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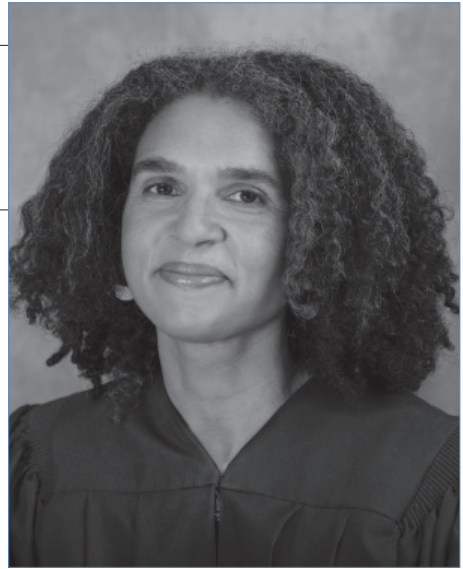
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Dean Michael Waterstone

Leondra Reid Kruger

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
OF CALIFORNIA

Immediately before joining the court, Justice Kruger served in the United States Department of Justice as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel. From 2007 to 2013, she served in the Department as an Assistant to the Solicitor General and as Acting Deputy Solicitor General.



During her tenure in the Office of the Solicitor General, she argued 12 cases in the United States Supreme Court on behalf of the federal government. In 2013 and in 2014, she received the Attorney General’s Award for Exceptional Service, the Department’s highest award for employee performance.

Justice Kruger had previously been in private practice, where she specialized in appellate and Supreme Court litigation, and taught as a visiting assistant professor at the University of Chicago Law School.

A native of the Los Angeles area, Justice Kruger attended high school in Pasadena. She received her bachelor’s degree with high honors from Harvard College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She received her J.D. from Yale Law School, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Yale Law Journal*. Following graduation, she served as a law clerk to Judge David S. Tatel of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and to Justice John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court.

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DEAN'S JOURNALISM AWARD

Annual award to a journalist whose work will have a societal impact for the community.

Hanah Abualhaj

UCLA GOVERNMENT AND NON-PROFIT LEADER SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to full-time leaders in the government or non-profit sector with a history of engagement in public interest and commitment to achieving change that transforms peoples' lives.

Lucy Elisa Ortiz	Annasaskhea P. Azor	Kevin Bataclan Cunanan
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Yadira Grajeda Garcia	Yael Hellman	Jasmin Emilia Lopez
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Highest Pro Bono Distinction

Irina Hayrapetova

High Pro Bono Distinction

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Pro Bono Distinction

Emily Figueroa Lucy Elisa Ortiz

UCLA LAW U. SERVE L.A. STUDENT AWARD

Awarded for outstanding pro bono or public interest contribution as a UCLA Law student..

Mehran Ron Mehrtash

SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE S.J.D. CLASS OF 2025

Alessia Zornetta

Clearing the Haze: Is the EU Digital Services Act Finally Forcing Platforms to Open Up About Content?, 6 NOTRE DAME J. EMERG. TECHNOL. (2025).

SPECIAL PRIZES AND AWARDS PRESENTED TO MEMBERS OF THE LL.M. CLASS OF 2025

MASIN FAMILY ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE GOLD AWARD

Given to the highest performing student in a competitive law school course with a curve. The fund associated with the award was established by Michael T. Masin (Class of 1969), his wife Joanne, and the Masin Family Foundation.

Hayoung Baek - Contracts for Foreign Lawyers (2024 Fall); Torts for Foreign Lawyers (2024 Fall)

Camille Burg - Professional Responsibility (2024 Fall)

Selen Caglar - Business Associations (2024 Fall)

Hsien-Shun Hsin - Introduction to Federal Income Taxation (2024 Fall)

Sangho Lee - U.S. Constitutional Law for Foreign Lawyers (2024 Fall)

MASIN FAMILY ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SILVER AWARD/DEAN'S AWARD RUNNER-UP

Given to the second highest performing student in a competitive law school course with a curve.

Hayoung Baek - U.S. Constitutional Law for Foreign Lawyers (2024 Fall)

Xing Guo - Professional Responsibility (2024 Fall)

Mi Rang Jeun - Business Associations (2024 Fall)

Brian Jaeseung Kim - Introduction to Federal Income Taxation (2024 Fall)

Tanya Manglik - Contracts for Foreign Lawyers (2024 Fall)

Yuxuan Mao - Entertainment Law (2024 Fall)

HOLLAND AND KNIGHT JOINT VENTURE CHALLENGE

Competition sponsored by the Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy and UCLA's Ziman Center for Real Estate. Students from UCLA School of Law and UCLA Anderson School of Management compete in a simulated joint venture real estate deal.

Juliet Walker - Third Place

THE INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW SPECIALIZATION AWARD FOR LL.M. STUDENTS

This prize is awarded to the LL.M. student(s) graduating with the International and Comparative Law Specialization who achieved the highest overall GPA.

