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Dear Members of the Class of 2024:

On behalf of the New York Law School Board of Trustees and Faculty, congratulations on reaching this extraordinary moment in your lives. I am honored to have served as your Dean. I've proudly watched you become active members of our community, challenge yourselves with hard work, and advocate for others. Now, you join the ranks of our distinguished alumni.

This year's commencement recognizes the contributions of public service lawyers. However, the concept of public service is intrinsic to our entire profession, where, regardless of job or title, we are entrusted to uphold

the rule of law upon which our entire nation's foundation rests and enshrines our freedoms. You are now entering the profession at a critical time for our world—when the role of lawyers has never been more paramount. You are joining a diverse profession whose work is essential to every aspect of a free, democratic, and just society.

The issues confronting the world we live in today are profoundly complex and will call upon you to use your legal training to protect the rights of others, build an empowering global economy, and advance justice and fairness in our society. You will all succeed because of your New York values—which are also NYLS values—reflecting the diversity, spirit, and inclusive approach that fuel us to work hard and to be innovative and resilient in advancing and empowering the clients and communities we serve. Always remember that you are part of a 133-year-old community of strivers, dreamers, and doers.

You will always be part of New York's law school. Arriving here today was an extraordinary journey, and I am so happy and honored to celebrate with all of you, your families, and your friends. There is so much responsibility resting on your shoulders, so please make sure to always take care of each other, your loved ones, and just as importantly, yourselves.

Our world needs your leadership. I know you will make us proud, and we will always be here to cheer you on and support you.

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> Contrapunctus—J.S. Bach Quintet No. 1—Victor Ewald

MARSHALS Professor Camille Broussard

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INTRODUCTION OF **ESTEEMED ALUMNI**

Dean Anthony W. Crowell

CONFERRING OF Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)

HONORARY DEGREE AND Introduction by Dean Anthony W. Crowell

CIVIC FAME AWARD Presentation by Board Chair Arthur N. Abbey '59 and

> Professor Ross Sandler Hon. Sylvia O. Hinds-Radix

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Grace Shim MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Bach Partita for Unaccompanied Violin No. 3 in E Major, Prelude

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OTTO L. WALTER DISTINGUISHED WRITING AWARDS Presentation by Dean of Faculty William P. LaPiana

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STUDENT AWARD

Melissa Rosenberg for "CoreCivic, Inc. v. Candide Group, LLC"

STUDENT REMARKS

Danielle Drugan

AWARDING OF PRIZES

THE FINALISTS FOR THE TRUSTEES' PRIZE

FOR THE HIGHEST AVERAGE*

Presentation by Dean of Faculty William P. LaPiana Day Division Evening Division Aleksandra Petrovic Benjamin Newman Melissa Rosenberg Konstantine Tettonis

Eric Spiniello

THE ALFRED L. ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Presentation by Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Matt Gewolb

Jordan Lazarian Benjamin Newman Melissa Rosenberg Eric Spiniello Konstantine Tettonis

^{*} For J.D. candidates: Based on fifth-semester grades for Day Division students and seventh-semester grades for Evening Division students. The final awards will be made after all grades are complete in June to the student with the highest average in each division.

AWARDING OF PRIZES

JOSEPH SOLOMON AWARD FOR

EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND FITNESS

Presentation by Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Matt Gewolb

Joseph Escoto Jacob Koenigson Rebecca Kornhauser

Ron Kort

Toni-Ann Kreisberg

STUDENT REMARKS

Konstantine Tettonis

AWARDING OF

Introduction and Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell Benjamin R. DeCosta '75

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL AND REMARKS

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AWARDING OF

Introduction and Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell

KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL AND REMARKS

Alexandra Ogunsanya '24

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Dean Anthony W. Crowell

Conferring of Degrees

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CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Anthony W. Crowell

RECESSIONAL

Two Voluntaries—Henry Purcell

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Degrees With Honors*

Summa Cum Laude

Syma Birenbaum Melissa Rosenberg Rebecca Kornhauser Eric Spiniello Jordan Lazarian Phoebe Steinfeld Konstantine Tettonis Benjamin Newman Aleksandra Petrovic Margarita Weissman

Michael Raschilla

Magna Cum Laude

Michal Chait Justine Kawa

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Cum Laude

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DEGREES WITH HONORS* (continued)

Cum Laude (continued)

Trevor Goldhush Gillian Mendez Carlos Gonzalez Katelyn Nardi Lillian Hatzenbeler Victoria Orellana Ross Hayatgheybi Sofia O'Shea Nicole Heller Jacqueline Pantin

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Michael Lucatorto Louis Zupo

^{*} Prior to the Commencement ceremony, provisional honors are calculated based on a student's cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of the preceding (fall) semester.

Final honors are calculated at the end of the spring semester and include all grades. Students graduating this year who are awarded provisional honors based on grades and ranking through the Fall 2023 semester will graduate with no less than those honors: cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude.

In some cases, a student could receive a different honor upon graduation (e.g. cum laude as provisional honors and magna cum laude upon graduation).

COMMENCEMENT PRIZES

SPECIAL AWARDS

CHIEF JUSTICE ROSE E. BIRD AWARD FOR MOTIVATION IN PURSUING PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

Ashton Hessee Yorlson Lotin Michael Lucatorto

ALVIN J. BRONSTEIN '51 CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

Blanca Gates Varshaa Thorali

HELEN AND ANDREW DOKAS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT

Nicole Heller

PROFESSOR STEPHEN J. ELLMANN CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION PRIZE

Kiki Lin

THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT IN THE EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Jessica Miller Ryan Myler

DANIEL FINKELSTEIN WRITING AWARD

Michal Chait for "Rebalancing Property Rights: Reforming Squatter's Law in New York City"

ALEXANDER D. FORGER AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Alexa Gonzalez Nora Kelly Brandon Smith

JOHN FRANCO '15 MEMORIAL AWARD

Alyssa Sperrazza

KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL

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ERNST C. STIEFEL WRITING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMPARATIVE-COMMON CIVIL LAW

Meghan Yarussi for "Marmol v. Mutino"

