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## PROGRAM

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### PRESIDING

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### PROCESSIONAL

Bagpipers: John Loiacono and Harsh Mahajan '25  
Majestic Brass Quintet

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Majestic Brass Quintet  
Rabeca Salazar '25

### GREETINGS AND WELCOME

Johanna Bond, *Dean and Professor of Law*

### STUDENT SPEAKER

Frederick Davis '24

### FACULTY SPEAKER

Doug Eakeley, *Distinguished Professor of Law*

### CONVOCATION ADDRESS

The Honorable Zahid N. Quraishi, *Rutgers Law School '00*  
Introduction by Johanna Bond, *Dean and Professor of Law*

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS & PRIZES

Barbara Hoffman, *Clinical Professor of Law and Chair of Scholastic Standing Committee*

### PRESENTATION OF JURIS DOCTOR DEGREES

Shani King, *Vice Dean and Professor of Law*  
Ronald Chen, *Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*  
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## CONVOCATION CEREMONY SPEAKER

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A valued alumnus of Rutgers Law, **Zahid N. Quraishi** was appointed as a United States District Judge on June 23, 2021. Judge Quraishi, who is of Pakistani ancestry, is the first Muslim American to serve as an Article III judge in the United States. Judge Quraishi previously served as a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Jersey in the Trenton Vicinage since 2019 where he was the first Asian-American to serve on the federal court in New Jersey.

Prior to his appointments to the federal bench, he was Chair of Riker Danzig's White Collar Criminal Defense and Investigations Group and his firm's first Chief Diversity Officer. Before joining Riker, Judge Quraishi served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey for over five years.

Judge Quraishi's government service and prosecutorial experience extends well beyond his years at the U.S. Attorney's Office. He previously represented the United States as an Assistant Chief Counsel and trial attorney with the Department of Homeland Security. He also served as a military prosecutor and achieved the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. In the Army, Judge Quraishi was assigned to the First Infantry Division stationed in Germany and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 and 2006 before he was honorably discharged.

Prior to his elevation to the federal bench, Judge Quraishi served as a trustee of several prominent organizations to include the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey, the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey, and the United States Attorney's Office Alumni Association (DNJ).

Judge Quraishi has been recognized by Rutgers Law School, the legal community, Asian-American community, and Muslim community for years. In 2023, he served as the keynote speaker at the annual conferences for the National Muslim Law Students Association. In 2022, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Rutgers Law School. Judge Quraishi also was honored as the keynote speaker at the Rutgers University Law Review Alumni Gala and has been recognized for his community contributions by Rutgers Law School's APALSA, MLSA, and SALSAs student organizations. Judge Quraishi has also been honored in various ways by APALA-NJ, SABA-NJ, NJMLA, the Muslim American Leadership Alliance, and the Consul General of Pakistan.

Additionally, as a practitioner, he has been recognized in his legal field by Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business as *one of the country's leading white collar lawyers*, Best Lawyers in America®, a peer review of U.S. lawyers, and "Super Lawyers" by Thomson Reuters. In 2014, shortly after entering private practice at Riker Danzig, Judge Quraishi was named a "New Leader of the Bar" by *New Jersey Law Journal*.

Judge Quraishi received his law degree from Rutgers Law School - Newark where he was the Managing Business Editor of the Rutgers Computer and Technology Law Journal and a member of the Rutgers Moot Court Board. He is a committed and valued member of the Rutgers Law alumni community.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR – NEWARK CEREMONY

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 Serdwick St Pierre  
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 Daniel Tokarz  
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 Zefu Zhang  
 Zechuan Zhou  
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🎓 *October 2023 Graduate*

