2021
Honors Program

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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

Madeline B. Gayle  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.

Ieva Urbietyte  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.

Daniel R. D'Auge  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.

Jing Xu  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.

Samantha M. Weckenman  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.

Gisselly Perez-Astwood, Izamar J. Plaza & Kimberly A. Torres  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.

Rahimah Faiq  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.

Kristen A. Rothe & Yelky C. Perez  THE AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE
This prize is awarded to the student who most excelled in the area of bankruptcy studies.

Byung Hyuk Min  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.

Kelly G. Donoghue  MORRIS GANN PRIZE IN EVIDENCE
This prize is given to the member of the graduating class having the best grade in Evidence.

William E. Olson
LEONARD GARTH APPELLATE ADVOCACY AWARD
This award is given to the student or students showing the most promise as an appellate advocate.

Andy M. Amakihe,
Pierre Avalos &
Jared F. Hotchkiss

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

Amir Elmonairy

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.

Mary Clare Patterson

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

Gatien Laurol

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

Rita Farag

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.

Kristen G. Scully

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

Conor Lin,
Rachael J. Newcomb,
Corey D. Repasy &
Sabrina Siddiqui

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.

Naomi N. Gulama &
Candice E. Iheme

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.

Chaim Lapp

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

Shradhha V. Patel

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.
Sabah Abbasi  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.

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

Edward M. Christian  RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR BEST STUDENT NOTE, COMMENT OR SCHOLARLY PAPER

Andrew J. Ahearn & David E. Lang  RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW  RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS AND CORPORATE LAW

Ma’ayan Stein  RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CRIMINAL LAW

Faith C. Di Trolio & Kelly McNaughton  RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

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

Emahunn Campbell  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.

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

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

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

Chaim Lapp  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.

**200+ Hours of Service**

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