

2021
Honors Program



RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL
NEWARK LOCATION



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CLASS OF 2021 HONORS

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Harshita Rathore †
Carolyn J. Siditsky †
Ma'ayan G. Stein †
Samantha M. Weckenman †

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Sabah Abbasi	Yelky C. Perez
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	Jacqueline E. Yarmo

† 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*

Amir Elmonairy

Mary Clare Patterson

Gatien Laurol

Rita Farag

Kristen G. Scully

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

*Naomi N. Gulama &
Candice E. Iheme*

Chaim Lapp

Shradhha V. Patel

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.

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.

Chaim Lapp

PRO BONO AWARDS

PRO BONO RECOGNITION

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

Julia D. Burzynski	Margaret E. Fiori
Emahunn R. Campbell	Madeline B. Gayle
Michael R. Chachura	Jayla E. Harvey
Dorian J. Deen	Amal A. Mimish
Geralyn Denger	Melissa A. Sarsten
Rita Farag	Bailey R. Thomas

100+ Hours of Service

Saad Admani	Andrew J. Kristofick	Navin Raj
Inez M. Asante	Wakana Kurihara	Corey D. Repasy
Courtnie C. Bolden	Ruth A. Landa	Sergio D. Reyes Sierra
Pati Candelario	Marasia D. Laster	Allora Richey
Joseph M. Carr	Gatien Laurol	Kimberly Roman
Caroline J. Caruso	Regina D. Lazarus	Christina G. Sabato
Justin M. Dersh	Eui Chul Lee	Eliana R. Schachter
Claire B. Dronzek	William Lee	Kristen G. Scully
Esteban A. Flores	Alexandria D. Martinez	Nikita B. Shah
Samantha R. Garrison	Serena K. McGann	Sabrina Siddiqui
Alma A. Godinez	Samantha A. Milano-Sumalinog	Maninder K. Singh
Nidhi Goel	Byung Hyuk Min	Kimberly A. Torres
Adina R. Heistein	Hazel O. Ortiz	Vanessa G. Ueoka
Norma S. Juarez	Yelky C. Perez	

50+ Hours of Service

Michelle N. Allec Arreola	Chaim Lapp
Amir M. Botros	Sawyer J. Like
Juan P. Chavez	Molly S. Mitlak
William J. Chun	Rachael J. Newcomb
Maria B. Cunquero	Leigh T. Oliver
Daniel R. D'Auge	Suraj J. Oza
Faith C. Di Trolio	Khushbu P. Patel
Juan C. Estrada Castillo	Kasaundra Schuenke
Rahimah Faiq	Jose Ward
Elissa L. Frank	Zachary S. Whelan
Maria C. Fuentes	Lester Xu
Jacob B. Greendyk	Jacqueline E. Yarmo
Jared F. Hotchkiss	Nazia Z. Zaman
Jaedon J. Huie	

CERTIFICATES

Certificate in Corporate & Business Law

Joseph M. Carr	Byung Hyuk Min
Juan P. Chavez	Yelky C. Perez
James G. D'Amore	Sergio D. Reyes Sierra
Claire B. Dronzek	Kristen A. Rothe
Juan C. Estrada Castillo	Kasaundra Schuenke
Rahimah Faiq	Kristen G. Scully
Eleni C. Farrell	Andrew Serulneck
Dominik Gutowski	Nikita B. Shah
Adam J. Hansen	Alice M. Tsvilikhovski
Hiba Hassan	Jose Ward
Jaedon J. Huie	Zachary S. Whelan
Chaim Lapp	Jing Xu
Ryan A. Lindsey	

Certificate in Criminal Law

Faith C. Di Trolio
Alma A. Godinez
Adina R. Heistein
Marasia D. Laster

Certificate in Family Law

Jacqueline E. Yarmo

Certificate in Immigration

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