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Jay Feinman
Roger Clark
Jacob Russell

Readers
Barbara Gotthelf

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Administrator of the Year
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Staff Member of the Year

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Victoria Chase

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Lindback Foundation Award for
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Ruth Anne Robbins

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Teachers’ Junior Faculty
Teaching Award (2017)
Katie Eyer

Board of Trustees Research
Fellowship for Scholarly
Excellence
Katie Eyer
Service Awards

Maureen Murphy Aguilar Humor Award is named in honor of Maureen Murphy Aguilar, who delighted generations of students, faculty and staff with her humor.

Cody Valdez

Chancellor’s Award for Student Civic Engagement honors those who have achieved special distinction in civic engagement initiatives.

Brandon Pugh

VITA Pro Bono Tax Project Leader:
Blair Gerold

Dean’s Award for Service to Rutgers Law School recognizes particularly significant contributions to the law school and the surrounding community.

Christopher Bustamante Osorio Jack Hagerty Samuel Kovach-Orr Brandon Pugh Khushbu Solanki

David Dolgenos Memorial Award honors a successful New York real estate, entertainment, and commercial lawyer. He was from a working-class family and put himself through law school by working as a dance instructor, construction worker and waiter, and holding other jobs. This award is for a student who has overcome similar difficult obstacles in the path to a J.D., such as being a non-native English speaker, the first in a family to attend college, a single parent, disabled, or facing other life obstacles. The award, which is funded by the family of Professor Sarah Ricks, is designed to help the student lighten financial burdens while studying for the bar exam.

Heather Anne Seningen
Domestic Violence Pro Bono Project Outstanding Service Award is presented to a student who has significantly and/or uniquely contributed to the Rutgers Domestic Violence Project during several semesters of the student’s law school career. The Rutgers Domestic Violence Project trains law students to provide legal assistance to persons seeking protective orders in Camden County.

Eagleton Institute of Politics Fellowship in Politics and Government offers three competitive interdisciplinary fellowships that provide select Rutgers graduate students the opportunity to further their understanding of the practice of politics and public affairs to connect their knowledge to their chosen field of study.

Herb and Tricia Hinkle Award for Commitment to Educating Camden Youth About Law recognizes a student or students who demonstrated outstanding commitment to educating young people in Camden about the law through one or more of the law school’s projects (including but not limited to the Street Law Pro Bono Project, the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project or the Summer Law Institute).

National Association of Women Lawyers Award is presented to the student who, through academic achievement, motivation, tenacity and drive, shows promise to contribute to the advancement of women in the legal community and in society.
Philadelphia Bar Association Eve Biskind Klothen Law Student Pro Bono Distinction Award honors students from area law schools for their outstanding pro bono and public interest work during law school.

Philadelphia Bar Association Public Interest Section Law Student Award (2017)

Mary Philbrook Student Public Interest Award, presented since 1999, recognizes students for exceptional contributions to the public interest during their years in law school. The qualities recognized by the Student Public Interest Awards are: outstanding public service contributions in community organizations, particularly contributions related to law, justice and the legal system; activism in the Rutgers community; a continuous dedication to public interest that goes above and beyond that of most law students; and a G.P.A. of 2.5 or above.

Honorable Judith H. Wizmur Bankruptcy Pro Bono Award recognizes a deserving student who has participated in the Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project.

Craig Becker
Julie Peterson
Domenico Stockton-Rossini

Christopher Bustamante
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Daniel Dowdy
Blair Gerold
Eric Macias
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Sandra Reed
Domenico Stockton-Rossini
Amelia Vangellow
Shahidah Williams

Derek Beutler
Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project

The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project enlists law students in an effort to increase civic literacy and participation in American democracy. The project prepares gifted upper-level law student “Fellows” to teach a course in Constitutional and civic literacy in local high schools. The aim is to make the Constitution "come alive" for young people in Camden while reinforcing law students’ mastery of the substantive material and lawyering skills. The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project is supported by funding from a scholarship foundation named for Michael Young, an outstanding Rutgers-Camden Law student who died shortly before his graduation in 2004. The scholarship supports teaching assistantships that are critical to the success of the project.