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MOOT COURT AWARDS

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION BEST ADVOCATE AWARD

James Scavone

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM

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NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT AWARD FOR SERVING WITH DISTINCTION

Carly Antonioli Carlos Gonzalez Andrei Moraru Carly Silverman

ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS

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HONORARY ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS AWARD

Deborah I. Meyer '98

LAW REVIEW AWARDS

FACULTY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW

Dylan Livingstone Mikayla Ullrich

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW AWARD FOR BEST NOTE Eric Spiniello

ROGER J. MINER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW

Melissa Rosenberg

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PROFESSOR JOSEPH T. ARENSON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN WILLS AND DECEDENTS' ESTATES

D. GEORGE LEVINE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE HIGHEST GRADE IN THE LAW OF REAL PROPERTY

CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY LAW FELLOWSHIP

ABRAHAM MARKHOFF WRITING AWARD (FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

PROFESSOR LUNG-CHU CHEN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

THE ABRAHAM "AVI" MUND PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW

ELSBERG PRIZE FOR PROFICIENCY IN THE LAW OF CONTRACTS—EVENING

PROFESSOR ROBERT R. ROSENTHAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NEW YORK PRACTICE

THE RUBEN S. FOGEL COMMENCEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY AND DEATH PENALTY (ESTABLISHED IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR ROBERT BLECKER)

MURRAY STOCKMAN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE HIGHEST AVERAGE IN THE LAW OF EVIDENCE

SYLVIA D. GARLAND AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SUBJECTS RELATING TO CIVIL LITIGATION LOUIS SUSMAN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF THE LAW OF EVIDENCE

ROSS GNESIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW

WOODROW WILSON AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

MILTON S. GOULD AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY IN THE LAW OF CONTRACTS—DAY DIVISION

HENRY J. WOLFF AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY DURING A FULL COURSE OF STUDY-**EVENING DIVISION**

PROFESSOR ALBERT KALTER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TAX LAW

> NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Professor Vincent Lolordo Award for Excellence in Administration of Criminal Justice

PROFESSOR JAMES P. KIBBEY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMERCIAL LAW

> Dr. Max Reich Award for Excellence in Civil Trial Advocacy

Professor Ivan Soubbotitch Award for Excellence in Poverty Law and Civil Rights



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New York Law School Law Review

The New York Law School Law Review is the School's journal for legal scholarship. Members are selected for the Law Review based on their GPAs. A few students are also selected through a writing competition. Law Review editors work with the faculty to plan academic symposia as well as with the faculty publisher to select papers for publication. The editors edit all articles and are responsible for all aspects of the publication process. We are pleased to recognize their achievements.

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FAMILY LAW QUARTERLY

The Family Law Quarterly is a scholarly journal published by the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association (ABA) in collaboration with New York Law School. Articles are written by academics and practitioners and focus on important and timely legal issues in family law. In addition to editing articles, NYLS student editors prepare and update charts surveying family law statutes in the 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, and research and write about new state laws. We are pleased to recognize the graduating Family Law Quarterly student editors.

Pamela Sausaitis

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Darryl Bobb Kaitlyn McNeil Sarah Silbowitz

Alexa Gonzalez Alexandra Ogunsanya Mary Sharmaine Tan

Nicole Keegan Sofia O'Shea Elaine Villanueva James Kelly Taylor Oslacky Gianna Vitiello

Nora Kelly Theodore Richert

Meridith Kennedy Chelsea Ryan

DISPUTE RESOLUTION TEAM

The New York Law School Dispute Resolution Team is a student-run, co-curricular organization that trains members in day-to-day lawyering skills in order to prepare them to represent the School in client counseling, negotiation, mediation, and arbitration competitions across the country. Membership is by invitation only and is based on outstanding performance either in the School's Intramural Negotiation Competition or through a rigorous admissions process. We are pleased to recognize these graduating members of the Dispute Resolution Team.

Carly Antonioli Jacqueline Karol Skylar Salzman Arshnoor Kaur Alexandra Baldwin Andrea Sinclair Kayla Coles Sasha Kish Mikaela Tribby Chandler Eller Natalie Klein Ayllin Vishnevetski

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Sarah Hannah Ryan Myler

Moot Court Association

The New York Law School Moot Court Association is a student-run organization that focuses on oral advocacy and brief-writing skills at the appellate level. Students are accepted into the organization by competing in the Charles W. Froessel Moot Court Competition, a constitutional law intramural competition. The Froessel Competition is one of the most challenging intramural competitions in the country and one of the most demanding recruiting tools used by a moot court association in selecting its members. We are pleased to recognize the graduating members of the Moot Court Association.

Rachel Roberts Joseph Aini Jacqueline Lacovara

James Scavone Carly Antonioli Andrei Moraru Michelle Blaifeder Alexandra Ogunsanya Carly Silverman Peter Carle Elisheva Ozeri Daniel Sullivan

Kayla Dobrinski Michael Raschilla Mahum Vance

Nina Rice Jillian Dreusike Ayllin Vishnevetski Jacob Ehrlich Jaclyn Rinaldi

Anna Robertelli

Carlos Gonzalez

TRIAL COMPETITION TEAM

The New York Law School Trial Competition Team is a student-run, co-curricular organization that focuses on the advocacy skills required in civil and criminal trials. Students on the team represent the School in regional and national trial competitions. Membership is by invitation only and is based on notable performance in the School's intramural trial or closing argument competition or by recommendation of a Trial Advocacy professor based on outstanding performance in the Trial Advocacy or Intensive Trial and Advocacy Skills course. We are pleased to recognize the graduating members of the Trial Competition Team.

Megan Bernardo Jack Fruth Cristina Santin

Brandon Smith Aja Davies Ellery Harvey

David Dayya Joseph Lafuente Gianna Vitiello Jillian Dreusike George Li Meghan Yarussi

Natalia Dzieciolowska Michael Lucatorto

Dean's Leadership Council

Sophia Fusco

Initiated in 2013, the Dean's Leadership Council invites first-year students who perform in the top 25 percent of their class to be part of a series of dialogues on leadership with the Dean, faculty, alumni, and legal professionals during their course of study at New York Law School. These discussions tackle legal and policy issues that affect New York City, the nation, and the world to help students learn about leadership and influence by spending time with prominent New Yorkers and each other. Students on the Council also address strategic planning issues at the School and help inform how it can enhance its impact on New York's legal community.

