

**UCLA** School of Law

---

74<sup>th</sup>

---

SEVENTY-FOURTH COMMENCEMENT

---

MAY 16, 2025

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Terrence Li

### WELCOME

Michael Waterstone, Dean and Professor of Law

### GREETING FROM THE J.D. CLASS PRESIDENT

Nicole Wassef Morgan

### STUDENT SPEAKER, REPRESENTING THE M.L.S. CLASS

Kevin Bataclan Cunanan

### STUDENT SPEAKER, REPRESENTING THE LL.M. CLASS

Torge Urbanski

### STUDENT SPEAKER, REPRESENTING THE J.D. CLASS

Ania Korpanty

### ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES

Leondra Reid Kruger, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California

### PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES

Jason Fiske

Assistant Dean  
of Graduate Studies  
and Professional  
Programs

Mary Puszykowski

Assistant Director  
of Graduate Studies

Emily Ngo

Assistant Director of  
Graduate Studies

### PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS

Cynthia Merrill

Lecturer in Law and  
Coordinator of the  
LL.M. Legal Research  
and Writing Program

Connie Lew-Corbridge

Lecturer in Law

Lara Stemple

Assistant Dean for  
Graduate Studies &  
International Student Programs

Vic Telesino

Senior Director of  
Graduate Admissions

Nicole van Zyl

Assistant Director of  
Graduate Studies

### PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR

LaToya Baldwin Clark

Professor of Law

David Marcus

Professor of Law

James Park

Vice Dean for Community,  
Equality and Justice and  
Professor of Law

Pavel Wonsowicz

Lecturer in Law  
Director, Academic Support  
Program

### CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES

Dean Michael Waterstone

### FAREWELL TO THE GRADUATES

Dean Michael Waterstone



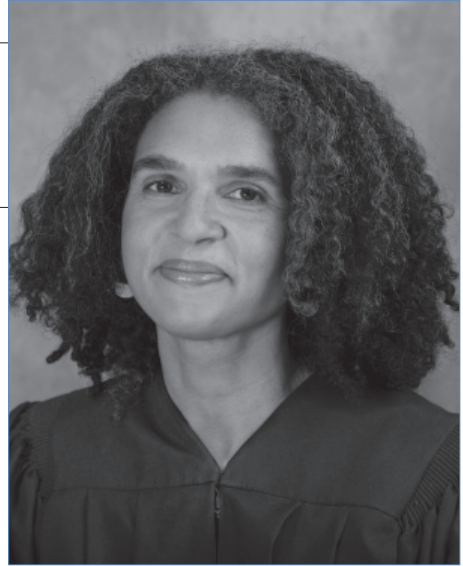
---

## 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.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES

---

Hanah Abualhaj

Rawan Farooq Al Ibrahim

Erin Ay

Annasaskhea P. Azor

Desiree Denise-Marie Moses Becker

Arin Bedirian

Brad Burnside

Gabriella A. Byrne

Ernesto Carrasco

Xinzhu Chen

Dana Michelle Childs

Kennedy Witcher Chinedum

Merrin W. Clark

Kevin Bataclan Cunanan

Zachary Taj Currie

Hester Johanneke de Klerk

Dean Josef Dickow

Tim Khumoyun Ermatov

Emily Figueroa

Ashley Furst

Yadira Grajeda Garcia

Katelynn Garmendia

Gerardo J. Gomez

Hudson Michael Habermehl

Irina Hayrapetova

Yael Hellman

Jesus Herrera

Anisha Joshi

Michelle Kidess

Julianna LaSorsa

Jasmin Emilia Lopez

Mehran Ron Mehrtash

Lucy Elisa Ortiz

Ashley Cherie Perrilliat

Kristen Pritchett

Melissa Kate Rabinowitz

CJ Reid

Daniela Rodrigues Bontorim

Joanna Marie Rose

Bryan M. Santin

Giles Sutton

Fawn Lauren Testa-Ribeiro

Maddie E. Tlachac

Julian Tran

Natalie G. Traynham

Luis D. Vega

Andrew Wu

Xu Zhang

Gabrielle Jane Ziemacki

## CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE

---

Marina de Oliveira Reis

