CLASS OF 2017 HONORS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE
Deanna M. Christian †
Mark Makar †
Robert J. Papazian †
Adam C. Saunders †
Carol R. Yablonsky †

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Alyssa F. Conn †
Franco Di Maio †
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Autumn L. Knicely †
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Christina N. Stripp †
Thomas A. Tietz †
Peter C. Urmston †

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Frankel A. Roger
Laura M. Garcia
Staci Jankielewicz
David W. Kuht
Paweł Maziarz
Maria G. McKee
Jason D. Meyers
Corinne Minicozzi
Conner J. Ouellette
Yi An Pan
Ankita Patel
Annabel Pollioni
Andrés F. Puerta
Amy A. Pujara
Farah A. Rahaman
Victoria M. Saraiva
Nakul Y. Shah
Paul S. St. Marie
Joseph W. Tartaglia
Kyle A. Valente

†Elected to the Order of the Coif. See details on final page.
Pro Bono Awards

PRO BONO SCHOLARS
Each year, the Rutgers Law School recognizes those students who performed 100 or more law-related service hours as Pro Bono Scholars.

- William Wyatt Allen
- Christine A. Armellino
- Robert A. Ayes
- Sabrina Baig
- Bria S. Beaufort
- Alexandra C. Bravo
- Taylor W. Brownell
- Tareef Chamaa
- Marisol Conde-Hernandez
- Genna A. Conti
- Cristina R. D’Amato
- Gurkamal Gill
- Abdus-Sami M. Jameel
- Louis J. Keleher
- Autumn Knicely
- Julian N. Krol
- Kaitlyn N. Maltese
- Joseph J. Marrazo
- Justine A. Martolano
- Peter A. Michael
- Leslyn T. Moore
- Bisma Muhammed
- Michael A. O’Brien
- Babatunde P. Odubekun
- Conner J. Ouellette
- Robert J. Papazian
- Ana R. Pincaro
- Annabel Pollioni
- Philip R. Reid
- Nathania Reyes
- Madison S. Riede
- Adam C. Saunders
- Steven Savacool
- Jayant S. Sirdesai
- Joseph Stimmel
- Christina N. Stripp
- Emily P. Strulowitz
- Alvina Swati
- Arif H. Syed
- Joseph W. Tartaglia
- Peter C. Urmston
- Carol R. Yablonsky
- Ji Won Yoon

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 200 American law schools, only 21 have been granted a charter to establish a Coif Chapter. Rutgers Newark was the first New Jersey law school to establish a Coif chapter 26 years ago in 1991.

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.

SPECIAL HOODER RECOGNITION

Graduate
- Sabrina Baig
- John Burke
- Deanna Christian
- Marisol Conde-Hernandez
- Tyler Dickhaus
- Farrah Rahaman
- Sheela George
- Elyla Huertas
- David Kuhrt
- Megan Linares
- Babatunde Odubekun
- Ana Gloria Valentin Perez
- Annabel Pollioni
- Victoria Saraiva
- Adam Saunders
- Steven Savacool
- Michael Sheflin
- Joseph Tartaglia
- Carol Yablonsky

Hooded by
- Beth Acevedo
- Shannon Burke-Gaul
- Prof. Jennifer Rosen Valverde
- Yael Bromberg
- Sara Cohen
- Jeanne LoCicero
- Prof. Andrew Rothman
- Jeanne LoCicero
- Hon. Jose L. Linares
- Aseem Chaudry
- Hon. Siobhan A. Teare
- Amy Jane Agnew
- Susan Saraiva
- Brian Saunders
- James Maynard
- Amy Jane Agnew
- Prof. Andrew Rothman
- Hon. Daniel Yablonsky
Public Interest Fellows

Rutgers Law School offers several fellowships directed toward particular interest areas. The public interest fellows program provides academic and professional training and support, to select students pursuing careers in public interest law and policy.

We congratulate the following public interest fellows of the Class of 2017!

Taylor Brownell

CENTER FOR GENDER AND SEXUALITY LAW AND POLICY (CGSLP) FELLOW
This fellowship provides a unique opportunity for a Rutgers Law student to work with the policy initiatives of the Center for Gender and Sexuality and Law and Policy.

Alyssa Conn

CHILD ADVOCACY FELLOW
The Child Advocacy Fellowship is designed to encourage and support the training and development of students who wish to pursue careers in the public interest, and who are particularly committed to children’s legal issues. The Child Advocacy Fellow enrolls in the Child Advocacy Clinic, and assists in the development of the Newark Education Advocacy and Access Project.

Cristina D’Amato
Farah Momen

IMMIGRATION RIGHTS FELLOW
This fellow demonstrates a commitment to public service in the field of immigration law or immigration rights.

Abdus-Sami M. Jameel
Maria Jose Padilla
Annabel Pollioni
Farah Rahaman
Carol Yablonsky

KINONY-STAVIS FELLOWS
This fellowship began in the name of one of its most nationally prominent and treasured faculty member, the late Professor Arthur Kinoy. It was later expanded in honor of the late Morton Stavis, co-founder with Professor Kinoy of the Center for Constitutional Rights and one of the nation’s preeminent civil rights lawyers and former adjunct professor at the law school.

Marisol Conde-Hernandez
Victoria Saraiva
Alaina Thomas

MARSHA WENK FELLOWS
Created in memory of Marsha Wenk, a 1987 graduate of the law school who dedicated her legal career to public service and who died in 1996, the Wenk fellowship program seeks to support students interested in developing a career in public interest law, and to foster a cadre of law students involved in public interest activities during law school.

Pro Bono Awards

PRO BONO RECOGNITION
Rutgers Law School’s Pro Bono Program recognizes those students who have performed 50 or more hours of law-related service through the public interest program.

