**Special Recognition Awards**

**Chief Judge Edward D. Re Commencement Award**

Established in honor and memory of Chief Judge Edward D. Re, an honor graduate of the class of 1943, who was Chief Judge Emeritus of the U.S. Court of International Trade and served as a professor at St. John’s University School of Law. Awarded to the students in the graduating class who are selected by the Dean based on outstanding scholarship and service.

**Patrick McKelvey**

**Matthew Oster**

**Kymberley Walcott-Aggrey**

**Daniel A. Furlong Award**

Awarded to students in the graduating class who, in the opinion of the Dean, have rendered outstanding service and leadership to the Law School community.

**Kiaya Rose Dilsner-Lopez**  
**Michael Fields**

**National Association of Women Lawyers Award**

Awarded to an outstanding law graduate of each American Bar Association approved law school who shows promise to contribute to the advancement of women in society.

**Faith Banjoko**

**Academic Excellence Awards**

**Joseph Kerzner Prize**

Established through a generous endowment from Joseph Kerzner and awarded to the student in the graduating class who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average.

**Sarah Umstadt**

**Esterina Giuliani Award**

Established by Esterina Giuliani ’06 and awarded to the student in the part-time division who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average.  
  
**Griffin Laine**

**American Bankruptcy Institute Medal for Excellence in Bankruptcy Studies**

Awarded to the J.D. and LL.M. students in the graduating class who have demonstrated excellence in the study of Bankruptcy Law.

**Salvatore Salerno (J.D.)**  
**Shawn Hutchison (LL.M.)**

**Justice Harold Birns Award**

Established by Renee Birns in memory of her husband, Justice Harold Birns, an honor graduate of the class of 1937, and awarded to the student in the graduating class who has published the best note in a student journal.

**Carson Sugg**

**Beatrice Levine Awards**

Established by Beatrice Levine in memory of Abraham, Gussie, and Max Levine and awarded to students who achieve the highest grades in Property; Drafting: Real Estate Transactions; and Condominiums, Cooperatives & Homeowner Associations, respectively.

**Jack Bilbrough (Property)**

**Judah Kalker (Property)**

**Gabrielle Sferra (Property)**

**Vivian Zetterstrom (Property)**

**Joseph Raimondi (Drafting: Real Estate Transactions)**

**Andrew Braverman (Condos, Coops, and Homeowners Assoc.)**

**Zachary Rozycki (Condos, Coops, and Homeowners Assoc.)**

**Cornelius W. Wickersham, Jr. Award**

Established by the Federal Bar Council and awarded to the student in the graduating class who achieves the highest grade in Constitutional Law.

**Tyler Aldrich**

**Dean Mary C. Daly Memorial Award**

Established by alumni and friends in memory of Dean Mary C. Daly, former Dean and John V. Brennan Professor of Law and Ethics (2004– 2008) and awarded to the student in the graduating class who has achieved the highest grade in Professional Responsibility.

**Maria Budis**

**Hannah Marose**

**Sarah Umstadt**

**Michele G. Falkow Excellence in Legal Writing Award**

Established in memory of Michele G. Falkow, a former School of Law Assistant Professor of Legal Writing and is awarded each year to the first year J.D. student who submits the best brief in the Legal Writing II course. The student is recognized again at Graduation.

**Emily Trumble**

**International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award**

Awarded to the student in the graduating class who achieves the highest grade in Evidence.

**Sarah Heintz**

**Joseph Raimondi**

**Emily Ruchalski**

**Justice David T. Gibbons Award**

Established by the Bar Association of Nassau County, New York and members of the Gibbons family in memory of the late Justice David T. Gibbons, a member of the class of 1949, and awarded to the student in the part-time division who has achieved the highest grade in Evidence.

**Alexander Niyazov**

**Justice Louis Wallach Memorial Award**

Established by friends and family of the late Justice Louis Wallach, a graduate of the class of 1946, and awarded to the student in the graduating class who achieves the highest grade in New York Practice.

**Sidney Balaban (New York Civil Litigation Practice)**

**Marianna Sheedy (New York Civil Litigation Practice)**

**Adam Wiener (New York Civil Practice: Jurisdiction & Pleading)**

**Morton Wasserman Award**

Established by Frances Wasserman in memory of her husband, Morton Wasserman, and awarded to the student in the graduating class who achieves the highest grade in Introduction to Intellectual Property.

**James Clark**

**Ned D. Frank Award**

Established by Justice and Mrs. Harry B. Frank to perpetuate the memory of their son, Ned D. Frank, a member of the class of 1960, and awarded to the student in the graduating class who achieves the highest grade in Criminal Law.