Alessia Zornetta

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS

---

Mirette Abdo

Ignacio Abogabir Mendez

Maria Abraham

Ryo Akiyoshi

Afrah Albuluwi

Ziad Abdulrahman Alghamdi

Michael Apsan-Orgera

Nehir Arat

Sara Aringoli

Saad Arshad

Hayoung Baek

Gaurav Bali

Sepehr Barzegari

Ambroise Baumgartner

Nicole Bernhardt

Gabriel Bertolotto Correa

Ananya Bhardwaj

Harshwardhan R. Bondre

Camille Burg

Selen Caglar

Lara Candogan

Lanbing Cao

Maria Luiza Carpizo Fernandes Costa

Rohan Chandra

Marco Léon Alain Charrier

Gurroop Cheema

Bowen Chen

Nuo Chen

Kotaro Chikaishi

Elif Dilara Cicek

Jean Crégut

Roopneet Dhillon

Xiaotong Diao

Yihan (Amelia) Ding

Belén Dominguez Aguete

Thais Dos Santos Conceicao

Dumonde Dunkley

Marie Epple

Mina Erdem

Athéna Etoundi Mballa

Muhammad Anas Fadli

Xinyue Fang

Clara Faucher

Yasmine Foucher

William A. Gage

Xinyi Gao

Magomed-Gusein Gasanov

Shlomo Gedamo

Minghong Geng

Dania Ghorab

Felicia Robbina Göbel

Marine Aude Marion Grosclaude

Yue Gu

Fidel Gustavo Guerrero Arias

Daniela Paz Guerrero Ferrada

Simon Günther

Xing Guo

Ananya Guruprasad

Chloe Haddad

Radhakrishnan Hari Krishnan

Thomas Hermans

Chiaki Hikima

Hsien-Shun Hsin

Philip Hudson

Jun Idei

Josefina María Iglesias de las Heras

Jayathi Ippili

Keerti Jaya

Mi Rang Jeun

Ziyan Jia

Xingyue Jiang

Gyuseok Jung

Niklas Kaiser  
 Simran Kalra  
 Yuki Kaneko  
 Preethi Kavilikatta  
 Bongsoo Kim  
 Brian Jaeseung Kim  
 Daeyang Kim  
 Hyun Woo Kim  
 Hyunock Kim  
 Jihoon Kim  
 Poorhunshol Kim  
 Sangsu Kim  
 Seo Kyung Kim  
 Takuya Kishimoto  
 Shu Kitagawa  
 Daisuke Kobayashi  
 Tsubasa Kobayashi  
 Maximilian Kremser  
 Shirley Priyanjana Kumar  
 Amalia Kurniawati  
 Lejla Kurtz  
 Maksym Kushnov  
 Jingqi Lao  
 Cheolyoung Lee  
 Edith Micaela Lee  
 Jinsol Lee  
 Logan Lee  
 Sangho Lee  
 Lasse Lemmermann  
 Keke Li  
 Yuanting Li  
 Yifan Liao  
 Yu-Cheng Lin  
 Md Fashih Ur Rahman Lisan  
 Chubin Liu  
 Jiahua Liu  
 Qianglong Liu  
 Sahar Liu  
 Xinyi Liu  
 Xinyu Liu  
 Xuanlin Liu  
 Yin Liu  
 Yingying Lu

Ruixuan Ma  
 Tanya Manglik  
 Yuxuan Mao  
 Marie Bénédicte F. Mawet  
 Paula Mazzei Garcia  
 Candela Victoria Memi  
 Andrés Meza Scarpetta  
 Ryota Mikuniya  
 Anastasiia Milchakova  
 Shota Murakami  
 Archana Dinesh Nair  
 Satomi Nakao  
 Ziqian Nie  
 Yuki Nishimae  
 Athéna Léo Njaboum Mbiandje  
 Gyeonghwan Noh  
 Elena Ntanas  
 Lola Odukoya  
 Seunghwan Oh  
 Shun Ohki  
 Debra Olaniyi  
 Paula-Anne Bonoselulu Omiyi  
 Mosopefoluwa Elizabeth Omoniwa  
 Qi Pan  
 Sabigya Pandey  
 Lisha Pang  
 Dong Hee Park  
 Jonghyeon Park  
 Seung-Jae Park  
 Eleonora Margarita Penagos Dordevic  
 Penny Peng  
 Rachapoli Phromyart  
 Nisali Suhara Miriam Pieris  
 Quentin J. Pinsolle Dubourg  
 Sabrina Caldas Pires  
 Beatrice Pourroy  
 Mathilde Princi  
 Min-Zhe Qiu  
 Hongjing Qu  
 Rafaela Ramos Silva  
 Francisco Rapp