✨ *January 2024 Graduate*

🌀 *October 2024 Graduate*

❖ *Dual Degree*

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 Garrett Bolton  
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 Scott Bowers  
 Marion Brewington  
 Haylee Brister  
 Daniel Brown  
 Arielle Budd  
 Lydia Budd  
 Vanessa Calixto  
 Ryan Campbell  
 Francis Casey  
 Mary Casper  
 Ashley Casselle  
 Cameron Chambers ✨  
 Malley Chertkov  
 Joshua Cleveland  
 Isabella Coccozza  
 Wesley Costello  
 Samuel Craig  
 Stacey Crock  
 Chakeema Cruickshank  
 Sharlene Cubelo  
 Jacob Davis  
 Skylar Demartinis  
 Loris Dennis  
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 William Devries  
 Cisse Diawara 🌀  
 Kaitlyn Dibsie  
 Maxwell Dickens  
 Steven Dittmar  
 Trang Do  
 Kyle Dotson ✨  
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 Bruce Dutra  
 Colin Egan  
 Egbutu Udoka  
 Lindsey Eveland  
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 Miriam Fieger  
 Kaitlyn Flanagan  
 Megan Frain  
 Daniel Gandolfo  
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 Sarah Gladieux  
 Elena Gladkoff  
 Ashna Gorajia  
 Broderick Graham  
 Bailey Gunner  
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 Nicholas Hansen  
 Austin Hariprasad  
 Michael Hatch  
 Jacob Haulenbeek  
 Grant Hill  
 Timothy Hinton  
 Spencer Holm  
 Andrew Hubert  
 Andrew Ibarra  
 Morgan Inman  
 Theodore Jablonoski  
 Kyle Jackson  
 Shellea Jackson  
 Allison Jones  
 Priya Kavuru  
 Samuel Kim  
 Jeremy Koepf ✨  
 Dylan Lamb  
 Natalie Larosa ✨  
 Alyssa Le  
 Julio Leon  
 Kyle Leon  
 Zaniya Lewis  
 Abraham Loewi  
 Andrew Lombard  
 Sara Lynch  
 Emily Makar  
 Daniella Mannino  
 Michael Marchese  
 Renee Marshina  
 Keerah McCratic  
 Rebecca McCusker

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR – CAMDEN CEREMONY

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Ryan Nameth  
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Katherine O'Donnell  
Jordan Ohl  
Alyssa Olagbegi  
Kaitlyn Owens  
Poojita Paidipalli  
Kale Pasch ㉿  
Rutu Patel  
Joelle Paull  
Dominique Perez  
Ryan Pletcher  
Matthew Powers  
Basma Qazi  
Rachel Wolfram  
Kayla Ramirez  
Paul Ravelli  
Brian Read  
Melissa Rebovich  
Austin Reid  
Jennifer Ricci  
Eric Richwine  
Michael Rodgers ✱  
Christian Rodriguez  
Austin Romano  
Christopher Romero  
Lewis Rosenblum  
Brooke Rotheram  
Alexandra Ruane  
Seth Rush  
Michaela Rygalski  
Zahirah Sabir  
Joshua Salkin  
Iain Saltzberg Pollard  
Benjamin Salvatore  
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Alycia Schwamb  
Samantha Seltzer  
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Sydney Shorr  
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Kandace Smith  
Lucas Smith  
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## PRIZES AND AWARDS

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### ORDER OF THE COIF

The first New Jersey chapter of the Order of the Coif, the nationwide honor society for law students, was established at Rutgers School of Law-Newark in 1991. The prestigious society, which recognizes the top 10 percent of each year's graduating class with membership in the society, encourages excellence in legal education, and honors lawyers, judges, and teachers for significant professional contributions. Chapters of the Order are established at law schools whose faculty have been recognized for their contributions to legal scholarship.

### ACADEMIC HONORS

Honors are awarded for distinguished scholastic achievement over the entire law school course. In exceptional cases, high honors and highest honors may be awarded. The awards are made by the faculty on the advice of the Committee on Scholastic Standing. Recipients are announced at the graduation convocation.

### 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. It was donated by Justice Ackerson and, since his death in 1970, has been continually awarded by the Rutgers Law School Alumni Association in recognition of his unique contribution to the school.

### RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE – HEALTH LAW

This award is given to honor superior academic performance in the area of health law.

### RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

This award is given to the full-time and to the part-time student demonstrating the highest academic achievement in the area of intellectual property law.

### RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE – LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW

This award will be presented to the full-time and to the part-time student with the highest academic achievement in the fields of labor and employment law.

### 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.

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### **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 their 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.

### **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.

### **THE AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE**

This prize is awarded to the student who most excelled in the area of bankruptcy studies.

### **DAVENPORT PRIZE IN TAX LAW**

This prize is awarded to the graduating student with the best grades and highest achievement in tax law.

### **MORRIS GANN PRIZE IN EVIDENCE**

A prize in memory of Morris Gann is offered to the member of the graduating class having the best grade in evidence. It is donated by Gann Law Books, Newark.

### **LEONARD GARTH ADVOCACY AWARD**

This award is given to the student who has shown the most promise as an appellate advocate.

### **MYRON HARKAVY PRIZE**

The friends and relatives of the late Myron Harkavy, a graduate of the law school, have established a prize to be awarded to the member of the senior 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. This prize was funded by a donation from the County Court Judges' Association of New Jersey upon its dissolution in 1979.

### **ELI JARMEL MEMORIAL PRIZE**

This prize is awarded to the student who demonstrated the greatest interest and proficiency in public interest law. It is awarded by the Alumni Association in memory of Professor Eli Jarmel, a former professor at the law school and the first director of the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education (ICLE).

### **MENDLOVITZ FAMILY FUND PRIZE**

This prize is offered for outstanding and distinguished work in law and humanities.

### **G. A. MOORE, JR. 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 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.

### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS AWARD**

This prize is given to the student showing the greatest commitment to women's issues.