Taylor Brownell

Kojo Anaman
Vanessa Avello
Louis Baez
Evan Bakhet
Moira Batista
Anna A. Bennett
Pedro Blanco
Jerome Boston
Cameron Boyd
Alyssa F. Conn
Edumin Corrales
Dina Dalco
Mario Derejanik
Tyler Diekhaus
Ardinez Domgjoni
Denis Fatovic
Robert F. Galvan
Laura Garcia
Sheela George
Gigg Goodlow
Timothy Kawira
Kristy L. Keiser
Abdul Rehman Khan
Megan Linares
Narina Manukian

Vanessa Martinez
Beonica McClanahan
Marian M. Miawad
Adam Morsy
Maria Jose Padilla-Narvarez
Vaughn Parchment
Ankita Patel
Ana Gloria Valentin Perez
Jason Perez
Andres F. Puerta
Amy A. Pujara
Farah Rahaman
John Rinaldi
Marquise Rivon
Victoria Salam
Victoria Saraiva
Nakul Shah
Parampreet Singh
Eric Stevenson
Peter Szafrensk
Drew Tanner
Alaina Thomas
Kyle Valente
Dina Younes
**Certificate in Criminal Law**

This program offers students with a special interest in the field of criminal law the opportunity to pursue that interest in a structured framework, and to achieve special recognition for doing so. The program is designed to ensure that students: (1) are exposed to a broad range of issues in criminal law and procedure, (2) have the experience of writing a supervised research paper, and (3) obtain some practical experience in the field. The program is intended to be sufficiently flexible to allow students to pursue a particular sub-interest in substantive criminal law or criminal procedure.

- David Alfreds
- Stilianos Cambilis
- Antonio Laberdee
- Jennifer Leung
- Conner Ouellette
- Joseph Tartaglia

**Certificate in Family Law**

The Certificate Program in Family Law offers students having a special interest in the field of family law a structured framework to pursue that interest, as well as special and formal recognition for doing so. The program has flexibility to allow students to pursue a particular subset of courses related to family law.

- Taylor Brownell
- Chelsea Shumaker

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**PRIZE AND AWARD RECIPIENTS**

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| Peter C. Urmston      | **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. |
| Derek J. Prevete      | **ABA/BNA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE – HEALTH LAW**  
This award is given to honor superior academic performance in the area of health law. |
| Joseph J. Marrazo &   | **ABA/BNA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW**  
This award is given to the student demonstrating the highest academic achievement in the area of intellectual property law. The prize is awarded this year to two outstanding students. |
| Mario Derevjanik      |                                                                                         |
| Alvina Swati          | **ABA/BNA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE – LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW**  
This award will be presented to the student with the highest academic achievement in the fields of labor and employment law. |
| Taylor W. Brownell    | **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. |
| Deanna M. Christian & | **THE FRANK AND MARILY 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. This year's prize goes to two outstanding students. |
| Alaina Thomas         |                                                                                         |
| Katherine DiCicco     | **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. |
| Timothy M. Kawira     | **THE AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE**  
This prize is awarded to the student who most excelled in the area of bankruptcy studies. |
| William Wyatt Allen   | **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. |
Certificate in Corporate/Business Law

This Certificate Program in Corporate/Business Law will provide students with special interest in corporate and business law a structured framework to pursue that interest, as well as formal recognition for doing so. All students will gain a core competency in the law governing the formation and governance of corporations and in the financing of corporations.

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MORRIS GANN PRIZE IN EVIDENCE

This prize is given to the member of the graduating class having the best grade in Evidence.

| Laura M. Garcia               | Stephen J. Marietta |

SCHILDKRAUT PRIZE IN APPELLATE ADVOCACY

This award is given to the student or students showing the most promise as an appellate advocate.

| Maria G. McKee               |

MYRON HARKAVY PRIZE

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

| Daniel J. Parziale           |

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.

| Farah A. Rahaman             |

ELI JARMEL MEMORIAL PRIZE

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

| Cristina R. D’Amato         |

HELEN LEVINE COHEN AWARD

This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated the highest caliber of advocacy on behalf of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender community.

| Tyler A. Diekhaus            |

MENDLOVITZ FAMILY FUND PRIZE

This prize is awarded for outstanding and distinguished work in law and humanities. This award is given this year to two outstanding students.

| Megan Linares                |

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.

| Taylor W. Brownell           |

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS AWARD

This prize is given to the student or students showing the greatest commitment to women’s issues.

| Genna A. Conti               |

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.
Alyssa F. Conn  
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.

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

Pawel Maziarz & Brian J. Taboada  
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.

Kaitlyn N. Maltese  
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.

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

Kyle A. Valente  
RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR BUSINESS AND CORPORATE LAW

Carol R. Yablonsky  
RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Christina N. Stripp  
RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR ETHICS

Alyssa F. Conn  
RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

Carol R. Yablonsky  
RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR BEST STUDENT NOTE, COMMENT OR SCHOLARLY PAPER

Deanna M. Christian  
ANTHONY ENGELBRECHT PRIZE  
This prize is awarded annually to the graduating student who attains the highest average in his or her final year.

Deanna M. Christian  
PHILIP KRAVITZ MEMORIAL PRIZE  
This prize is awarded to the part-time student with the highest academic average.

Deanna M. Christian  
A. HARRY MOORE & SAUL TISCHLER MEMORIAL PRIZES  
These prizes are awarded to the student with the highest grades for his or her entire three years.

Marisol Conde-Hernandez & Annabel Pollioni  
JUDGE J. SKELLY WRIGHT PRIZE  
This prize is awarded to the student who has done most for civil rights, civil liberties, and human affairs.

Stephen Marietta & Robert Papazian  
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.