La Mecia Ross  
Alessandro Franco Rota  
  
Kazufu Sakamaki  
Hamlet Sanchez  
Simon Schroers  
Luisa Sofie Schroven  
Jiayi Shen  
Xiyue Shen  
Yang Shen  
Shohei Shibuya  
Roxanna Sol  
Sijie Song  
Susanna Stummer  
Emmi-Maria Suominen  
Cortney Beth Szafran  
  
Ruoxu Tan  
Siyuan Tang  
Maria Nefeli Theodoropoulou  
Jan Tillmann  
Jorge Tole  
Marie Tomavo  
I-Hsiang Tseng  
Kotaro Tsuruse  
Yuzheng Tu  
  
Shun Uchida  
Sho Ueda  
Jun Umezawa  
Yuka Umezawa  
Hiroki Unekawa  
Torge Urbanski  
  
Vanessa Aurora Vanegas Müller  
Javier Villanueva  
  
Clemente Ignacio Waidele Arteaga  
Juliet Walker  
Chuyun Wang  
Lexian Wang  
Shutong Wang  
Xindi Wang  
Yiduo Wang  
Yinghan Wang  
Aaron S. Wecker

Huisi Wu  
Yueying Wu  
  
BoHua Xiang  
Grace Xing  
Yuewei Xu  
  
Kazuya Yamakawa  
Rosa (Jiayi) Yan  
Heesuk Yang  
Zimeng Ye  
Jiseon Yoo  
Matilda Younesi  
Ming Yuan  
  
Qianwen Zhang  
Zhiwei Zhang  
Jiajun Zhu  
Yunxiao Zhu  
Zhixuan Zhu



## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR

---

Alara Abbasi  
Maxwell Arthur Abish  
Reema Muzamil Abuelrish  
Henri J. Adams  
Donya Davina Aframian ✕  
Kaya Elena Rodriguez Agustin  
Katrina N. Akbarian  
Malyka Tekle Akom  
Muna A. Ali  
Sophia Anastasia Andritsos  
Ionne Arakelyan  
Dominica Carina Aranaga  
Lauren August  
Ashley Avakian  
William Ayass  
  
Logan M. Bac  
Eliane S. Bach  
Cecilia Lynn Bain  
Cole J. Barden  
Michelle Joan Barrett  
Leila Carmel Bathke  
Stephanie Batres  
Eric Rafi Bazak  
Lucas Beard  
Maria Beaucage  
Suzan Z. Bedikian  
Patrick R. Begian  
Nicole Benalcazar  
Amelia Best  
Natalie Anne Blut  
Nicholas Brian Boroski  
Sarah Boyle  
Thomas Briggs  
Carter Brinchmann  
Lauren Brown  
Zoey Anna Brown  
Samantha Buran  
Aria Burdon Dasbach  
  
Tyler Caceres  
Maria Cafferata  
Joshuel M. Calderon  
Sviatlana Camarena

Claire M. Canestrino  
Kelsey Carpenter  
Nicholas Pasquale Castellano  
Harrison Martin Cates  
Joseph Chang  
Kendall B. Chappell  
Catherine Anne Charleston  
Riya A. Chaudhry  
Yanlong (Kai) Chen  
Suzanna Chernyavsky  
Edwin Chikukwa  
Elia Changling Chou  
DeAnna Christensen  
Olivia Grace Clark  
Catherine Clement  
Breanna Comunale  
Romeo Dadi Connors  
Kylee A. Conway  
Christian J. Corrales  
Michael J. Cosley  
Kensington Loretta Cotter  
Megan Elyse Couch  
Dezeray Sheriyah Cruz  
Mary Cruz  
Bronwen Crystal  
Mollie Cueva-Dabkoski  
Michele Robert Cusi  
  