### **CAROL RUSS MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Established by the Class of 1980 in honor of a classmate, this prize is awarded to the graduating student who has demonstrated a commitment to and a record of distinction in promoting women's rights through the law.

### **SERA RAMCHARITAR MEMORIAL AWARD**

Created in 1994 by the Women's Rights Law Reporter in memory of a staff member, this award is presented 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, established by H. Theodore Sorg (Class of 1912), is given to the graduating class member who has the highest average in property courses.

### **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 law.

### **THE CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (CLEA) AWARD**

This prize is awarded for excellence in clinical fieldwork based on the high quality of representation provided to clients and for exceptionally thoughtful, self-reflective participation in an accompanying clinical seminar.

### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW CLINIC AWARD**

The award is given to the student who has demonstrated the greatest proficiency in the Clinical Practice of Intellectual Property Law.

### **RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP AND LEADERSHIP AWARD**

This prize is awarded to the student who has demonstrated excellence in a combination of scholarship and leadership.

### **RUTGERS OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

This prize is awarded to the students selected for overall scholarly achievement in four areas of law, and for outstanding scholarly publications.

### **THE ANTHONY ENGELBRECHT PRIZE**

Miss Ann Engelbrecht of Union City created a prize in honor of her brother that is awarded annually to the senior with the highest general average during the year.

### **THE PHILIP KRAVITZ MEMORIAL PRIZE**

This prize is awarded to the part-time student with the highest academic average. It was established by the class of 1995 as a tribute to, and in memory of, their classmate.

### **SAUL TISCHLER MEMORIAL PRIZE**

This prize is awarded to the student with the highest average for the entire three years in law school, as provided in the will of the late Saul Tischler, an alumnus, professor at the law school, and Standing Master of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

### **A. HARRY MOORE PRIZE**

Made possible through the generosity of former Gov. A. Harry Moore (Class of 1924), this prize is awarded to the member of the graduating class receiving the highest grade for his or her entire three years.

### **THE JUDGE J. SKELLY WRIGHT PRIZE**

This award is given annually to the member of the graduating class who has contributed the most to the civil rights, liberties, and human affairs of his or her fellow citizens during his/her law school career. The award was created in honor of the distinguished judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, J. Skelly Wright. The purpose of this award is twofold: to recognize extraordinary achievement on the part of a Rutgers law student, and to pay tribute to the selfless and courageous defense of human freedom represented by the life of the man whose name it bears. This award was established and is supported by the Student Bar Association.

### **ALUMNI SENIOR PRIZE**

Established by the Alumni Association, this prize is awarded to the graduating student exhibiting the greatest achievement during his or her entire law school career and the greatest promise as a future member of the legal profession.

For more than a century, Rutgers Law School has maintained a tradition of excellence in legal education at an affordable price while fostering a diverse student body and an unwavering commitment to social justice. In 2015, Rutgers University merged its two law schools into a single university-wide academic unit. The impressive faculty, combined with a student body of over 1,100, makes Rutgers Law School the largest public law school in the Northeastern United States.

The roots of Rutgers Law School in Newark go back to 1908. From the very beginning, the school was a pioneer in legal education, with its first female graduate in 1910. The history of the Law School's Newark location is deeply intertwined with the City of Newark. As the student population grew over the decades, the buildings that housed the Law School included a Victorian town house, a former brewery and a 16-story insurance company headquarters before it moved to its present location, the 225,000-square-foot Center for Law and Justice at the corner of Washington and New streets in 2000.

In Camden, the Law School was founded in 1926 as an independent school called the South Jersey Law School. South Jersey Law School and the companion College of South Jersey, merged with Rutgers in 1950 to create the Rutgers University-Camden campus. The Law School's Camden location also has a longstanding tradition of providing opportunity to nontraditional law students. In January 2009, the Law School's Camden location opened a new 53,000-square-foot building located just one mile from Philadelphia.

Both Law School locations are in dynamic metropolitan centers, close to cultural and community hubs that provide easy access for law students to take part in experiential learning opportunities and to pursue diverse field placement and career opportunities.

The core values of Rutgers Law School – teaching, scholarship, service and opportunity – are shaped by an extraordinary institutional history, and have produced alumni/ae who are represented in the highest levels of every sector of the legal profession across the tri-state area and throughout the country. They include justices of the New Jersey Supreme Court, representatives in the U.S. Congress, leaders in the executive and legislative branches of state government, partners at major law firms, prosecutors and public defenders, advocates for civil and human rights, law deans and professors, solo practitioners, legal aid attorneys, counsel to small businesses, and professionals using their law degree in fields as various as medicine, entertainment and the arts, finance, and criminal justice.

Every year, as we celebrate a new graduating class, we reaffirm our distinctive commitment to the expression of these values through innovative legal pedagogy, clinical education, exceptional and socially relevant academic research, public service engagement, and educational access.