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Blanca Gates Sarah Glassman Leah Gold Trevor Goldhush Elizabeth Gorman Nicholas Gounaris Michael Harkins Ellery Harvey Lillian Hatzenbeler Ross Hayatgheybi Ashton Hessee Rachel Horowitz Alexandra Hough Katherine Howard Kyle Hunt Thania Hussain William Hyler Brittany Karen Jacqueline Karol Justine Kawa Dillon Keay Nicole Keegan Danielle Keller Nora Kelly Anahita Khorsand Christopher Kipiniak Natalie Klein

Briana Koehler Jacob Koenigson Ron Kort Rialda Kukaj Jacqueline Lacovara Harley Landsberg Jordan Lazarian Dong-Gun Lee Dylan Livingstone Yorlson Lotin Michael Lucatorto Zoe Marks Gillian Mendez Anisah Molic Alexandra Morace Andrei Moraru Katelyn Nardi Benjamin Newman Victoria Orellana Sofia O'Shea Sarina Palma Jacqueline Pantin Aleksandra Petrovic Kristen Pleszewicz Benjamin Pohle Rose Purewal Michael Raschilla

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Bethany Friedman

HARRIS KEENAN & GOLDFARB ADVOCACY CERTIFICATES

The Harris Keenan & Goldfarb Advocacy Program is designed to prepare students to graduate with the skills and experience that will help them excel as litigators. The Program has three tracks: civil, criminal, and appellate advocacy. The required course of study for each track includes a suggested combination of skills, writing, and procedure courses, and each track culminates in a clinical, externship, or co-curricular experience in which the students use litigation skills. We are pleased to recognize the graduating students who have completed the courses required to earn an Harris Keenan & Goldfarb Advocacy Certificate.

Carly Antonioli Sarah Hannah Michael Raschilla

John Baladi Ellery Harvey Emma Ratti Valentina Battista Molly Hughes Rachel Roberts Elizabeth Bellitto Justine Kawa Jonathan Rosen Megan Bernardo Danielle Keller Cristina Santin

Michael Lucatorto

Grace Shim

Samantha Bugner Madeline Luksha Samantha Silverstein Peter Carle Lori Marchessault Rosemarie Smerina Aja Davies Jessica Miller Brandon Smith Kayla Dobrinski Alexis Ortiz Gianna Vitiello

Jack Fruth Elisheva Ozeri Josephine Whiteley

Carlos Gonzalez Ariana Pagnotta

Kayla Brady

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SKILLS PROGRAM CERTIFICATES

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program conveys not only doctrinal education, but also practical and empirical skills in the fields of conflict avoidance, management, and resolution. Students who complete the Program and earn a Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution may be relied upon to possess not merely an intellectual understanding of the principles of negotiation, mediation, and arbitration, but actual experience in those fields. We are pleased to recognize the graduating students who have earned this distinction.

Meg Beauregard Arshnoor Kaur Rosemarie Smerina Casey Ferland Dillon Keay Ayllin Vishnevetski

Jeremy Greener Taylor Oslacky Sarah Zarbail

Jacqueline Karol Michael San Roman

Pro Bono Scholars

Students in the Pro Bono Scholars Program begin their final semester by studying for, and taking, the bar exam in February. Then they spend the remainder of the semester in a 12-week, full-time pro bono placement with a preapproved legal services provider or law firm, representing people from poor and underserved communities. Pro Bono Scholars also participate in a seminar in which they reflect on their placement experiences, study lawyering skills and ethical issues, and explore the access-to-justice crisis and the nature and value of proposed responses to this crisis. Students who pass the bar exam, complete their pro bono placement and class satisfactorily, and meet the other bar admission requirements are then eligible for early admission to the bar, soon after their graduation.

Syma Birenbaum Harley Landsberg Michael Raschilla

Leslie Dupré Michael Lucatorto Nicholas Rodin

Joseph Escoto Lori Marchessault Sally Tyre Blanca Gates Richard McKeon Mahum Vance

Carlos Gonzalez Victoria Orellana

WILF IMPACT PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARS

The Wilf Impact Public Interest Scholars Program educates and trains a new generation of social justice leaders through substantial renewable, full-tuition scholarships; summer internship funding; and postgraduate fellowships. Students work closely with faculty leaders on the front lines of our nation's most important civil rights challenges, including immigration rights, racial justice, educational equity, housing rights, and access to justice for children and families. They also collaborate with external social justice organizations which operate in partnership with New York Law School. We are pleased to recognize the inaugural class of graduating Wilf Scholars.

Sarah Hannah Ron Jovi Ramirez Jenna Aasen Laura Katz Gianna Vitiello Syma Birenbaum

Michelle Blaifeder Michael Lucatorto

Blanca Gates Alexandra Ogunsanya

WILLEM C. VIS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT

The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot is the world's largest moot competition where students represent private parties trying to resolve a hypothetical business dispute through international arbitration. Highly qualified applicants are selected by the faculty coaches. We are pleased to recognize the graduating members of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team.

Joseph Garvey Ross Hayatgheybi Aleksandra Petrovic

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LL.M. IN TAXATION

February 1, 2024 Graduates June 1, 2024 Candidates

William Parker Ah Yong Ji Raimy Klestadt Peter Sherry

Barbara Wheatle

J.D. GRADUATES

February 1, 2024

Fabiano Chaves* Hanna Saeed Linyu Liu

Matthew Gaeta Jonathan Owens

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June 1, 2024 and September 1, 2024

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^{*} Veterans who have honorably served our nation.

Honorary Degree, President's Medal, and KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL RECIPIENTS BIOGRAPHIES

Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

HON. SYLVIA O. HINDS-RADIX

Judge Hinds-Radix is a history maker as the first African American and Caribbean woman to hold the highestranking legal position in City government. She will also accept the Civic Fame Award on behalf of the New York City Law Department for their courageous leadership through the immense challenges New York City has faced throughout its history.