Graduating Marshall-Brennan Fellows:

Jacquelyn Corsentino        David Levy
Kristin Gummoe             Sandra Reed
Jack Hagerty               Chelsea Williams

Michael Young Teaching Assistant 2017-2018: Sandra Reed
Pro Bono Publico Awards

All aspects of the Pro Bono Program are designed with three goals: (1) to address unmet legal needs in the community; (2) to help law students develop substantive legal knowledge, while honing professional contacts and skills; and (3) to help law students cultivate a lifelong commitment to pro bono service. Students receiving the Pro Bono Award have made a significant volunteer commitment to one or more of the Law School’s pro bono projects, or have served through local, regional or national public interest legal organizations. They have volunteered at least 50 hours for these projects, including at least 10 hours during their final year of law school. Winners of the Dean’s Pro Bono Publico Award for Exceptional Service have volunteered at least 100 hours.

Dean’s Pro Bono Publico Award for Exceptional Service (at least 100 hours of service)

Jacquelyn Corsentino          Eric Macias Intriago
Daniel Dowdy                  Julie Peterson
Blair Gerold                  Kelly Peterson
Kristin Gummoe                Anthony Scaringelli
Ashley Keavney                James Skamarakas
David Levy                    Cody Valdez

Pro Bono Publico Award for Significant Service (at least 50 hours of service)

Craig Becker                  Jordan McArdle
Derek Beutler                 Nicole McCann
Michael Branton               Alexandria Nikolinos
Natalie Burns                 Sandra Reed
Christopher Bustamante Osorio Anthony Salort
Jonathan Grekstas             Corey Scher
Francisco Guzman Andrade      Lindsay Smith
Jack Hagerty                  Brenna Sooy
Patrick Joyce                 Dana Stefanoni
Evan Kerstetter               Domenico Stockton-Rossini
Samuel Kovach-Orr             Carly Wells
Danielle Masi                 Shahidah Williams
Lawyering Awards

American Law Institute Continuing Legal Education Scholarship and Leadership Award is presented to a student who best represents a combination of scholarship and leadership, the qualities embodied by ALI-CLE’s parent organizations. ALI-CLE has been providing continuing legal education to attorneys since 1923.

Richard L. Barbour, Jr. Memorial Award is dedicated by family and friends to the memory of a well-loved member of the Class of 1989 who served as Assistant Burlington County Prosecutor until his untimely death in April of 1991. The award goes to a student with good academic standing and a demonstrated interest in and commitment to the support of justice through prosecution or service as a judicial clerk.

Clinical Legal Education Association Award is presented to a student at each law school who has demonstrated excellence in a clinical course.

Herman J. Finn Legal Ethics Award, established in loving memory of Herman J. Finn, Class of 1930, by his daughter, Jessica Finn Waxman, is presented to the student who demonstrates superior academic achievement in Professional Responsibility or related classes, and demonstrates the greatest commitment to upholding the highest ethical standards of the legal profession.

Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes Award, supported by the New Jersey County Court Judges Association, is presented to the student who demonstrates the highest achievement in the field of New Jersey practice and procedure. This award is made in honor of the distinguished contribution to the cause of justice in New Jersey and the nation by the Honorable Richard J. Hughes, retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Blair Gerold

Sean Fannon

Julie Peterson

Ashley Keavney

Alexandra Zeiger
International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award, an honorary scroll, is presented to a student who demonstrates overall ability in trial advocacy by high achievement in trial practice, evidence, pleading and procedure courses.

Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association James J. Manderino Award for Trial Advocacy is presented to a student at each of the Philadelphia area law schools who has shown outstanding abilities in the area of trial advocacy.

Doctrinal Awards

American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence is presented to a student who has achieved the highest grade in bankruptcy courses or has achieved other recognition through either a professional project or other dedication to improving the bankruptcy laws and the bar.

American Bar Association and Bureau of National Affairs Health Law Award, established in 2001, is presented to a student or students to honor superior academic performance and to encourage student interest in the field of health law.

American Bar Association and Bureau of National Affairs Intellectual Property Award, established in 2001, is presented to a student or students to honor superior academic performance and to encourage student interest in intellectual property.

American Bar Association and Bureau of National Affairs Labor and Employment Law Award, established in 2001, is presented to a student or students to honor superior academic performance and to encourage student interest in labor and employment law.

American Bar Association Land Use Law Award is presented to a student who has excelled in the study of the law of land use.
Amjad F. Chowdhry Memorial Award, established by Ehsan Chowdhry in honor of his late father, is presented to a minority student, specializing in the one or more of the following fields: plaintiff employee discrimination; healthcare law; civil rights; religious discrimination; disability rights; criminal justice reform regarding disparate impact against minorities; hate crimes; mental health; minority representation in judiciary; politics; prosecutor positions; juvenile justice with focus on bullying and addiction; immigration law; Muslim rights protection in America.