Vanessa Aurora Vanegas Müller

THE PROMISE INSTITUTE HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE AMERICAS AWARD

This \$5,000 prize is awarded to a graduating LL.M. student who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and promise towards advancing human rights in the Americas through courses, independent study, research and advocacy while at UCLA Law.

Vanessa Aurora Vanegas Müller

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The UCLA Law Student Bar Association (SBA) is the law school's student government which provides funding for student organizations, represents student concerns, and enhances professional and social interests for all law students.

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Provides lawyers and activists with a unique educational and professional experience to assist in their work against racial discrimination.

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Provides specialized training for careers as impact-oriented lawyers in the areas of health, human rights, HIV prevention, and gender equality.

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Highest Pro Bono Distinction

Shirley Priyanjana Kumar

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Maria Nefeli Theodoropoulou

Thais Dos Santos Conceicao

Mosopefoluwa Elizabeth Omoniwa

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Roxanna Sol
Yinghan Wang

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Eleonora Margarita Penagos Dordevic

UCLA LAW-YUANDA SCHOLARSHIP

A full-tuition scholarship established by John H. Huang (LL.M. '97) awarded to a Chinese LL.M. student through an intensive competition.

Rosa (Jiayi) Yan

SPECIAL PRIZES AND AWARDS PRESENTED TO MEMBERS OF THE J.D. CLASS OF 2025

MICHAEL T. MASIN SCHOLARS

Presented to the twelve law students with the highest grade point averages after their first year of law school. The fund associated with the award was established by Michael T. Masin (Class of 1969), his wife Joanne, and the Masin Family Foundation.

Eric Rafi Bazak	Lauren Brown	Maria Cafferata
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Eric Rafi Bazak - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

Patrick R. Begjan - Business Strategy and Corporate Governance (2024 Spring)

Carter Brinchmann - Property (2023 Spring)

Lauren Brown - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

Zoey Brown - Art and Cultural Property Law (2024 Fall)

Aria Burdon Dasbach - Human Rights and the Protection of the Environment (2024 Spring)

Maria Cafferata - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring); Evidence (2023 Fall); Administrative Law (2024 Spring)

Kelsey Carpenter - Civil Procedure (2022 Fall); Business Associations (2023 Fall); Antitrust Law I (2024 Spring)

Joseph Chang - Patent Law (2023 Fall)

Riya A. Chaudhry - Entertainment Law (2024 Spring)

Suzanna Chernyavsky - Lawyering in Administrative Agencies - Current Issues at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) (2024 Spring); News Media Law in the Digital Age (2024 Fall)

Edwin Chikukwa - Health Law and Policy (2024 Spring)

Olivia Grace Clark - Venture Capital and the Start-Up Company (2024 Spring)

Megan Elyse Couch - Land Use and Urban Planning Law (2023 Fall)

Michael Dickerson - Law & Dissent (2024 Spring)

Samuel Dorsey - Contracts (2022 Fall); Wills and Trusts (2023 Fall); Community Property (2023 Fall); Business Associations (2023 Fall)

Andrew Fenning - Civil Procedure (2022 Fall)

Michaela Firmage - Public International Law (2024 Spring); Immigration Law (2024 Fall)

Finn Freymann - Constitutional Law I (2023 Spring); Criminal Law (2023 Spring); State and Local Taxation (2023 Fall)

Joshua Nobori Fujita - Nonprofit Organizations (2023 Fall)

Diego Garcia - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring); Motion Picture Distribution (2023 Fall); Hollywood Guilds: A Framework for Navigating The Industry (2024 Fall)

Nicolette Gelnak - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring); Intellectual Property (2023 Fall); Television Law (2024 Spring); Professional Responsibility (2024 Spring); Television Special Issues: SVOD/AVOD Platforms (2024 Spring); Business Associations (2024 Fall)

Ben Gerstein - Constitutional Law I (2023 Spring); International and Transnational Criminal Law (2024 Fall)

Cooper Halpern - Labor Law & Collective Action (2024 Fall)

Christopher Heffernan - Employment Discrimination Law (2024 Fall)

Robina Angela D. Henson - Human Rights Law Beyond Borders (2023 Fall)

Sarah Hess - Public International Law (2023 Fall)

Paul Holzmann - International Business Transactions (2023 Fall)

Yuyang Hu - Evidence (2023 Spring)

Thomas Hurtubise - Property (2023 Fall)