Joseph Dale  
Austin J. Damiani  
Matthew MacLeod de Koeyer  
Brianna L. Deigan  
Sara Paige DeLacey  
Matthew P. Deng  
Leslie Diaz Anzurez  
Jacqueline Diaz Madrigal  
Michael Dickerson  
Samuel Dorsey  
Drew Downing  
  
Jonathan Alexander Eden  
Jacob Edwards  
Mariam Elmalh  
Lydia Christine Engel

Benjamin R. Enriquez III  
Antonio Escobar  
Jada Leticia Evans  
Brian D. Fallas  
Niloofar Farboodi  
Andrew Lawrence Fenning  
Emily Filkin  
Michaela M. Firmage  
Yitzy Frankel  
Finn Milton Freymann  
Dale Frost  
Yidan Fu  
Hope Fujinaga  
Joshua Nobori Fujita  
Brenna Lauren Gaffney  
Rohan Gandhi  
William T. Gansler  
Danielle Garcia ♦  
Diego Garcia  
Jacob W. Gaynor  
Diana Gazaryan  
Nicolette Gelnak  
Matthew Alexander Gerges  
Ben Gerstein  
Stella Gianoukakis  
Ashley Gleizer  
Charlotte Julia Godart  
Viviana M. Gonzalez  
Jonathan R. Gordon  
Clareanne Roberta Goschke  
Kellan Alexander Grant  
Grant Reno Grech  
Joseph J. Gregory  
Kirsten Grohs  
Sidonie R. Gruenberg  
Tristan Haddadi  
Geneva Hale  
Samuel Hall  
Cooper Jay Halpern  
Anthony Sunwoo Han  
Channing Olivia Hans  
Alexandra T. Hanzlick  
Jet Harbeck

Marisa M. Harris  
Christopher Michael Heffernan  
Gabriel Michael Henriquez  
Robina Angela D. Henson  
Michelle Heravi  
Jamie Herman  
Melissa A. Hernández Cardozo  
Leslie Cruz Herrera  
Sarah Emiko Hess  
Joshua Hickman-Kramer  
Parnaz Hojjati  
Emmet Dymond Hollingshead  
Paul Holzmann  
Gazal Homayouni  
Taylor Hopkins  
Zachary Howard  
Yuyang Hu  
Kirk C. Hubbard, IV  
Thomas Paul Hurtubise  
Jennifer Nicole Imm  
Heliya Izadpanah  
Dalaal Fahmi Jaber  
Sahar Jahangard-Mahboob  
Yasmine Gabriella Jebeli  
Michelle E. Jimenez  
Nara J. Jo  
Harper Adele Johnson  
Randall Jones  
Zara Joshi  
Binwant Kaur Kahlon  
Anna Christine Kao  
Miksa Karcheski  
Philip Genji Kay ✖  
Kalina Kazmierczak  
Noah E. Keith  
Hovik H. Kervanbachian  
David Brian Khakshooy  
J.Y. Khoo  
Samuel H. Kim  
Max A. Kirkham  
Elif Koc  
Harris J. Koepenick  
Ania Korpanty