Don F. D’Agui, Esquire Memorial Award is presented to the law student achieving the highest average in and displaying greatest aptitude for the area of the law of torts. This award is funded by an endowment contributed to the law school in memory of Don F. D’Agui, Class of 1953, and his son, Don D’Agui II.

M. Donald Kepner Award, established to honor the career of a former dean and distinguished professor of law, is presented to a student who excelled in the study of federal jurisdiction.

Lisa and Kolin Pimental Memorial Award, established in memory of Rutgers Domestic Violence Project client Lisa Pimental and her two-year-old son Kolin, is presented to a student who has demonstrated both excellence in the study of domestic violence law and a commitment to advocating on behalf of victims of domestic violence after graduation.

Deborah Michael Richards Award for Family Law, in memory of Deborah M. Richards (Class of 1983), is presented to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to practicing in the area of family law, who will serve a judicial clerkship or accept appointment for public service in a government agency and who has indicated a desire to engage in the practice of family law.
Nicholas and Kathleen Talvacchia Land Use and Real Estate Development Award is presented to a student or students who has (have) demonstrated excellence in the study of land use and/or real estate development.

Neil Wise Environmental Award is given to a graduating student who has excelled in the study of environmental law.

Leonard Zack Award for Academic Achievement is supported by income from an endowment contributed by Leonard Zack, Esquire. It is presented to a student on the basis of financial need and excellence in the study of dispute resolution.

Moot Courts and Other Competitions

ABA Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition
Faculty Advisor: Phil Harvey
This is the nation’s largest student-run moot court competition and the premier national competition dedicated to employment and labor law. The moot tests brief writing and oral advocacy skills on issues drawn from contemporary employment and labor law litigation.

ABA Mediation Competition
This competition is designed to acquaint law student participants with advocacy skills in alternative dispute resolution processes, specifically mediation. Law students are judged on how well they model appropriate preparation for and representation of a client in mediation.
Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition
The Honorable John R. Brown served on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit as one of the nation’s most prominent admiralty judges from 1955 until his death in 1993. Shortly after his death and in his honor, the University of Texas School of Law established the “Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition,” an interscholastic appellate advocacy competition.

Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition
Faculty Advisor: Dennis Braithwaite
This is a national moot court competition that focuses primarily on public and civil rights law, along with topics of particular relevance to communities of color.

John J. Gibbons Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition
Faculty Advisor: Professor Dennis Braithwaite
This competition focuses on timely issues of criminal procedure and criminal law.

Judge James Hunter III Memorial Advanced Appellate Advocacy Board
Faculty Advisor: Professor Barbara Gotthelf
These students served as the 2017-18 Hunter Appellate Advocacy Fellows and supervised, organized and managed the James Hunter III Memorial Advanced Moot Court Competition.
Judge James Hunter III Memorial Advanced Appellate Advocacy Competition Awards
Faculty Advisor: Professor Barbara Gotthelf

Dedicated to the memory of an admired member of the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals who served from 1971 until his death in 1989, these awards honor students who have excelled in written and oral appellate advocacy.

Graduating Oral Argument Competition Winner:
Kristin Gummoe

Graduating Students with Best Brief Awards:
Edward Corma
Justin Mignogna
Amanda Moscillo
Amy Pearl
Jeffrey Ragone
Jason Russell
Matthew Yost

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team
Faculty Advisor: Professor Alexander Kemeny
In this two-semester course, students prepare for an appellate-style argument regarding a matter of international law. During the first semester, students write a memorial (international law brief) and prepare an oral argument for an intramural competition. The top students are selected by the International Law Moot Court advisor to participate in the interscholastic competition, held in Washington, D.C. in early March.

Michael Branton
Bryan Horen
Nicole McCann
(2017)

Ashton Hartline
(2018)

Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition
Faculty Advisors: Professor Sandra Gavin and Grant Wright, Esq.
The National Black Law Students Association created a National Mock Trial Competition in order to develop future lawyers with strong courtroom skills as they prepare for various components of a trial. Each year, hundreds of students compete on the regional levels in the hopes of ultimately becoming one of the top three teams in the nation.

Shahidah Williams
National Baseball Arbitration Competition
Faculty Advisor: Dean Camille Spinello Andrews
This competition is a simulated salary arbitration competition held each year in New Orleans that is modeled closely on the procedures used by Major League Baseball. Conducted before the Executive Director and General Counsel of Major League Baseball Players Association; the Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the Pittsburgh Pirates; the former International Scouting Coordinator for the Boston Red Sox, the Senior Sports Writer for ESPN; and a number of high-profile sports lawyers. The Rutgers Law National Baseball Arbitration team had one of the highest scores out of 80 competitors on the brief.

