students who contributed 50 or more hours of pro bono service during their law school careers. Thank you all for your service.

50 – 100 Hours of Service

Shervin Abachi
Hannah Andrade
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Verna J. Chan
Cassandra A. Essert
Janai Candace Fraser
Jhonattan N. Gonzalez
David Han
Mariam Hashmi
Jasmeen Manhani
Desiree Mcdonald
John William Meyer
Geovanny M. Mora
Aladekemi Shadeyonla Omoregie
Michelle Kathryn Smith

100+ Hours of Service

Maryanne M. Abdelmesih
Priscila Diana Abraham
Abdulrehman Ahmed
Opeyemi Deborah Akinde
Bryan Cheah
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Micauri Vargas
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CERTIFICATES

Certificate in Corporate & Business Law

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    Emily Davis
    Alex Dyvig
    Diana Felipe
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    Stephanie Gibson
    Katarina Gonzalez
    Justin Hill
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    Zachary Klein
    Trevor Korb
    Thomas Lahey
    Andreina Mazzei
    Alexis Miller
    Dimitry Nakhla
    Khushbu Patel
    Colman Preziosi
    Humza Qureshi
    Jawier Ramos
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    Faisal Waged
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Certificate in Criminal Law

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    Trevor Dickson
    Yoon Jang
    Ryan Kikenny
    Julie Minicozzi
    Brandon Morrissey
    Emma Pallarino
    Jade Reyes
    Justin Rucci
    Eric Vivino
Certificate in Family Law
  Verna Chan
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  Jennifer Mclaughlin
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  Alexa Scarpaci

Certificate in Immigration
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  Larissa Kramer
  Rowan Lambie

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