Kaden D. Kotinek  
Anirudh Bharadwaj Krishna  
Chloe Sophia Kusiak

Scott La Rochelle  
Alessandra Misha Landi

Julia Larkin  
Aine Healey Lawlor  
Rachel Elizabeth Lee  
Grant William Leman

Jason Levin

Ke (Elena) Li

Terrence Li

Courtney Marie Linzner

Sylvia Margaretta Lydon

Kaho Maeda

Jade Magaña

Kimberly Tamara Maldonado

Margaret Maloney

Matthew R. Manus

Peter Gordon Martin

Shundeen Marisol Martinez

Luis Armando Martínez

Ali Omar Massoud

Hannah Mateus

Sal Mawhinney

Miranda Amethyst McCormick

Natalie Anne McGuire

Alanna Guillen McNaughton

Kyler McVoy

Juweria Mehtar

Michael Merabi

Nicholas Mohnatkin

Emma John Molitor

Alexis K. Moore

Emily Moore

Jacob Robert Moore

Dylan Galano Morrissey

Nathan Mostow

Daniel Mousseri

Zack Munson

Maricela Murillo

Jaxon Naiditch

Christina Nakagawa

Shayan Naraghi

Andrew Fuad Nassab

Samantha Carolina Navarrete

Julia Nguyen

Niki Nguyen

Philip Obrinsky

Lydia O'Connell

Rachel Oda

Michael J.J. O'Hearne

Gabriel Orman

Sara Reese Orton

Jacob A. Ostermann

Jacob Ryan Ottone

Matias A. Pachalian

Kaelen Perrochet

free Sabyne Pierre

Callie Plapinger

Jose Santiago Puente Davila

Robyn L. Quinn

Nathaniel Reardon

Duncan Christopher Reid

Alexandra Jocelyn Reis

Gabrielle Renauld

Emily Robbins

Bertha Romero Madrigal

Eva Inez Romero-Sutherland

Kerry Ann Rork

Talia Chloe Rothman

Hayley Rein Rozet

Minerva M. Ruda

Aracely Ruvalcaba

Sean M. Sadler

Uriel Saldivar-Esteban

Parker Salomon

Blake Duvall Sandeen

Maytal Sarafian

Lavanya Sathyamurthy

Shannon P. Saul

Skyleur Madison Marie Savage




Indiana Schnicer

Sophia Pires Serata

John-Christian H. Sessions

Toby Scoggin Shao  
 Arianna Shapiro  
 Eden Shemuelian  
 Victor L. Shen  
 Daniel D. Silva  
 Robert Lamont Simmons  
 Madison Kate Simons  
 Cheyenne Noelle Smith  
 Nathan Smith III  
 Owen C. Smith  
 Sereenah Soare  
 Leila Soltani  
 Jeremiah Song  
 Kathryn Casey Sorenson  
 Antonio W. Spatafore  
 Sean Michael St. Charles  
 Mary Elizabeth Stachofsky  
 Michael Gary Stallworth  
 Malcolm S. Steinberg  
 Matthew Steinhaus  
 Carolyn Stephens  
 Jhanel Stewart  
 Alyssa Archuleta Stoltmack  
 Micalyn Struble  
 Rain Yang Sun  
 Yijing Sun  
 Ryan Sweeney  
 Sabrina Szu  
 Kalena Elaine Tano  
 Mesfin Teklu  
 Sheridan Tekosky  
 Isabel Florence Thompson  
 Jordain David Thompson  
 Isha Thornton  
 Ye (Albert) Tian  
 Alondra Tlatelpa  
 Katrina Torrealba  
 Mikayla Kim Tran  
 Mary Yen Tran  
 Maria Trubetskaya  
 Benjamin Tu  
 Palmer Turnbull

Alondra Ulloa  
 Austin McLeod Urbach  
 Noah Aziz Usman  
 Ángel Valdez Ordoñez  
 Roger Valencia Ricardez  
 Catherine Alexis Heyrosa Valloso  
 Kaya Alike Van Dyke  
 Natalie Marie Van Orden  
 Samantha Vega  
 Jennifer Krumper Villoria  
 Cassandra Duyen Vo  
 Audrey M. Wacker  
 Evan Karmes Wainer  
 Dongyang (Ruby) Wang  
 Susan Wang  
 Winnie Wang  
 Catherine Marie Washington  
 Nicole Wassef Morgan  
 Jacqueline B. Watson  
 Lucy R. Weiss  
 Kimberly Welch  
 Maya Rose Williams  
 Jonathan J. Winner  
 Lily Grace Wolfenzon  
 LeAnn Woo  
 Benjamin Wu  
 Ana Paula Xavier Siqueira  
 Lauren Yapple  
 Mason Ye  
 Cole Anthony Au-Yeung Yipon  
 John Filose Young  
 Olivia Jean Young  
 Edward Yu  
 Nathan Yu  
 Benjamin Zaghi  
 Mariam Zahran  
 Jo Zhou  
 Katrina Holly Zhu  
 Lydia Zicker