STUDENT AWARDS

Yasmine Jebeli - Constitutional Law I (2023 Spring); Accounting and Financial Analysis For Lawyers (2024 Fall)
Noah E. Keith - Contracts (2022 Fall); Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring); Constitutional Law I (2023 Spring);
Copyright Law (2023 Fall)
Joshua Hickman-Kramer - Disability Law (2024 Fall)
Scott La Rochelle - Political Activities of Nonprofit Organizations (2024 Spring)
Julia Larkin - Evidence (2024 Fall)
Aine Lawlor - Torts (2022 Fall)
Courtney Linzner - Community Property (2024 Fall)
Sylvia Lydon - Criminal Procedure: Adjudication (2024 Fall)
Luis Armando Martínez - Consumer Financial Protection (2023 Fall)
Juweria Mehtar - Critical Race Theory (2024 Fall)
Nicholas Mohnatkin - Civil Procedure (2022 Fall); Election Law (2024 Spring); Environmental Law and Policy (2024 Fall)
Emma Molitor - Contracts (2022 Fall)
Alexis K. Moore - Race, Representation and the Law (2024 Spring)
Emily Moore - Contracts (2022 Fall)
Daniel Mousseri - Business Associations (2023 Spring); Real Estate Finance (2024 Fall); Introduction to Federal Income
Taxation (2024 Fall); Estate and Gift Taxation (2024 Fall)
Zack Munson - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)
Philip Obrinsky - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring); Complex Finance Transactions (2024 Spring)
Lydia O'Connell - Contracts (2022 Fall); Professional Responsibility (2023 Fall); Energy Law and Regulation (2023 Fall)
Rachel Oda - Civil Rights: A Design Approach (2024 Spring)
Jacob Ryan Ottone - Civil Procedure (2022 Fall); Criminal Law (2023 Spring); Property (2023 Spring); Introduction to
Federal Income Taxation (2023 Fall); Accounting For Lawyers (2023 Fall)
Robyn Quinn - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)
Duncan Christopher Reid - Federal Indian Law I (2023 Fall)
Alexandra Jocelyn Reis - Capital Punishment in America (2024 Fall)
Gabrielle Renauld - Real Estate Transactions (2024 Spring)
Bertha Romero Madrigal - Torts (2022 Fall)
Eva Inez Romero-Sutherland - Constitutional Law I (2023 Spring); Property (2023 Spring)
Kerry Ann Rork - Legal Philosophy (2024 Fall)
Hayley Rein Rozet - Public Health Law (2023 Spring)
Blake Duvall Sandeen - Criminal Law (2023 Spring)
John-Christian H. Sessions - Insurance Law (2023 Fall)
Arianna Shapiro - Business Associations (2024 Fall)
Eden Shemuelian - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)
Owen Smith - Food as Commons or Commodity? The Case for Agroecology (2023 Fall); Criminal Law (2024 Fall)
Nathan Smith III - Enslavement and Racialization in U.S. Legal History (2024 Spring)
Carolyn Stephens - Introduction to Federal Income Taxation (2023 Spring)
Alyssa Archuleta Stolmack - Telecommunications Regulation (2023 Fall)
Ryan Sweeney - European Union Law (2024 Fall)
Isabel Florence Thompson - Civil Procedure (2022 Fall)
Ye (Albert) Tian - Torts (2022 Fall); Comparative Law (2024 Fall)
Mary Yen Tran - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)
Mikayla Kim Tran - Professional Responsibility (2024 Spring)
Jennifer Krumper Villoria - Civil Procedure (2022 Fall); Antitrust Law I (2024 Fall)
Cassandra Vo - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring); Criminal Law (2023 Fall)

Susan Wang - Music Law 303 (2023 Fall); Cross-Border Intellectual Property Litigation (2024 Spring); Persuasion: The Science and Art of Effective Influence (2024 Spring)

Kimberly Welch - Professional Responsibility (2023 Spring); Critical Race Theory (2023 Fall)

Jonathan J. Winner - Professional Responsibility (2023 Spring)

John Filose Young - Contracts (2022 Fall); Entertainment Law (2023 Fall); Criminal Law (2024 Spring)

Katrina Holly Zhu - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring); International Human Rights Law (2023 Fall); Professional Responsibility (2024 Fall)

MASIN FAMILY ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SILVER AWARD/DEAN'S AWARD RUNNER-UP

Given to the second highest performing student in a competitive law school course with a curve.

Ashley Avakian - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

Lucas Beard - Constitutional Law I (2023 Spring)

Maria Beaucage - Contracts (2022 Fall)

Amelia Best - Civil Procedure (2022 Fall); Business Associations (2023 Spring)

Lauren Brown - Constitutional Law I (2023 Spring); Criminal Law (2023 Spring)

Maria Cafferata - Business Associations (2024 Spring)

Sviatlana Camarena - Evidence (2023 Fall)

Claire Canestrino - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

Kelsey Carpenter - Property (2023 Spring)

Harrison Cates - Financial Analysis (2023 Fall); Entertainment Law (2024 Spring)

Olivia Clark - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

Kylee Conway - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

Megan Couch - Professional Responsibility (2024 Fall)

Bronwen Crystal - Torts (2022 Fall); Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

Samuel Dorsey - Evidence (2024 Spring); Copyright Law (2024 Fall)

Drew Downing - Civil Procedure (2022 Fall)

Finn Freymann - Contracts (2022 Fall); Copyright Law (2023 Fall); Evidence (2024 Spring)

Yidan Fu - Legal Research and Writing (2024 Spring)

Hope Fujinaga - Property (2023 Fall)

Brenna Gaffney - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

Nicolette Gelnak - Contracts (2022 Fall); Civil Procedure (2022 Fall); Entertainment Law (2023 Fall)