Pace Environmental Moot Court Competition
Faculty Advisor: Professor Neil Wise
The Pace National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition featured teams from 80 law schools around the country who wrote appellate briefs and argued each of three sides over two days in front of three-judge panels.

Trial Advocacy Competition Team
Faculty Advisor: Prof. Regina Lawrence
This team is drawn from the highest individual scoring students in the Intramural Mock Trial fall competition. Team members represent the school regionally and nationally in competitions against other law schools in the spring.

Dwayne Amos
Timothy Curry
Kevin Gibbs
Brian Ruditys
Brenna Sooy
Andrew Vallejo
(Newark: Vincent Garcia)

Julia Hahn
Domenico Stockton-Rossini

David Bigelow
Francisco Guzman Andrade
Jack Hagerty
Alexander McLavish
Justin Mignogna
Stephen Oliwa
Nicholas Pradaxay
Brian Ruditys
Daniel Selznick
James Skamarakas
Michael Stoolman
Cody Valdez
Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Team
Faculty Advisors: Professors Erika Levin and Tara Parvey
A team of students, selected by application, enrolls in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team and represents Rutgers-Camden at the competition in Vienna, Austria and at the sister moot, Vis East, in Hong Kong, China. The goal of this competition is to foster the study of international commercial law and arbitration for resolution of international business disputes.

Legal Writing Awards

Achievement Award in Legal Writing was established to promote excellence in practice-oriented writing and to honor those students who are best able to represent simulated and/or actual clients’ interests by means of written advocacy. It is presented to the student who has demonstrated the highest caliber of legal writing abilities in a graded law school course or courses. The award may be made for a single piece of writing or a portfolio of pieces. This award is funded by Professor Ruth Anne Robbins and her husband, Steven C. Robbins.

Blair Gerold for the writing that provided crucial pre-trial support for a federal court human rights case.

Austin Jefferson
Lauren Sisson
Brenna Sooy
Albert P. Blaustein Memorial Award, in honor of the late and beloved Professor Albert Blaustein, is presented to the students whose written works published in the law school’s journals exemplifies the highest standard of legal scholarship.

**Rutgers Journal of Law and Public Policy:**

- Gianna DeLizza: *New Jersey's Full Discovery Mandate: A Lesson for Other Jurisdictions and the Need for Further Juvenile Law Reform*

**Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion:**

- Sandra Reed: *Do Borders Make a Difference behind Bars? The Scope of Prisoners’ Free Exercise of Religion Protection in Canada and the U.S.*

**Rutgers Law Journal:**

- Michael Stoolman: *The Course of Action for Breach of Data?: Why Companies Cannot Rely on Courts When Managing Risks of Cloud Services*

Blaine E. Capehart Award for Legal Writing Excellence was established by the firm of Capehart & Scatchard to honor its most senior shareholder, Blaine E. Capehart, and to promote and recognize excellence in legal writing at Rutgers School of Law - Camden. This award is presented to a student who has written an outstanding piece of scholarly or practical writing during the past academic year, exemplifying the highest standards of writing in the legal profession.

**Blaine E. Capehart Award for Legal Writing Excellence**

- Edward Corma: *“Business is Business”: Ground Rents and Ejectments in Baltimore*
First-Year Writing Awards are presented to students for their outstanding performance in the Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I and II courses. These students mastered the fundamental lawyering skills of research, analysis, and writing and were selected based on their demonstrated ability to write clear and precise practical legal documents. This solid foundation should serve them well in their legal careers as they continue to develop these important skills.

Prof. Jason Cohen: Jacquelyn Corsentino

Prof. Pam Jenoff: Daniel Selznick

Prof. Sarah Ricks: Carly Wells Michael Stoolman

Prof. Ruth Anne Robbins: Pauline Tarife Blair Gerold

Prof. Carol Wallinger: Amanda Moscillo

Prof. Linda Shashoua: Jason Russell

Outstanding Academic Awards

Honors

High Honors

Highest Honors

Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Awards
These awards are presented to two or three students based on their scholarly accomplishments.

Paul C. Ireton Memorial Award for Highest Grade Point Average
Funded by the Rutgers Law School Alumni Association in memory of a faculty member, this award recognizes the student or students in the graduating class having the highest cumulative grade-point average.

Concluding Remarks
Michael T. Cahill, Dean