## THE ACADEMIC COSTUME

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The wearing of academic dress dates back to the early days of the oldest universities in the world. In the American Council on Education's book entitled *American Universities and Colleges*, it is suggested that "Gowns may have been counted necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings frequented by medieval scholars. Hoods seem to have served to cover the tonsured head...."

American universities established a code of regulations which today is followed by almost all American institutions. The establishment of this code has made it possible to distinguish the bachelors, masters and doctors, and at the same time, to recognize the university awarding the degree.

The colors of the lining of the hoods for the nine original colonial colleges are: scarlet, Rutgers; crimson, Harvard; green-gold-silver, William and Mary; blue, Yale; red and blue, Pennsylvania; orange and black, Princeton; light blue and white, Columbia; brown, Brown; and green and white, Dartmouth. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The master's gown has oblong sleeves, open at the wrist. The rear part of its oblong shape is square-cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. It is worn open or closed.

The hoods vary in size: 48 inches for the doctor's degree, 42 inches for the master's, and 36 inches for the bachelor's. All hoods are lined in the academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. If the institution has more than one color, the colors are shown in divisions using chevrons. The binding or edge of the hood is usually made of velvet in the color designating the subject in which the degree was granted.

Some of the colors in the bindings of the hoods are: white, Arts and Letters; drab, Business Administration; violet, Criminal Justice; light blue, Education; purple, Law; apricot, Nursing; peacock blue, Public Administration; blue, Philosophy; gold, Science; and citron, Social Work.

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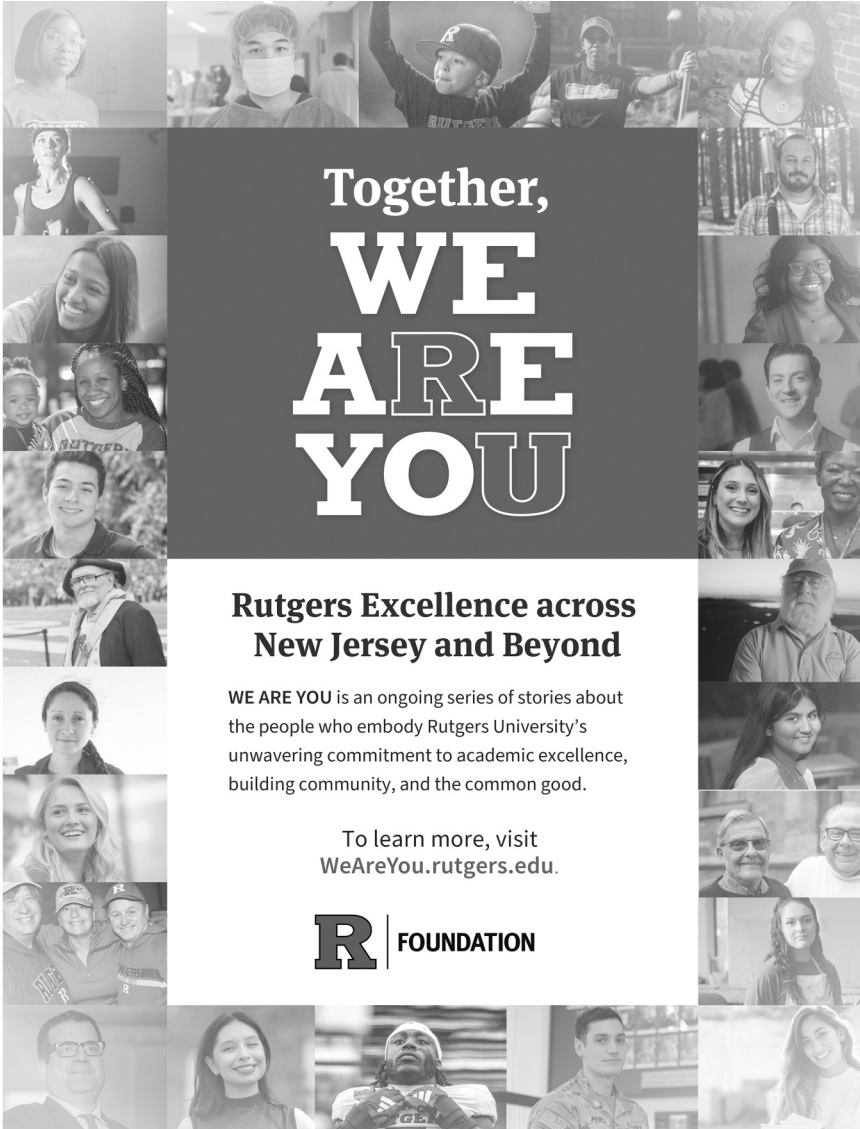
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