Ben Gerstein - Federal Courts: Judicial Power and the Law of Government Accountability (2024 Spring)

Clareanne Goschke - Immigration Law (2024 Spring)

Marisa Harris - Intellectual Property (2024 Spring)

Thomas Hurtubise - Constitutional Law I (2023 Spring)

Dalaal Jaber - Securities Regulation (2024 Fall)

Yasmine Jebeli - Civil Procedure (2022 Fall)

Kalina Kazmierczak - Contracts (2022 Fall)

Julia Larkin - Civil Procedure (2022 Fall); Criminal Law (2023 Spring); Environmental Law and Policy (2024 Spring)

Kaho Maeda - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

Alanna McNaughton - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

Emily Moore - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

Dylan Morrissey - Constitutional Law I (2023 Spring)

Daniel Mousseri - Contracts (2022 Fall)

Lydia O'Connell - Civil Procedure (2022 Fall)

Rachel Oda - Critical Race Theory (2024 Fall)

Alexandra Reis - Evidence (2023 Fall)

STUDENT AWARDS

Bertha Romero Madrigal - Professional Responsibility (2023 Fall)

Blake Duvall Sandeen - Professional Responsibility (2024 Spring)

Sophia Pires Serata - Criminal Law (2023 Fall)

Kathryn Sorenson - Torts (2022 Fall)

Antonio Spatafore - Criminal Law (2023 Spring)

Sean Michael St. Charles - Torts (2022 Fall)

Mary Stachofsky - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

Carolyn Stephens - Business Associations (2023 Fall)

Ryan Sweeney - Introduction to Federal Income Taxation (2023 Fall)

Ye (Albert) Tian - Professional Responsibility (2024 Spring)

Benjamin Tu - Accounting For Lawyers (2023 Fall)

Palmer Turnbull - Contracts (2022 Fall)

Jennifer Krumper Villoria - Intellectual Property (2023 Fall)

Susan Wang - Torts (2022 Fall); Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

Jonathan J. Winner - Introduction to Federal Income Taxation (2024 Fall)

Edward Yu - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

Benjamin Zaghi - Constitutional Law I (2023 Spring)

Katrina Holly Zhu - Property (2023 Spring); Civil Rights: A Design Approach (2024 Spring); Criminal Procedure: Investigations (2024 Fall)

Lydia Zicker - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

A. BARRY CAPPELLO ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by A. Barry Cappello, provides financial awards to students with a history of success and interest in trial advocacy.

DeAnna Christensen

Jacob A. Ostermann

A. CHARLES AND BETTY WILSON SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by Charles and Betty Wilson, on the occasion of their daughter transferring to UCLA Law.

Patrick R. Begian

Dalaal Fahmi Jaber

Hayley Rein Rozet

ALBERT J. AND MAE LEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to students with better-than-average scholastic ability and financial need.

Sahar Jahangard-Mahboob

ANN R. STEIN LAW SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship supports law students who have completed at least one year of studies at UCLA Law and is awarded to students based on academic qualifications and financial need.

Courtney Linzner

APILSA SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM E. NAKANO

Awarded annually to a law student who is engaged with and shows concern for the welfare of Asian and Pacific Island people, and is involved in serving those communities.

Niki Nguyen

BARBRA L. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

Established in memory of Barbra Davis's distinguished career at the UCLA School of Law and her contributions to Paul Hastings. Awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence and are interested in employment law.

Nicole Wassef Morgan

B.D. FISCHER AND FRAN FISCHER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship established by Ralph and Shirley Shapiro in honor of their good friends of over 50 years, Bud and Fran Fischer. Provides support to law students with financial need.

Lydia O'Connell

Jonathan J. Winner

BENJAMIN AARON AWARD

A prize for a graduating third year law student who has published the best piece of student work during the academic year in one of UCLA's Law Reviews.

Michael Gary Stallworth

BLANCHE H. LYLE SPECIAL DEAN'S FUND

This scholarship shall be awarded to admirable law students with financial need.

Michelle Heravi

BRUCE I. HOCHMAN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF TAX LAW

Presented to the student in the graduating class who has demonstrated outstanding proficiency in the field of tax law. Bruce I. Hochman was a member of the first UCLA Law School class in 1952.

Scott La Rochelle

BURTON MARKS - HARVEY A. SCHNEIDER CRIMINAL LAW SCHOLARSHIP

Established by friends, colleagues and family of Burton Marks, a member of the Class of 1955, to award outstanding performance in advanced studies in criminal law.

Sviatlana Camarena

CONTINUING EDUCATION OF THE BAR (CEB) AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING

Presented at UCLA Law to promote the success of students who perform at the highest level. Honorees include those whose work was named the best brief in their class.

Joshua Nobori Fujita – Winner

Alanna Guillen McNaughton – Winner

Nicolette Gelnak – Runner-Up

Zack Munson - Finalist

Philip Obrinsky -Finalist

Katrina Holly Zhu -Finalist

Lydia Zicker -Finalist

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM AWARD

This prize is awarded to a graduating student who has made a substantial contribution to the Criminal Justice Program. Whether through academic excellence, leadership of student organizations, participation in projects, and/or involvement in events, this student has helped to enrich the criminal justice community with their efforts.