Judge Hinds-Radix was appointed as the 81st Corporation Counsel of the City of New York on February 25, 2022. In this role, she is the attorney for the City of New York, the Mayor, the City Council, and all City agencies—both Mayoral and non-Mayoral. Prior to this, the Honorable Hinds-Radix served as an Associate Justice of the NYS Appellate Division, Second Department from 2012.

In December 2020, Governor Cuomo designated Judge Hinds-Radix as a member of the NYS Constitutional Bench. Before joining the Appellate Division, she served as Administrative Judge for Civil Matters in the Second Judicial District, where she oversaw both the New York State Supreme Court, Civil Term and the New York City Civil Court,

which also encompasses the Housing Court of the City of New York. She was elected to the Supreme Court, Kings County in November 2004 and served as a New York City Civil Court Judge (2002 through 2004), spending her first year in the Criminal Court of Kings County. In 1985, soon after graduating from law school, she joined the legal staff of District Council 37 Municipal Employees Legal Services, where she remained until her Civil Court election in 2001.

Hon. Hinds-Radix is the President of the Caribbean American Lawyers Association (CALA), and a former President of the Nathan K. Sobel American Inns of Court, the Supreme Court Justices Association of the City of New York, and the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association. She is a Board Member of the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board, the Women in the Courts Committee, the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association, and JALBCA. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the St. Gabriel's Senior Citizens Center and the St. John's Bread and Life Agency.

She earned her B.S. from the University of Massachusetts, her master's in political science from Long Island University, and received her J.D. from Howard University School of Law. She also received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Metropolitan College of New York. In addition to being admitted to practice law in the State of New York, Hon. Hinds-Radix is also admitted to the United States Federal Court: Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. Hon. Hinds-Radix is married to Dr. Joseph Radix and they are the proud parents of three wonderful daughters.

President's Medal

Benjamin R. DeCosta '75

New York Law School honors Benjamin DeCosta '75 for his extraordinary career as a leader, lawyer, and senior executive in the aviation industry which is essential to a thriving global economy. His dedication to helping new generations of NYLS students succeed inspires the NYLS community and represents the best of our alumni and their impact.



Benjamin DeCosta, a nationally recognized aviation industry leader, is Principal of DeCosta Consulting, providing "strategic advice in all aspects of aviation including airport development, operations, security, human resources, public relations, airline negotiations, executive search, intergovernmental affairs, conflict resolution, use of technology, and strategic planning."

He is also an Operating Partner of Corsair Infrastructure, an international private equity firm that invests across three verticals of the transportation infrastructure sector: airports, roads, and ports.

DeCosta is currently a member of the Leadership Development Committee of the American Association of Airport Executives, a major aviation organization, and was a major supporter of its inaugural Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Scholarship. He is a former board member of another major aviation organization, Airports Council International, and served as Vice Chair of the Board of the World Business Partners of the Airports Consultants Council.

From 1994-1998, DeCosta was General Manager of Newark International Airport. From 1998-2010, DeCosta was General Manager of Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta, which is consistently ranked as "the world's busiest airport," serving more passengers than any airport in the world, with almost one million planes taking off or landing at the airport each year.

During his tenure, the annual economic impact of the airport on the Atlanta region was \$24 billion and 56,000 people had jobs directly connected to the airport, including 1,000 in the city's Department of Aviation. DeCosta negotiated the approval of, and oversaw completion of, a billion-dollar fifth runway; began construction of a new international terminal; and pushed to fix security line logjams after 9/11 through the development of a modern baggage scanning system. In 2007, he was named airport director of the year by one industry journal.

A graduate of Queens College, DeCosta attended New York Law School in the Evening Division while working full-time as a legal assistant at Port Authority, where he later became a lawyer. He was President of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) at NYLS. As an alumnus, he has been a speaker at the School and hosted NYLS events in Atlanta. DeCosta was the 2021 BLSA honoree and has been a generous supporter of the BLSA Alumni Scholarship and the BLSA Association Leadership Fund.

KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL

Alexandra Ogunsanya '24

New York Law School honors Alexandra Ogunsanya '24 for her student leadership and dedication to using her NYLS education to advocate for the most vulnerable members of our society.



Alexandra Ogunsanya's law student leadership includes serving as Secretary and Academic Retention and Professional Development Co-Chair for the Black Law Students Association (BLSA), Student Editor in Chief for Family Law Quarterly (in collaboration with the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association), and Executive Editor for the Moot Court Association. She also participated in the yearlong Civil Rights and Disability Justice Clinic, where she engaged in impact litigation and legal and strategic policy advocacy to advance social justice.

While a student at New York Law School, Ogunsanya has worked as a legal intern for the Legal Aid Society, a research assistant for Professor

Britney Wilson, an intern to the Chair of the New York Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and a judicial intern to U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York Magistrate Judge James L. Cott. She is also a Fellow with the Wilf Impact Center for Public Interest Law.

Ogunsanya was selected for an Equal Justice Works Fellowship at the Legal Aid Society, where she will work with the Special Litigation Unit of their Criminal Defense Practice. She is the first New York Law School student selected for the Fellowship in many years and is slated to begin after graduation.

Prior to law school, Ogunsanya graduated from the University of New Mexico with a B.A. in communications.

PAST HONORARY DEGREE, PRESIDENT'S MEDAL, AND KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL RECIPIENTS

Honorary Degree Recipients

1955 to the Present

1955	The Honorable Charles William Froessel, 1913	1968	The Honora
	The Honorable John Marshall Harlan, 1924		Tom C. Clar
	Archibald Robinson Watson		David Finke
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- 1956 Denis O'Leary Cohalan Albert Cohn, 1908 Albert Conway
- 1957 Nathaniel L. Goldstein, 1918 Charles H. Griffiths, 1910 David W. Peck
- The Honorable Joseph A. Cox Hunter Labatut Delutour, 1906 James Thomas Hallinan II Gerald Nolan Ferdinand Pecora
- 1959 Bernard Botein Theodore Granik Philip M. Kleinfield, 1916 Edward J. Neary, 1915
- Charles Stewart Desmond 1960
- Robert Moses 1961
- Stanley Howells Fuld 1962 Sylvester Comstock Smith Jr., 1918 Murray Stockman, 1915
- Sydney E. Foster 1963
- George J. Beldock 1964 Hunter Labatut Delatour, 1906 Alfred Gross
- 1965 Marvin R. Dye Edwin L. Weisel The Honorable David T. Wilentz, 1917
- 1966 Daniel Gutman John Van Voorhis
- Alfred J. Bohlinger, 1924 1967 Leo M. Cherne '34 The Honorable W. Averell Harriman

