CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2017!

Please join the Office of Student Affairs for a reception at the Law School immediately following the awards ceremony.

Family and friends are welcome.
2017 GRADUATES CELEBRATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Welcoming Remarks .................................................................................................................. Hon. A. Gail Prudenti

Remarks by the Student Bar Association President .................................................................. Dominic DeLorantis ’17

Presentation of Awards .............................................................................................................. Prof. Juliana Campagna

• HERMAN HILLMAN REAL ESTATE AWARD
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Housing or Real Estate Law

• PROPERTY LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Property Law

• BENJAMIN WEINTRAUB AND ALAN N. RESNICK BANKRUPTCY LAW AWARD
  Awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in and a
desire to make future professional contributions to the field of Bankruptcy Law

• BANKRUPTCY LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Bankruptcy Law

• CORPORATE AND SECURITIES LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student seeking to pursue a career in public service

• COMMERCIAL LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Corporate and Securities Law

• FAMILY LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student in the area of Family Law

• STEPHANIE E. KUPFERMAN JUVENILE JUSTICE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
  Awarded to a graduating student who has exhibited a commitment to protecting the rights of children
  and the pursuit of juvenile justice

• HEALTH LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Health Law

• INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Intellectual Property Law

• ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Environmental and Natural Resources Law

• PROCEDURAL LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Procedural Law

• CLINICAL COURSES
  Awarded to graduating students for excellence in clinical coursework

• CLINICAL PROSECUTION PRACTICUM COURSE AWARD
  Awarded to graduating student for excellence in work in the Clinical Prosecution Practicum course

Remarks by the Teacher of the Year ................................................................................................ Professor J. Herbie DiFonzo

Presentation of Awards .............................................................................................................. Prof. Barbara Barron

• ADVOCACY/LITIGATION COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Advocacy and Litigation

• JUDGE EDWARD HART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN TRIAL ADVOCACY
  Awarded by Rivkin Radler LLP to a graduating student who has shown outstanding talent in the area of
trial performance

• DEBORAH SLOVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN TRIAL AND APPELLATE ADVOCACY
  Awarded to a graduating student who has exhibited excellence in trial and appellate advocacy courses

• RUSSKIN MOSCO EALTISCHER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING APPELLATE ADVOCACY
  Awarded to the student or students who demonstrate outstanding achievement in appellate advocacy

• NEW YORK CITY TRIAL LAWYERS ALLIANCE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TRIAL ADVOCACY
  Awarded by the NYCTLA to a graduating student who has shown outstanding achievement in trial advocacy

• CRIMINAL LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Criminal Law

• LEON STERN CRIMINAL COURTS BAR ASSOCIATION OF NASSAU COUNTY AWARD
  Awarded to a graduating student who has exhibited a commitment to excellence in the practice of Criminal Law

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• ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Alternative Dispute Resolution

• TORT LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Tort Law

• CONSTITUTIONAL LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Constitutional Law

• LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Labor and Employment Law

• MARVIN GUTTER AWARD IN TAX LAW
  Awarded to a graduating student who has excelled in classes related to Tax Law and who plans to pursue a
career in the field of Tax Law

• TAX LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Tax Law

• INTERNATIONAL LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of International Law

• GOVERNMENT LAW COURSES
  Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the study of Government Law

• HOFSTRA LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW JOURNAL ALUMNI WRITING AWARD
  Awarded to a graduating student whose Labor and Employment Law Journal note is deemed the best by
a faculty committee and the managing editors of the Labor and Employment Law Journal

• HOFSTRA LAW REVIEW ALUMNI WRITING AWARD
  Awarded to a graduating student whose Law Review note is deemed the best by a faculty committee and
the managing editors of the Law Review

Remarks by the Elected Class Speaker ....................................................................................... Timothy Marsh ’17

Presentation of Awards .............................................................................................................. Prof. Linda Galler

• PUBLIC SERVICE CERTIFICATES
  Awarded to graduating students who have devoted considerable time to public service during their years
at the Law School

• PRO BONO LEADERSHIP AWARD
  Awarded to a graduating student who has excelled in serving one or more of the Law School’s
student-run pro bono organizations in a leadership capacity

• PRO BONO SERVICE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
  Awarded to a graduating student who has excelled in dedication to and time spent performing pro bono
service through the Law School’s student-run organizations and/or outside activities

• THE HONORABLE DAVID A. PATERNON GRADUATION AWARD IN PUBLIC SERVICE
  Awarded to a graduating student seeking to pursue a career in public service