Kerry Ann Rork

DICK ZIMBERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund to provide a scholarship each year to highly deserving and needy student in the Law School's Entertainment and Media Policy Program who demonstrates unique insight, superior judgement, intellectual and legal sensibilities.

Nicolette Gelnak

Eden Shemuelian

EDGAR A. JONES JR. FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Fund was established in honor of the teaching career of Professor Edgar Jones who began his career at UCLA School of Law in 1951, and was the only professor who had taught students from every class up until his retirement in 1991. His research and writing were focused on labor law.

Carolyn Stephens

FRED AND MARY LEYDORF SCHOLAR

Honor awarded to outstanding UCLA Law student Research Assistants for excellence in faculty research assistance.

Jada Evans

GEORGE L. MEMORIAL MARINOFF SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by Elaine Marinoff Good in honor of her father, George L. Marinoff. The scholarship is given annually to a second year law student on the basis of financial need, academic excellence and who demonstrate the highest ethical standards and potential.

Stephanie Batres

GOLDYNE SAVAD SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to law students based on financial need and academic merit.

Isabel Florence Thompson

HOWARD AND IRENE LEVINE DISTINGUISHED FELLOW

Fellows are chosen for their passion for real estate and social responsibility, academic accomplishments, leadership, and service to the real estate program at UCLA.

Taylor Hopkins

THE INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW PROGRAM AWARD

This prize is awarded to the graduating student(s) who made the largest contribution to the International and Comparative Law Program as a 2L. Whether through leadership of student organizations, participation in projects, or involvement in events, these students helped enrich the ICLP community with their efforts.

Benjamin Wu

THE INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW SPECIALIZATION AWARD FOR JD STUDENTS

This prize is awarded to the JD student(s) graduating with the International and Comparative Law Specialization who achieved the highest overall GPA.

Ben Gerstein

IRWIN E. BRILL AND RUTH BRILL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship, established by the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Brill, is awarded to admirable law students with financial need.

Michelle Heravi

JERRY PACTH AND JUDITH ROEDELHEIMER PACTH CONSTITUTIONAL LAW SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to law students who have demonstrated excellence in the field of constitutional law.

Ben Gerstein

JONATHAN R. YAROWSKY FELLOWSHIP

Supports UCLA Law students with deep interest in public policy areas that lend themselves to careers in the federal government or Washington, DC-based private practice.

Malyka Akom

Claire M. Canestrino

Viviana M. Gonzalez

Jet Harbeck

Robina Angela D. Henson

Luis Armando Martínez

Nicholas Mohnatkin

Hayley Rein Rozet

JOSEPHINE VAUGHN COOPER SCHOLARSHIP

Josephine Vaughn Cooper was the mother of two lawyers, one of whom - William Vaughn - graduated from UCLA School of Law in 1955. The scholarship was established in appreciation for her support, encouragement and generosity. It is awarded to students for their academic merit and financial need.

Lydia O'Connell

JULIAN N. EULE MEMORIAL FUND

Julian Eule was a beloved professor at UCLA School of Law and taught constitutional law for 13 years. The Julian Eule Memorial Fund is a prize for the top grade in each section of constitutional law.

Finn Milton Freymann

Ben Gerstein

Yasmine Gabriella Jebeli

JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Summer public interest fellowship for students pursuing public interest and social justice law.

Leila Carmel Bathke

Sarah Boyle

Michelle Jimenez

Niki Nguyen

free Sabyne Pierre

Kerry Ann Rork

LAWRENCE E. IRELL PRIZE

Established by the law firm of Irell & Manella in honor of founding partner Lawrence Irell. It is given to the students who have achieved the highest academic average in the law school class at the end of the first and second years of law school.

Nicolette Gelnak

LEE AND BARBARA WENZEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established in memory of Lee Wenzel '52 B.A., '57 J.D., a dual alumnus of UCLA and a senior partner of Morgan, Wenzel & McNichols. Awarded to first-year law students with financial need, leadership ability and extra-curricular involvement with preference to UCLA graduates.

Jhanel Stewart

LEON C. FAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to law students with demonstrated interest in entertainment law.

Jhanel Stewart

MANUEL G. GONZALEZ III SCHOLARSHIP

Fund was established in memory of Manuel G. Gonzalez III who attended UCLA and earned his degree in political science in '51 and J.D. in '54, and was the 1st law school graduate with a Hispanic surname.

Ye (Albert) Tian

MARTIN C. PACTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Awarded to worthy law students who have demonstrated outstanding aptitude in the area of family law.

Clareanne Roberta Goschke

MARVIN JUBAS LAW SCHOLARSHIP

This fund was established by Marvin Jubas '54 and provides scholarship support to admirable law students with financial need.

Carolyn Stephens

MELVILLE B. NIMMER MEMORIAL PRIZE

Awarded to the UCLA law student who has the highest grade in Copyright Law for the academic year.