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- Jerry Finkelstein '38 John-Seward Johnson John Vincent Thornton
- 1970 Adrian P. Burke Joseph I. Lubin '30 Joseph Edward Lumbard Jr. Samuel Miller, 1926
- 1971 Willard Heckel John E. Scileppi
- 1972 Maurice R. Greenberg '50 Samuel Rabin The Honorable Whitney North Seymour Jr.
- 1973 The Honorable Paul J. Curran Charles H. Dyson Harry B. Helmsley E. Donald Shapiro The Honorable Joseph Weintraub
- The Honorable Brendan T. Byrne Walter M. Jeffords Jr. Samuel J. LeFrak The Honorable Owen McGivern
- 1975 The Honorable Charles D. Breitel William J. Curran Gen. John Einar Murray The Honorable Peter W. Rodino Jr. Stefan Treschel The Honorable Robert F. Wagner, 1900 William Weary

- 1976 The Honorable Warren E. Burger Milton Helpern Mary Gardiner Jones Gen. Rowland F. Kirks Harry Ostrov, 1925 The Honorable Edward D. Re Joseph Solomon, 1927
- 1977 The Honorable Dennis DeConcini Elizabeth Hughes Gossett The Honorable Howard T. Markey The Honorable Daniel Patrick Moynihan Albert M. Sacks
- 1978 The Honorable Griffen B. Bell The Honorable Gerald R. Ford The Honorable Erwin N. Griswold The Honorable Damon J. Keith Rabbi Emmanuel Rackman
- 1979 The Honorable Benjamin R. Civiletti The Honorable Lawrence H. Cooke Barbara Knowles Debs Abraham S. Goldstein The Honorable Jacob K. Javits The Honorable Wade H. McCree Jr. The Honorable Francis T. Murphy '52 The Honorable Potter Stewart
- 1980 The Honorable Richard Reeve Baxter The Most Reverend Terence Cardinal Cooke The Honorable Richard N. Gardner A. Leo Levin The Honorable Lewis F. Powell Jr. Edward Allen Tamm
- 1981 Mario M. Biaggi '63 The Honorable William Frank Buckley Jr. The Honorable William Joseph Casey The Honorable Matthew Joseph Jasen The Honorable James Skelly Wright

- 1982 The Honorable Mary S. Coleman The Honorable Alfonse M. D'Amato Archbishop Jakovos Rex E. Lee The Honorable Shigeru Oda Thomas Grey Wicker
- 1983 The Honorable Harry A. Blackmun The Honorable Sherman G. Finesilver The Honorable Constance Baker Motley Albert Parker, 1921 The Honorable Lowell P. Weicker Jr.
- 1984 The Honorable Geraldine A. Ferraro The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Eugene V. Rostow Robert B. Stevens Otto L. Walter '54
- 1985 The Honorable Mario M. Cuomo Robert B. McKay Bill Moyers The Honorable Ellen Ash Peters Donna E. Shalala
- 1986 Barbara Aronstein Black The Honorable William Joseph Brennan Jr. The Honorable Edward I. Koch Myres Smith McDougal The Honorable Spottswood W. Robinson III
- 1987 Fred W. Friendly Ellen V. Futter The Honorable Thomas Howard Kean Frederick A.O. Schwarz Jr.
- 1988 Archibald R. Murray Ernst C. Stiefel The Honorable Patricia McGowan Wald
- 1989 J. William Campo The Honorable Roger J. Miner '56

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1990	Alvin J. Bronstein '51 Linda A. Fairstein	2004	The Honorable Alexis M. Herman Anthony Lewis	
	The Honorable Milton L. Williams '63	2005	The Honorable Bob Kerrey	
1991	The Honorable David N. Dinkins The Honorable John H. Sununu	2006	The Honorable Joel I. Klein	
	The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor James F. Simon	2007	David Boies	
		2008	Dennis W. Archer	
1993	Shepard Broad, 1927 Drew S. Days III	2009	Gregory H. Williams	
	The Honorable Judith S. Kaye	2010	The Honorable Jonathan Lippman	
1994	Bernard H. Mendik '58	2011	The Honorable Cory A. Booker	
1995	The Honorable José A. Cabranes	2012	Kenneth R. Feinberg	
		2013	The Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg	
1996	The Honorable Sidney H. Asch Boris Leavitt, 1926	2014	Steven Banks	
	The Honorable Jon O. Newman	2015	Joe Plumeri	
1997	The Honorable Harry T. Edwards	201)	Cyrus R. Vance Jr.	
	Dr. Raymond D. Horton	2016	The Honorable Robert A. Katzmann	
1998	Joseph T. Arenson	2017	Preet Bharara	
	Lawrence S. Huntington '64		Laura Ricciardi '96	
	Vernon E. Jordan Jr.	2018	The Honorable Stephen G. Breyer	
1999	The Honorable Guido Calabresi		Alex Dimitrief	
2000	Sybil Shainwald '76	2019	Nicholas Haysom	
	Harry H. Wellington The Honorable Ralph K. Winter	2020	No recipient due to the COVID-19 pandemic	
2001	Taylor R. Briggs (posthumously)	2021	Joan Fishman	
2001	Ira Glasser		The Honorable Letitia James	
	The Honorable Judith B. Sheindlin '65	2022	The Honorable Judith Sheindlin '65	
2002	The Honorable Pierre N. Leval The Honorable Charles E. Schumer	2023	The Honorable Kathy Hochul	

2003 The Honorable Jack B. Weinstein

President's Medal Recipients

2002 to the Present

Awarded to New York Law School's most outstanding and accomplished community members and its most generous benefactors, the President's Medal acknowledges those who have made profound contributions to the history of the Law School by their exemplary professional lives and their generosity.