-  Candidate for the Degree of Master in Business Administration
-  Candidate for the Degree of Master of Public Policy
-  Candidate for the Degree of Master in Urban and Regional Planning

# SPECIAL PRIZES AND AWARDS PRESENTED TO MEMBERS OF THE M.L.S. CLASS OF 2025

---

## 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
Hester Johanneke de Klerk	Dean Josef Dickow	Katelynn Garmendia
Yadira Grajeda Garcia	Yael Hellman	Jasmin Emilia Lopez
Mehran Ron Mehrtash	CJ Reid	Joanna Marie Rose
Julian Tran		

## 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 MLS students who have logged at least 20 hours. Pro Bono High Distinction is awarded to MLS students who have logged at least 50 hours. Pro Bono Highest Distinction for 2025 was awarded to the MLS student who logged the most pro bono hours.

### Highest Pro Bono Distinction

Irina Hayrapetova

### High Pro Bono Distinction

Dana Michelle Childs	Kennedy Witcher Chinedum	Mehran Ron Mehrtash
----------------------	--------------------------	---------------------

### 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.

Magomed-Gusein Gasanov - LL.M./S.J.D. President

Tanya Manglik - Communications Chair

Candela Victoria Memi - LL.M./S.J.D. Representative

Aaron S. Wecker - LL.M./S.J.D. Representative

## UCLA LAW CRITICAL RACE STUDIES FELLOWSHIP

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

La Mecia Ross

## UCLA LAW HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

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

Magomed-Gusein Gasanov      Mosopefoluwa Elizabeth Omoniwa

## 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 LL.M. students who have logged at least 20 hours. Pro Bono High Distinction is awarded to LL.M. students who have logged at least 50 hours. Pro Bono Highest Distinction for 2025 was awarded to the LL.M. student who logged the most pro bono hours.

### Highest Pro Bono Distinction

Shirley Priyanjana Kumar

### High Pro Bono Distinction

Bowen Chen

Debra Olaniyi

Kazufu Sakamaki

Maria Nefeli Theodoropoulou

Thais Dos Santos Conceicao

Mosopefoluwa Elizabeth Omoniwa

Susanna Stummer

Rosa (Jiayi) Yan

Clara Faucher

Eleonora Margarita Penagos Dordevic

Emmi-Maria Suominen

### Pro Bono Distinction

Michael Apsan-Orgera

Harshwardhan R. Bondre

Gurroop Cheema

Sara Aringoli

Camille Burg

Yihan (Amelia) Ding

Nicole Bernhardt

Lanbing Cao

Muhammad Anas Fadli

STUDENT AWARDS

---

Yasmine Foucher	Magomed-Gusein Gasanov	Dania Ghorab
Felicia Robbina Göbel	Marine Aude Marion Grosclaude	Chloe Haddad
Preethi Kavilikatta	Jiahua Liu	Archana Dinesh Nair
Yuki Nishimae	Sabigya Pandey	Nisali Suhara Miriam Pieris
Sabrina Caldas Pires	Xiyue Shen	Roxanna Sol
I-Hsiang Tseng	Vanessa Aurora Vanegas Müller	Yinghan Wang
Grace Xing		

UCLA LAW U. SERVE L.A. STUDENT AWARD

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

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
Sviatlana Camarena	Kelsey Carpenter	Nicolette Gelnak
Clareanne Roberta Goschke	Noah E. Keith	Lydia O'Connell
Jacob Ryan Ottone	Bertha Romero Madrigal	Carolyn Stephens
Jennifer Krumper Villoria	Susan Wang	

### MASIN FAMILY ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE GOLD AWARD/DEAN'S 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.