Samuel Dorsey

MICHAEL YAFFA MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in memory of Michael Yaffa '83 as a book award to benefit returning students pursuing law as a second career.

Yitzy Frankel

Matthew Steinhaus

POSNER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established by Jeremy Halpern '98 and his family in memory of his uncle, Joe Posner, a distinguished attorney who attended UCLA. Awarded to a student with financial need, professionalism, integrity and honesty.

Kathryn Casey Sorenson

PROMISE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

This prize is awarded to the graduating J.D. student(s) who made the largest contribution to human rights research and advocacy during their 2L year.

Luis Armando Martínez

Madison Kate Simons

Catherine Marie Washington

RESEARCH FOR CHANGE FELLOWS

The Research for Change Project harnesses the power of University-based research to inform real-world criminal legal topics. The 2024-25 Research for Change project focused on policing of veterans while accessing health care.

Claire M. Canestrino

Viviana M. Gonzalez

Ania Korpany

RICHARD T. DRUKKER PRIZE

Awarded to the student who served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *UCLA Law Review*.

Danielle Garcia

Sahar Jahangard-Mahboob

RONALD B. LABOWE ('53) SCHOLARSHIP IN COMMERCIAL LAW

This scholarship is granted to a third year UCLA law student who has demonstrated excellence in the study of commercial law.

Jacob Ryan Ottone

Gabrielle Renauld

RUSSELL P. SERBER MEMORIAL FUND

Established in memory of Russell Serber '65 to award scholarship to law students with financial need and academic achievement.

Danielle Garcia

SANFORD M. GAGE AWARD

Established by Sanford M. Gage, Class of 1958, and is given to a third year student who has excelled in the fields of torts, evidence, and/or trial practice.

Micalyn Struble

SHEPARD BROAD SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by the Shepard Broad Foundation to recognize the talent and promise of the highest performing students after the first year of law school.

Eric Rafi Bazak	Maria Cafferata	Sviatlana Camarena
Olivia Grace Clark	Michael Cary Dickerson	Nicolette Gelnak
Noah E. Keith	Lydia O'Connell	Jacob Ryan Ottone
Bertha Romero Madrigal	Sean Michael St. Charles	Olivia Jean Young

SKYE DONALD SPIRIT OF THE COMMUNITY AWARD

Awarded to one or more students who demonstrate integrity, generosity and a focus on the well-being of the law school community.

Nicole Wassef Morgan

STANLEY G. PEARSON ENDOWMENT FUND

Recognizes the academic achievement of a UCLA law student who has a focus of study in the area of international law, terrorism, and/or discrimination.

Kathryn Casey Sorenson

UCLA LAW ENHANCEMENT AWARDS

Award provided to graduating students who, through their leadership in student organizations and journals, or other co-curricular activities, have significantly improved and enriched the UCLA law community.

Edwin Chikukwa	Jacqueline Diaz Madrigal	Jet Harbeck
Cheyenne Noelle Smith	Alondra Ulloa	Benjamin Wu

UCLA LA RAZA LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship awarded to two UCLA Law School students to be used to assist with preparation for the bar exam.

Stephanie Batres

UCLA LAW U. SERVE L.A. STUDENT AWARD

Awarded for outstanding pro bono or public interest contribution as a UCLA Law student.

Maria Beaucage	Sarah Boyle	Claire M. Canestrino
Christian J. Corrales	Ben Gerstein	Jet Harbeck
Niki Nguyen	free Sabyne Pierre	Cheyenne Noelle Smith
Catherine Marie Washington		

UCLA LAW PRO BONO DISTINCTION

The following students fulfilled the UCLA Law Pro Bono Pledge to make a significant pro bono contribution during their time at UCLA School of Law. Pro Bono Distinction is awarded to JD students who have logged at least 50 hours. Pro Bono High Distinction is awarded to JD students who have logged at least 150 hours. Pro Bono Highest Distinction for 2025 was awarded to the JD student who logged the most pro bono hours and played a leadership role in pro bono in the UCLA Law community.

Highest Pro Bono Distinction

Benjamin Wu

High Pro Bono Distinction

Leila Bathke	Sarah Boyle	Christian J. Corrales
Mollie Cueva-Dabkoski	Ben Gerstein	Jet Harbeck
Heliya Izadpanah	Chloe Kusiak	Julia Larkin
Aracely Ruvalcaba	Michael Gary Stallworth	Micalyn Struble
Isabel Florence Thompson	Catherine Marie Washington	Nicole Wassef Morgan

Pro Bono Distinction

Lauren August	Maria Beaucage	Samantha Buran
Maria Cafferata	Claire M. Canestrino	Kelsey Carpenter
Nicholas Pasquale Castellano	Kendall Chappell	Yanlong (Kai) Chen
Breanna Comunale	Megan Elyse Couch	Bronwen Crystal
Brianna Deigan	Joshua Nobori Fujita	Rohan Gandhi