2002

Awarded posthumously to

BERNARD H. MENDIK '58

Chair of the Board of Trustees. New York Law School

President, Bernard H. Mendik Company LLC Benefactor, The Mendik Law Library

2003

Awarded posthumously to

SHEPARD BROAD, 1927

Member of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School Founder, Broad and Cassel Benefactor, Shepard Broad Scholarship Fund Benefactor, The Shepard and Ruth K. Broad Student Center

2004

J. BRUCE LLEWELLYN '60

Former Member of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School

Chairman and CEO of Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Inc.

Founder of "100 Black Men"

2005

LAWRENCE S. HUNTINGTON '64

Former Chair of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School Chairman Emeritus of the Board. Fiduciary Trust Company International Generous Benefactor

2006

Awarded posthumously to

PHILIP M. DAMASHEK

Member of the Board of Trustees. New York Law School

Managing Partner, Schneider, Kleinick, Weitz, Damashek & Shoot

President, New York State Trial Lawyers Association (1990–91)

2007

SYBIL SHAINWALD '76

Member of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School President, Law Offices of Sybil Shainwald

2008

THE HONORABLE **ERNST H. ROSENBERGER '58**

Member of the Board of Trustees.

New York Law School Adjunct Professor of Law, New York Law School Of Counsel, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

2009

ZYGMUNT "ZYGI" WILF'74

Member of the Advisory Board, Center for Real Estate Studies, New York Law School Attorney, Wilf Law Firm President, Garden Homes Real Estate Developers Principal Owner, Minnesota Vikings Football Club, LLC

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL RECIPIENTS (continued)

2002 to the Present

2011

HARRY H. WELLINGTON

Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus, New York Law School

2012

Awarded posthumously to

THE HONORABLE ROGER J. MINER'56

Senior U.S. Circuit Judge

Trustee Emeritus and Former Adjunct Professor of Law, New York Law School

JAMES F. SIMON

Martin Professor of Law Emeritus and Dean Emeritus, New York Law School

2013

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2019

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Diplomat, Law Professor, and Immigration Policy Advisor

2021

JOAN FISHMAN

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2022

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Associate Vice Provost for Public Innovation; Executive Director, Centers for Civic Impact,

Johns Hopkins University

2023

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SALLY HARDING

Dean of Students, Emerita, New York Law School

KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL RECIPIENTS

2015 to the Present

The Trustees of New York Law School established the Kathleen Grimm Medal for Distinguished Public Service on February 11, 2015 to honor Kathleen Grimm '80 for her inspiring leadership, her distinguished and dedicated service to the School, and her outstanding accomplishments in the fields of law and education. Ms. Grimm, who passed away on February 17, 2015, had a long public service record, most recently as Deputy Chancellor of Operations at the New York City Department of Education. She was one of New York City's most dedicated servants, having served five city mayors, one state comptroller, seven city commissioners, and four city schools chancellors. She also served as a member of New York Law School's Board of Trustees and on its Alumni Association Board of Directors for over two decades, including as Past President.

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Judge, New York State Court of Claims Senior Counsel, World Bank

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New York County 2022

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Police Department

2018

DOUGLAS ZEIGLER'81 Executive Agency Counsel

New York City Department of Correction

In Memoriam

SALLY HARDING, DEAN OF STUDENTS, EMERITA



New York Law School deeply mourns the profound loss of our beloved friend and colleague, Sally Harding, Dean of Students, Emerita, who passed away on February 25, 2024, from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, commonly known as ALS, which she was diagnosed with in December 2021.

Sally will be forever remembered for her unmatched impact on countless students, and for creating the welcoming and supportive community that makes NYLS unique. Her dedication and courage must always serve as an inspiration to our community. Sally served NYLS with distinction for 32 years, retiring in 2023 as Dean of Students. She served her entire time in the Office of Student Life, where she devoted

all of her energy and efforts towards the success and well-being of the School's extraordinarily diverse student body. She held every position in the Office of Student Life, beginning as Administrative Assistant and rising all the way to lead the Office in 2016.

Sally provided a support system to countless students, acting as a shoulder to lean on, a confidant, a mental health counselor, and an indispensable advisor on how to succeed academically and professionally. She was largely responsible for creating the warm, welcoming, and inclusive community that many students point to as their reason for attending NYLS, and what they appreciate most from their time on campus. In recognition of her dedication to the students, many student organizations honored her over the years, including the Black Law Students Association, the Latino Law Students Association, the Student Bar Association, and the Public Interest Coalition.

Throughout her tenure as an administrative leader, Sally also served as an essential sounding board, advisor, and partner to all her colleagues. After her diagnosis, she continued to tirelessly champion students during one of the most challenging times in the School's history during the COVID-19 pandemic. She was a cherished friend to countless alumni, administrators, and faculty. She was kind, authentic, and a genuinely good person in every way.

In recognition of her extraordinary service, we bestowed upon her the President's Medal, the Law School's highest honor, at our 2023 Commencement last May. Sally's daughter Katie accepted the award on her mother's behalf while Sally watched via livestream.

Sally is survived by her loving family, including her spouse Thomas FitzMaurice, and their two children Katie and William. Like Sally, they will always be part of the NYLS family.

ABOUT NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

We are New York's Law School

FOUNDING

New York Law School was established in 1891 by Columbia College School of Law faculty, students, and alumni who were protesting their trustees' attempts to dictate the teaching methods used by professors. The central figure in the revolt against Columbia and the subsequent creation of New York Law School was Columbia Law School's founder, Theodore Dwight, a major figure in the history of American legal scholarship and education.

THE EARLY YEARS

Almost immediately, New York Law School attained a formidable reputation due to the excellence of its students and

Dedicated to providing diverse routes to achievement through innovation in scholarship, service, and professional training, in 1894, the School's founders created one of the nation's first evening divisions to provide a flexible alternative to full-time legal education for those in the workforce or with family obligations. The Evening Division also allowed students to build upon previously established successful careers or to begin a second career.