Eric Rafi Bazak - Legal Research and Writing (2023 Spring)

Patrick R. Begian - 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); Financial Analysis (2023 Fall); Securities Regulation (2024 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

STUDENT AWARDS

---

**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 ICPL 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. PACHTER 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

STUDENT AWARDS

---

**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 Stoltmack  
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 Stoltmack  
Jordain David Thompson  
Alondra Ulloa  
Maya Rose Williams

Sophia Andritsos  
Maria Beaucage  
Kelsey Carpenter  
Catherine Anne Charleston  
Dezeray Sheriyah Cruz  
Samuel Dorsey  
Brenna Lauren Gaffney  
Viviana M. Gonzalez  
Marisa M. Harris  
Dalaal Fahmi Jaber  
Noah E. Keith  
Luis Armando Martínez  
Alanna Guillen McNaughton  
Nicholas Monatkin  
Niki Nguyen  
Jacob A. Ostermann  
Hayley Rein Rozet  
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  
Kyler 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

Lauren Brown

Joseph Chang

Julia Larkin

Alanna Guillen McNaughton

Duncan Christopher Reid

Carolyn Stephens

Cassandra Duyen Vo

Patrick R. Begian

Maria Cafferata

Joshua Nobori Fujita

Luis Armando Martínez

Alexis K. Moore

Kerry Ann Rork

Alyssa Archuleta Stolmack

John Filose Young

Sarah Boyle

Nicholas Pasquale Castellano

Noah E. Keith

Ali Omar Massoud

Zack Munson

Nathan Smith III

Maria Trubetskaya

### MOOT COURT TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS, 2023

Zack Munson - Winner

Nicholas Pasquale Castellano - Finalist

Sarah Boyle - Finalist

### SKYE DONALD MEMORIAL IL 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

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

---

Dominica Carina Aranaga

*Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Prenatal Personhood and the Right of Procreation*, 32 UCLA J. Gender & L. \_\_\_ (forthcoming Spring 2025).

Nicholas Pasquale Castellano

*The Objective Batson Standard: Can a New Step Three Address the Problem of Implicit Bias?*, 72 UCLA L. Rev. \_\_\_\_ (2025).

Nicolette Gelnak

*"I Will Survive [Copyright Termination]": Reforming the Termination Right for Recording Artists*, 16 HARV. J. SPORTS & ENT. L. (forthcoming Summer 2025).

Ben Gerstein

*The UNGA Srebrenica Resolution and the Struggle Against Genocide Denial*, 73 Compar. Se. European Stud. 1-33 (2025).

*The Srebrenica Paradox*, in *Srebrenica at 30 - Commemorating, Learning, and Moving Forward* (Hikmet Karcic ed., 2025).

Julia Larkin

*Make Room For The Mushroom: Legal Vehicles For Conservation of the Fungi Kingdom*, Vol. 43.2 UCLA J. Envtl. L. & Pol'y \*\* (2024).

Luis Armando Martínez

*Digital Evidence in U.S. Criminal Litigation: Risks to Racial Justice and the Remedy of OSINT Human Rights Pedagogy*, 72 UCLA L. Rev. \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2025).

Dylan Galano Morrissey

*How Bruen and Dobbs Resolved Opposing Historical Traditions Through Hidden Equal Protection Analysis*, 125 COLUM. L. REV. F. \_\_\_ (forthcoming May 2025).

Michael J.J. O'Hearne

*Simulation Report on Meta's Targeted Advertising under Taiwanese Data Protection Law*, Civil Society Resource Book on Targeted Advertising Impact Litigation in Asia, Open Net, July 2025 (forthcoming).

Lavanya Sathyamurthy

*Moving from Essentialism to Intersectionality in Asian American History Curriculum: California as a National Model*, 29 Asian-Am. L.J (forthcoming 2025).

Indiana Schnicer

*Dependency Law; or, The Punishment of Performance*, UCLA L. Rev. (forthcoming Spring 2025).

Michael Gary Stallworth

*Unveiling Complexity: Genetic Testing, Black Ancestry, and Legal Implications*, 30 Nat'l Black L.J. (2025).

*The Constitutionality of Diversity Fellowship Programs at Big Law Firms: What Are Diversity Programs and Why Should You Care If They Exist?*, 29.1 Nat'l Black L.J. 105 (2024).