Viviana M. Gonzalez
Leslie Cruz Herrera
Sahar Jahangard-Mahboob
Max A. Kirkham
Ke (Elena) Li
Sal Mawhinney
Alanna Guillen McNaughton
Maricela Murillo
Kaelen Perrochet
Lavanya Sathyamurthy
Malcolm Steinberg
Maria Trubetskaya
Catherine Valloso
Cassandra Duyen Vo

Joseph Gregory
Joshua Hickman-Kramer
Michelle Jimenez
Ania Korpanty
Jade Magaña
Miranda McCormick
Emily Moore
Samantha Navarrete
free Sabyne Pierre
Shannon Saul
Alyssa Archuleta Stolmack
Alondra Ulloa
Kaya Van Dyke
Lucy Weiss

Robina Angela D. Henson
Thomas Hurtubise
Harper Johnson
Aine Lawlor
Luis Armando Martínez
Natalie McGuire
Jacob Moore
Niki Nguyen
Kerry Ann Rork
Madison Kate Simons
Ye (Albert) Tian
Ángel Valdez Ordoñez
Samantha Vega
Ana Paula Xavier Siqueira

UCLA LAW REVIEW

Muna A. Ali
Leila Carmel Bathke
Claire M. Canestrino
Kendall B. Chappell
Megan Elyse Couch
Mike Dickerson
Hope Fujinaga
Ben Gerstein
Sam Hall
Kirk C. Hubbard, IV
Binwant Kaur Kahlon
Bertha Romero Madrigal
Miranda Amethyst McCormick
Emma John Molitor
Zack Munson
Sara Reese Orton
Kerry Ann Rork
Robert Lamont Simmons
Kathryn Casey Sorenson
Alyssa Archuleta Stolmack
Jordain David Thompson
Alondra Ulloa
Maya Rose Williams

Sophia Andritsos
Maria Beaucage
Kelsey Carpenter
Catherine Anne Charleston
Dezeray Sheriyah Cruz
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Ana Paula Xavier Siqueira
Michael Gary Stallworth
Micalyn Struble
Alondra Tlatelpa
Catherine Alexis Heyrosa Valloso
Edward Yu

Ionne Arakelyan
Amelia Best
Nicholas Pasquale Castellano
Yanlong (Kai) Chen
Mary Cruz
Michaela M. Firmage
Meghan Gehan
Joseph J. Gregory
Leslie Cruz Herrera
Sahar Jahangard-Mahboob
Scott La Rochelle
Ali Omar Massoud
Tyler McVoy
Dylan Morrissey
Ángel Valdez Ordoñez
Callie Plapinger
Indiana Schnicer
Cheyenne Noelle Smith
Matthew Steinhaus
Ryan Sweeney
Palmer Turnbull
Dongyang (Ruby) Wang
Mariam Zahran

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The UCLA Law Student Bar Association (SBA) is the law school's student government which provides funding for student organizations, represents student concerns, and enhances professional and social interests for all law students.

Scott La Rochelle - President
Max A. Kirkham - Vice President
Robert Lamont Simmons - Diversity Officer
Lydia Christine Engel - Barristers' Chair
Nicole Wassef Morgan - 3L Class President

STUDENT AWARDS

Christian J. Corrales - 3L Representative

Jacob Robert Moore - 3L Representative

Kaelen Perrochet - 3L Representative

Jacqueline B. Watson - 3L Representative

TRIAL ADVOCACY AND MOOT COURT AWARDS

CAPPELLO CERTIFICATE IN TRIAL ADVOCACY

Awarded to students who develop their trial skills by completing significant coursework and participating in multiple extracurricular trial-related activities.

Alara Abbasi

Nicholas Brian Boroski

Edwin Chikukwa

DeAnna Christensen

Kensington Loretta Cotter

Joseph Dale

Jade Magaña

Peter Gordon Martin

Nathan Mostow

Rachel Oda

Nathan Smith III

Micalyn Struble

Jordain David Thompson

CAPPELLO TRIAL TEAM

Selected to compete externally for #1-ranked trial team in the country.

Alara Abbasi - Tournament Champion, Best Advocate

Nicholas Brian Boroski - National Champion, Best Advocate

Edwin Chikukwa - National Champion, Best Advocate

DeAnna Christensen - National Champion, Best Cross Examination

Kensington Loretta Cotter - National Champion, Best Advocate, Top Gun

Joseph Dale - National Champion, Best Advocate

Jade Magaña - Tournament Champion, Best Closing

Peter Gordon Martin - Regional Champion, Best Advocate

Nathan Mostow - National Champion

Rachel Oda - National Finalist, Best Advocate

Nathan Smith III - National Finalist, Best Advocate

Micalyn Struble - National Champion, Best Advocate

Jordain David Thompson - National Champion

IRVING H. GREEN PRIZE IN TRIAL ADVOCACY

Given annually to the students with the greatest contributions to the Cappello Trial Team.

Peter Gordon Martin

Rachel Oda

ORDER OF BARRISTERS

The Order of Barristers is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills through effective law school appellate moot court and mock trial programs. The Order provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. These ten students were selected based on their demonstrated commitment to UCLA's moot court and mock trial programs, involvement in oral advocacy and brief writing, and service to the UCLA advocacy community.