Among the School's early lecturers were Woodrow Wilson and Charles Evans Hughes. The first class included James W. Gerard, who went on to serve as Ambassador to Germany during World War I, and Bainbridge Colby, who became Secretary of State under President Wilson. Other early graduates included Robert F. Wagner, a future U.S. senator from New York and a leader in developing national labor policy, and two Pulitzer Prize winners: Wallace Stevens (poetry) and Elmer Rice (drama). Another prominent alumnus from the pre-World War I era was the Honorable James S. Watson, a distinguished judge and an important member of New York's African American community. The judge's daughter, Barbara Watson, also attended New York Law School and was the first woman to attain the rank of Assistant Secretary of State of the United States

Many of those attending around the turn of the 20th century became founders or name partners of leading law firms, including Alfred Rose of Proskauer, Rose, Goetz & Mendelsohn; Randolph E. Paul of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison; Henry Hurlbut Abbott and William C. Breed of Breed, Abbott & Morgan; Edwin Sunderland of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Sunderland & Kiendel; William Parke of Chadbourne & Parke LLP; Alfred Mudge of Mudge, Rose, Guthrie & Alexander; Jacob Scholer of Kaye Scholer LLP; and Albert Milbank and Walter Hope of Milbank, Tweed, Hope & Hadley.

Classes of the 1920s, and 1930s produced graduates who would play leading roles in the profession. Among the most notable was U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan II. Other prominent graduates included Albert Parker, a founding partner of Parker, Chapin, Flattau & Klimpl; Cameron F. MacRae, a former Chair of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae; Conover English, a founding partner of McCarter & English; David Wilentz, a founding partner of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer; Chester Carlson, who invented the xerography process leading to the founding of Xerox Corporation; and the Honorable Emilio Nuñez, the first Latino to be named to the bench in New York State.

New York Law School closed for one year during World War I, interrupting a steady expansion that lasted until the mid-1920s. While the situation improved by the late 1930s, the draft in 1940 dealt the institution another blow, and the School was forced to close in 1941 for the duration of World War II.

POST-WAR REBUILDING

In 1947, New York Law School reopened and began to rebuild. A major impetus came from graduates who formed a committee spearheaded by New York State Supreme Court Justice Albert Cohn. The new program was small, but the School made significant strides and gained provisional accreditation from the American Bar Association in 1954, and final accreditation 10 years later.

Steady growth marked the next few decades. With the appointment of E. Donald Shapiro as Dean in the early 1970s, the School joined the Association of American Law Schools, and the trustees authorized an increase in the size of the full-time faculty. Admissions requirements were raised, and enrollment grew. As facilities expanded, an endowment fund was established. In 1975, the School received its first endowed professorship, the Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professorship of Law.

Many graduates who were students during these years achieved prominence in the bar, the judiciary, government, and business. They include the late Honorable Roger J. Miner, Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; the late Bernard Mendik, former Chair of the Real Estate Board of New York and former CEO of Mendik Properties; and the late Kathleen Grimm, Deputy Chancellor of Operations, New York City Department of Education. Other prominent alumni from that period include Maurice Greenberg, former Chair and CEO of American International Group (AIG) and current Chair and CEO of C.V. Starr and Co. Inc.; Arthur N. Abbey, Senior Partner at Abbey Spanier, LLP and current Chair of the School's Board of Trustees; Lawrence S. Huntington, former Chair and CEO of Fiduciary Trust International and former Chair of the School's Board of Trustees; the Honorable Judith Sheindlin, known as "Judge Judy," New York family court judge, author, and TV personality; Zygmunt "Zygi" Wilf, principal owner of the Minnesota Vikings of the NFL and member of the School's Board of Trustees; and Kenneth D. Werner, President of Warner Brothers Domestic Television Distribution

RECENT LEADERSHIP AND GROWTH

Dramatic growth and revitalization continued under the leadership of James F. Simon, Dean from 1983 until 1992. A series of major facility renovations was begun, highlighted by the opening of the Mendik Library in 1990 and the construction of the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. During Dean Simon's tenure, the Rita and Joseph Solomon Professorship of Wills, Trusts, and Estates was added, and the School introduced the innovative Lawyering Skills Program into the

In 1992, Harry H. Wellington, Sterling Professor of Law Emeritus and former Dean of Yale Law School, became the 14th Dean and President of New York Law School. Under Dean Wellington's leadership, a strategic plan was implemented to position New York Law School as a vital urban law center with an academic program that integrates the strategic and ethical perspectives of the practicing attorney. During Dean Wellington's tenure, the Ernst C. Stiefel Professorship of Comparative Law was created and the School's Centers for International Law and New York City Law were established.

Richard A. Matasar was named the 15th Dean and President of New York Law School in 2000, serving until December 2011. Under Dean Matasar's leadership, the School expanded its Academic Centers and increased its graduate offerings. During his tenure, the School completed an expansion and renovation program that transformed its Tribeca campus into a cohesive architectural complex. The centerpiece of the expansion is a glass-enclosed, 235,000-square-foot, nine-level building—five stories above ground and four below—which opened in 2009.

"NEW YORK'S LAW SCHOOL" AND THE FUTURE

In spring 2012, New York Law School, continuing its tradition of bold and innovative leadership, named Anthony W. Crowell, former Counselor to New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, the School's 16th Dean and President. He joined the School in May 2012, after having been a member of the adjunct faculty for nearly a decade. Under Dean Crowell, the School has maximized its strengths, developed new ones, and continued to gain recognition as a leader in legal education. In his early months, he aggressively restructured leadership in key areas of the School and launched a strategic planning process that addressed areas of strategic priority, including fostering academic excellence and innovation; supporting the career success of students and alumni; creating a vibrant intellectual community that supports research and scholarship; strengthening engagement among students, alumni, faculty, and other constituents; and driving operational efficiencies and institution-building.

To strengthen the School's connection to New York City, Dean Crowell introduced the "We are New York's law school" campaign, which has now become the School's motto. In keeping with that motto, Dean Crowell established a Public Service Scholarship Program for uniformed services personnel and other dedicated public servants working in New York City at the local, state, and federal levels. The scholarship celebrates the School's rich history of enrolling students coming from these professional areas to advance their careers and be the most effective leaders in the city and beyond.