Alyssa Archuleta Stelmack

*Eyes on the Road: Strengthening Fourth Amendment Protections Against Law Enforcement's Accelerating Use of Automated License Plate Readers*. 9 UCLA Crim. Just. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2025).

Maria Trubetskaya

*Reparations for Incultation: Deconstructing the Supreme Court's Tacit Endorsement of White Hegemony in Schools and Reparations as a Path Forward*, 30 NBLJ \_\_\_ (2025).

Cassandra Vo

*Reinforcing Community Climate Resilience Through Social Cohesion: Opportunities for Local Governments in Southern California*, 43.1 UCLA J. Envtl. L. & Pol'y \*\* (forthcoming Spring 2025).

Susan Wang

*Play It Again, HAL: Evaluating Fair Use In Generative Music Artificial Intelligence Training*, 32 UCLA Ent. L. Rev. 1 (forthcoming Sept. 2025).

Katrina Holly Zhu

*How Does an Immigrant Become an "American"? Exclusion and Assimilation in U.S. Naturalization Law*, 72 UCLA L. REV. (forthcoming 2025).

FERNÁN RESTREPO

Assistant Professor of Law

---

Fernán Restrepo is an Assistant Professor of Law at the UCLA School of Law, where he teaches and researches on corporate law and securities regulation. Before joining UCLA, Fernán was a research fellow at the Stanford University Rock Center for Corporate Governance, where he worked on asset managers and mergers and acquisitions.

Fernán’s empirically based scholarship examines how the law operates in practice, how it affects economic outcomes, and how it interacts with formal and informal enforcement mechanisms. His scholarship has been published in the *Journal of Law and Economics*, the *Journal of Legal Studies*, the *Journal of Law, Finance, and Accounting*, the *Stanford Law Review*, and the *Harvard Business Law Review*.

Fernán holds a Ph.D. in development economics from Cambridge University, a J.S.D. from Stanford Law School, an LL.M. from Harvard Law School, an M.Sc. in statistics from Stanford University, an LL.B. from Universidad Javeriana in Colombia, and a B.A. in Economics from Universidad de los Andes in Colombia. During his graduate studies at Stanford, he was a John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics and a Gregory Terrill Cox Fellow in Law and Economics, and he received the John Hart Ely Prize in Law and Economics.



## OFFICERS OF ADMINISTRATION

---

Michael V. Drake | A.B., M.D.  
President of the University of California

Julio Frenk | M.D., M.A., M.P.H., Ph.D.  
Chancellor at University of California, Los Angeles

Michael Waterstone | B.A., J.D.  
Dean  
Professor of Law

Sung Hui Kim | B.A., M.A., J.D.  
Vice Dean for Curricular and Academic Affairs  
Professor of Law

Russell Korobkin | B.A., J.D.  
Vice Dean for Graduate and Professional Education  
Richard C. Maxwell Distinguished Professor of Law

Mark P. McKenna | B.A., J.D.  
Vice Dean of Faculty and Intellectual Life  
Professor of Law

James Park | B.A., J.D.  
Vice Dean for Community, Equality and Justice  
Professor of Law

Tracey G. Parr | B.A., J.D.  
Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Strategic Planning

Robert Bradley Sears | B.A., J.D.  
Associate Dean of Public Interest Law  
David Sanders Distinguished Scholar of Law & Policy

Orli Belman | B.A., M.A., M.S.  
Assistant Dean of Communications

Jason Fiske | B.A., J.D., LL.M., M.Ed.  
Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies and Professional Programs

Laurie Keller | B.A., M.A.  
Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs and Registrar

Lauren Kim | B.A.  
Assistant Dean for Administrative Services and Special Projects

Michelle Lew | B.A., M.B.A.  
Assistant Dean for Learning and Research Technology

Bayrex Martí | B.A., J.D.  
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

Beth Moeller | B.A., J.D.  
Assistant Dean for Career Services

Robert Schwartz | B.A., J.D.  
Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid

Lara Stemple | B.A., J.D.  
Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies and International Student Programs

Brenda Suttonwills | B.A., J.D.  
Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives

Liz Vohwinkel | B.A.  
Associate Dean for External Affairs









---

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

---