Nicholas Brian Boroski

Nicholas Pasquale Castellano

Edwin Chikukwa

DeAnna Christensen

Kensington Loretta Cotter

Nathan Mostow**

Zack Munson

Rachel Oda

Duncan Christopher Reid

Kerry Ann Rork

Carolyn Stephens

Maria Trubetskaya

** was also awarded the Order of Barristers Statue of Justice (the Order's highest honor).

UCLA LAW TRIAL TEAM PRESIDENTS

Edwin Chikukwa

Rachel Oda

UCLA LAW INTERNAL TRIAL COMPETITIONS

Alara Abbasi - 2023 Champion

Alanna Guillen McNaughton - 2022 Finalist

Nathan Mostow - 2022 Finalist

Rachel Oda - 2022 Champion

Jose Santiago Puente Davila - 2022 Finalist

UCLA LAW MOOT COURT HONORS PROGRAM AWARDS

UCLA LAW MOOT COURT PRESIDENT

Nicholas Pasquale Castellano

MOOT COURT HONORS

Ionne Arakelyan

Patrick R. Begian

Sarah Boyle

Lauren Brown

Maria Cafferata

Nicholas Pasquale Castellano

Joseph Chang

Joshua Nobori Fujita

Noah E. Keith

Julia Larkin

Luis Armando Martínez

Ali Omar Massoud

Alanna Guillen McNaughton

Alexis K. Moore

Zack Munson

Duncan Christopher Reid

Kerry Ann Rork

Nathan Smith III

Carolyn Stephens

Alyssa Archuleta Stolmack

Maria Trubetskaya

Cassandra Duyen Vo

John Filose Young

MOOT COURT TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS, 2023

Zack Munson - Winner

Nicholas Pasquale Castellano - Finalist

Sarah Boyle - Finalist

SKYE DONALD MEMORIAL ILL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, SPRING 2023

Nicholas Monatkin - Winner

Edwin Chikukwa - Finalist

Zack Munson - Finalist

Kerry Ann Rork - Finalist

UCLA LAW INTERNAL MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS 2023

Alyssa Archuleta Stolmack - Best Petitioner Brief

Sarah Boyle - Second Best Respondent

Maria Cafferata - Best Oral Argument/Second Best Petitioner Oral Argument

Nicholas Pasquale Castellano - Best Petitioner Oral Argument/Second Best Petitioner Advocate

Zack Munson - Best Overall Advocate/Best Overall Brief/Best Respondent Advocate/Best Respondent Brief

Carolyn Stephens - Second Best Respondent Brief

Maria Trubetskaya - Best Respondent Oral Argument

Cassandra Vo - Second Best Petitioner Brief

UCLA TRANSACTIONAL COMPETITION AWARDS

HOLLAND AND KNIGHT JOINT VENTURE CHALLENGE (formerly known as Pircher, Nichols and Meeks Joint Venture Case Competition)

Competition sponsored by the Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy and UCLA's Ziman Center for Real Estate. Students from UCLA School of Law and UCLA Anderson School of Management compete in a simulated joint venture real estate deal.

2023

Patrick R. Begian - First Place

Rohan Gandhi - First Place

Sophia Pires Serata - Second Place

Alanna Guillen McNaughton - Third Place

Marcus Mello - Third Place

LOWELL MILKEN INSTITUTE-SANDLER PRIZE FOR NEW ENTREPRENEURS

Competition established by Lowell Milken and Richard Sandler, of the UCLA Law Class of 1973, to foster an atmosphere where UCLA students can bring their innovative ideas to market and where UCLA Law students can gain experience building a company from the ground up.

2025

Joseph Chang – First Place – Team Ascend Medtech

2024

Yuyang Hu – First Place – Team Twig AI

Grant Reno Grech – Second Place – Team GenoGuard

Toby Scoggin Shao – Second Placed - Team GenoGuard

Rohan Gandhi – New Venture Idea – Team Serenify

Benjamin Tu – New Venture Idea – Team Serenify

UCLA INTRAMURAL TRANSACTIONAL LAW COMPETITION

2024

Ananya Guruprasad - Best Draft (Buyer), Best Overall (Buyer)

Niklas Kaiser - Best Draft (Buyer), Best Overall (Buyer)

Jason Levin - Best Draft (Buyer), Best Overall (Buyer)

Xinyi Liu - Best Negotiation (Buyer), Best Overall (Seller)

2023

Natalie Anne McGuire - Best Draft (Buyer), Best Negotiation (Buyer), Best Overall (Buyer)

Harrison Martin Cates - Best Negotiation (Seller), Best Overall (Seller)

UCLA INTRERSCHOLASTIC LAW COMPETITION

2025

Niklas Kaiser - Best Negotiation: Sponsor – tie

2024

Yanlong (Kai) Chen - Best Negotiation Seller Team 18 UCLA Blue

Jacob Edwards - Best Negotiation Seller Team 18 UCLA Blue

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