In fall 2012, New York Law School was the first law school to announce an initiative to identify and create new experiential learning opportunities for students that would help provide the community with access to justice and help students satisfy the 50-hour pro bono requirement for admission to the bar. Dean Crowell worked with the School's faculty to expand its experiential and clinical learning programs, thereby encouraging all students to connect their classroom learning to practical legal training. In spring 2013, the School announced a historic expansion of clinical and experiential learning programs, doubling the number of clinics from 13 to 26 in one year. Dean Crowell also initiated the Dean's Leadership Council: 1L students who perform in the top 25 percent of their class are invited to take part in a special series of dialogues with the Dean and top city leaders in law, business, and government.

In July 2013, the School issued a provocative and groundbreaking Strategic Plan, which garnered national attention. As outlined in the Plan, the School is focused on the high-growth fields of tomorrow: business and financial services; intellectual property, media, and technology; and government and public interest law. During the Plan's fiveyear implementation period, New York Law School reported annually on progress made towards its goals.

During the 2013-14 academic year, the School added the Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program. During the 2014-15 academic year, the School announced the formation of the Impact Center for Public Interest Law, which brought all of its important public interest work under one umbrella. The Center expanded its' public interest work and established the Wilf Impact Scholars Program through a five-million dollar gift from Zygmunt "Zygi" Wilf and the Wilf Family Foundations to become the Wilf Impact Center for Public Interest Law in 2021.

In February 2015, the School issued its Institutional Diversity Plan, a bold statement of principles and goals, and an ambitious course of action, to maintain diversity and inclusion as essential components of the School's operations.

In August 2015, the School kicked off its 125th Anniversary celebration, highlighting its rich legacy of alumni who have contributed to the New York City legal community and beyond across a wide range of subject areas. The same month, the School launched the Innovation Center for Law and Technology, which focuses on the innovation economy and the growth of media, science, and technology in the digital age.

ABOUT NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL (continued)

In November 2015, the School received a five-million dollar gift from Joe and Susan Plumeri through The Joe Plumeri Foundation. The gift supports the School's nationally recognized practical training programs by establishing The Joe Plumeri Center for Social Justice and Economic Opportunity. The Plumeri Center is home to the School's law firm, which provides free, high-quality legal services to a diverse client base from all of New York City. The Plumeri Center also houses the School's legal clinics that serve clients, provides the space for extensive simulation training in both the first-year Legal Practice program and upper-level courses, and includes a moot court room with an accompanying jury deliberation room.

These and other initiatives have earned New York Law School great visibility. During the 2016-17 year, The National Law Journal recognized the School as among the top 50 law schools nationally for most alumni promoted to law firm partnerships, and Law Street Media ranked the Law School second nationally for "Top Schools for Real Estate Law." In the 2018-19 year, the School earned recognition for its diversity efforts from the Council on Legal Education Opportunity. During 2020 and 2021, the School was named a top law school nationally in numerous specialty categories by preLaw magazine, including in government and public policy, racial justice, intellectual property, and business law. In 2022, New York Law School's LL.M. in Taxation was ranked No. 1 by the New York legal community for the 13th consecutive year.

In 2020, the School issued its bold new five-year Strategic Plan. Titled Ever Upward, the Plan builds on the successes of the 2013 Plan and sets forth bold initiatives in the areas of academic excellence and innovation; diversity, equity, and inclusion; career success; intellectual life; community engagement; and strength in operations. Shortly after the new Plan was published, New York City was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. New York Law School swiftly transitioned to a virtual educational program for the first time in its 130-year history, guided by the priorities and values outlined in the Plan. In the wake of the pandemic and the national reckoning on racial injustice, the School has further reframed the Plan to support the recovery of the city, state, and nation.

During the 2020-21 year, the School undertook a climate assessment by an external diversity, equity, and inclusion consultant. The School received positive feedback from the community and recommendations reinforced the importance of strong recruitment programs, expanding need-based scholarships, fostering participation and leadership of students of color, and programs on anti-racism and the history of race and racism in the development of American law and policy. The recommendations will be incorporated into the School's updated Institutional Diversity Plan.

In spring 2021, recognizing the growing demand for in-house counsel roles as well as their importance in helping with businesses' pandemic recovery, the School launched the James Tricarico Jr. Institute for the Business of Law and In-House Counsel—made possible by a generous lead gift from alumnus James A. Tricarico Jr. The Tricarico Institute provides best-inclass business, legal, and technology skills training to current and aspiring in-house counsel and works to advance greater diversity in these roles. The School also launched the Ronald H. Filler Institute for Financial Services-named in honor of Professor Emeritus Ronald H. Filler—to provide cutting-edge financial services educational programming, CLE panels, and forums, as well as opportunities for students to gain the critical lawyering skills needed to navigate the regulatory complexities of a post-pandemic financial landscape.

In January 2022, Judge Judy Sheindlin announced a fivemillion dollar gift to the School that created substantial, new opportunities for women to attend New York Law School and become leaders in the legal profession through the Judge Judy Sheindlin Honors Scholars Program, which provides 10 full scholarships to women annually. It also formalizes an enduring partnership with Her Honor Mentoring, one of the region's most prominent mentoring programs for young women founded and developed by Judge Sheindlin and her daughter Nicole Sheindlin in 2006.

In spring 2022, New York Law School also introduced NYLS Pro, a modern take on its 128-year-old Evening Division aimed at meeting the evolving needs of 21st century working professionals committed to transforming their careers. NYLS Pro leverages remote platforms and modern scheduling for inperson classes to make the program more accessible, flexible, and affordable

In 2023, New York Law School announced a historic ten million dollar gift from Arthur Abbey'59 and Diane Abbey. As lifelong champions of the Law School, NYLS's main academic building has been named "Abbey Hall" in their honor. This generous endowed gift, one of the largest donations in the Law School's history, deepens the Abbeys' exceptional legacy of support by funding a multitude of initiatives and school activities, including scholarships, academic and bar success, and diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as expanding programs that seek to increase access to justice and support the most vulnerable in our communities.

The School continues to embrace innovative solutions to offer students a rigorous, world-class legal education and provide unmatched opportunities to gain valuable practical experience in order to build the foundation for meaningful and successful careers that help them make a difference in their communities, the nation, and the world.

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