• WILLIAM ERIC GOLDBERG ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
  Awarded to a graduating student who, in the opinion of the faculty, has provided significant support
and leadership in improving the quality of life and educational experience of others

• GINA MARIA ESCARCE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
  Awarded to a graduating student who, in the opinion of the faculty, has contributed the most to his
or her classmates’ learning and understanding of difficult legal concepts through his or her questions
in class and participation in class discussions

• THREE-YEAR SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
  Awarded to the graduating student with the highest grade-point average in the third year of study

• OUTSTANDING LAW STUDENT AWARD
  Awarded to a graduating student who, in his or her years at the Law School, has shown a
combination of those qualities and abilities that are the ideals of the legal profession

• DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL AWARD
  Awarded to a graduating student who, in a variety of academic and non-academic undertakings, has
contributed to the progress and welfare of the Law School

• MAURICE A. DEANE AWARD
  Awarded to the graduating student with the highest cumulative grade-point average in his or her
graduating class

Remarks by the Dean of the School .............................................................................................. Professor Barbara Romanoff
PUBLIC SERVICE CERTIFICATES

Bronze
Erika Aleman
Emmanuel Charles
Jessica Greenvald
Sean Hanssler
Kenneth Holmes
Adem Ilker
Lindsay Korn
Anthony Larson
Katrina Lentino
Cheresa Myers
Otto Ng
Nadia Rahman
Richard Roberts
Daniel Stern
Raymond Ude
Kaneyasu Yoseda
Alexia Campoverde
Amanda Cannon
Stephen Carlin
Daniel Carrascal
Andrea Carter
Christopher Cash
Richard Catalano
Cameron Catrambone
Wendy Chavez
Jing Jing Chen
Neelam Chhikara
Robert Costante
Javier Cruz-Perez
Jessica Denninger
Cathy-Lee Ellison
Jessie Farrell
Dean Ferdenzi
Jesse Fishman
Crystal Gayle
Evaggelia Giannopolous
Matthew Goodison-Orr
Jennifer Goodwin
Fatima Guillen-Walsh
Elyssa Gullo
Nanci Hamilton
Victoria Han
Michael Hassard
Ashtyn Hemendinger
David Henig
Izabela Jargilo
Alexa Joyce
Christen Kalkanis
Tara Kumar
Nina LaMonica
Anastasia Latos
Brittany Lercara
Tyler Levenson
Joanna Lima
Briana Longo
Barbara Lucas
Gabrielle Maas
Michelle Malone
Melissa Maria
Timothy Marsh
Saimah Masood
Naraine Mead
Scott Migden
Robert Miles
Nicholas Moneta
Lizbeth Morales
Mishal Pahrand
Samantha Paulraj
Victoria Peluso
Sarah Piscatelli
Apostolos Plokamakis
Madeline Rasmussen
Thea Reid
Mariella Reyzis
Angela Ruffini
Raven Rutledge
Chanya Sainvilus
Marlene Sanchez
Michael Schechner
Kayla Schunk
Iqra Shah
Muhammed Sheikh
Cynthia Shivamber
Kristopher Taylor
Aman Tekbali
Stacie Ulberg
Priyanka Verma
Nicole Vota
Danielle Waldeis
Edward Warnke
Andrew Weiss
Naadiya Yasin

Silver
Joseph Celeste
Dominic Delorantis
Daniel Galan
Aviel Horowitz
Christine Isaacs
James Leung
Ariana Politis
Gabrielle Sfera
Adam Solomon
Haley Trust
Christopher Wing

Gold
Tauseef Ahmed
Patrick Argento
Jaime Aronoff
Gregory Balkam
Kourtney Bernard-Rance
Annette Bevans
Samantha Blecher
Stephen Boniberger
Lauren Brangman
Sean Brucker
Jennifer Calamia

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Saimah Masood
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Keith Dominguez

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Steven Mare

FAMILY LAW COURSES
Samantha Blecher

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COURSES
Danielle Cohen
Ronald O’Leary

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL
RESOURCES LAW COURSES
Tyler Levenson

PROCEDURAL LAW COURSES
Richard Roberts

CLINICAL COURSES
Ashlyn Hemendinger, Community & Economic Development
Tara Kumar, Criminal Justice
Jennifer Calamia, Law Reform Advocacy
Mishal Pahrand, Political Asylum
Nanci Hamilton, Youth Advocacy

CLINICAL PROSECUTION
PRACTICUM COURSE AWARD
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Andrew Weiss

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Jesse Fishman

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Richard Catalano

TORT LAW COURSES
David Craven

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Milan Reyngach

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