**Sarah Heintz**

**Rita Giannone Memorial Award**

Established by friends and family in memory of Rita Giannone, a member of the class of 1981, and awarded to the student in the part- time division of the graduating class who has achieved the highest grade in Constitutional Law.

**Jia Liu**

**Alexander Niyazov**

**Timothy J. Meehan Memorial Award**

Established by the family and friends of the late Timothy J. Meehan, a member of the class of 1974, and awarded to the student in the graduating class who achieves the highest grade in Real Estate Transactions.

**Benjamin Bouwer**

**Samia Shell**

**The Wann Family Foundation Award**

Established by Robert Wann, Jr. ʼ07 and awarded to the students in the graduating class who achieve the highest grade in each of the following courses: Business Planning, Consumer Protection, Corporate Finance, and Securities Regulation.

**Cecile McIntosh (Business Planning)**  
**Annalise Cruz (Consumer Protection)**  
**Faith Banjoko (Corporate Finance)**  
**Maria Budis (Corporate Finance)**  
**Cori Gabaldon (Corporate Finance)**

**Hannah Marose (Corporate Finance)**

**Christopher St. Jeanos (Corporate Finance)**

**Laurel Wanger (Corporate Finance)**

**Adam Wiener (Corporate Finance)**  
**Ekok Soubir (Securities Regulation)**

**Appellate and Trial Advocacy Excellence Awards**

**Center for Trial and Appellate Advocacy Award for Excellence in Mock Trial**

Awarded to the graduating member of the Polestino Trial Advocacy Institute who best demonstrated talent in the art and science of trial advocacy through external competitions.  
  
**Emily Trumble**

**Center for Trial and Appellate Advocacy Award for Excellence in Moot Court**

Awarded to the graduating member of the Moot Court Honor Society who best demonstrated talent in the art and science of appellate advocacy through external competitions.

**Ashton Bryan**

**Justice Albert H. Bosch Award**

Established by Justice Albert H. Bosch, a graduate of the class of 1933, and awarded to the students in the graduating class who have demonstrated excellence in the area of appellate advocacy and trial advocacy.

**Takunda Muziwi (Appellate Advocacy)**  
**Krista Apostle (Trial Advocacy)**

**New York City Trial Lawyers Alliance Trial Advocacy Award**

Awarded to the student in the graduating class who has shown excellence in civil trial advocacy.

**Matthew Oster**

**Tyler Ramaker Memorial Award**

Established by the family and friends of the late Tyler Ramaker, a member of the Moot Court Honor Society, and awarded to the graduating Moot Court student who demonstrates outstanding service, leadership through action, dedication, and cooperative teamwork.

**Brigid Lynn**

**Public Interest Awards**

**Dianne Marie Arrue Memorial Award**

Established by the classmates of the late Dianne Marie Arrue, a student committed to public interest work and service, and awarded to a graduate who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to public interest work, including dedication to and leadership of the Public Interest Law Student Association.

**Natalie Mishkin**

**School of Law Alumni Association Pro Bono Award**

Established by the School of Law Alumni Association and awarded to a student in the graduating class with exceptional pro bono service.

**Timothy Zurcher**

**Public Service Award**

Awarded to the students who, in furtherance of the goal that members of the legal profession and those aspiring to enter the legal profession have a special professional responsibility to assist in providing quality legal services to those who cannot afford them, successfully completed at least 500 hours of pro bono work prior to graduation.

Esteban Angeles

Regina Avrutis

Katherine Bessey

Amanda Blott

Lana Boiko-Kasyanchuk

Zachary Bosak

Rachel Collins

Mairead Cooney

Annalise Cruz

Anthony Curry

Sandra Deng

Myah Drouin

Seth Goldstein

Peter Grabowski

Allison Guerra

Mariagrazia Ientile

Mary Johnson

Nicole Katselianos

Aliyah Khan

Alex Machon

Hannah Marose

Natalie Mishkin

Matthew Oster

Yuna Park

Alexa Parrella

Camille Perbost

George Pollack

Abigail Rafael

Arthur Rohman

Odalmy Ruiz

Marianna Sheedy

Alex Snow

Mathews Thankachan

Jaden Thornton

Alexander Tomaro

Stephanie Ulan

Ligner Vazquez

Samantha Velez

Juliana Ventresca

Timothy Zurcher

**Excellence in Experiential Education Awards**

**St. Vincent de Paul Clinic Awards**

Awarded to the students who made the most outstanding overall contribution to each of the following clinics: Bankruptcy Advocacy Clinic; Child Advocacy Clinic; Consumer Justice for the Elderly: Litigation Clinic; Criminal Defense & Advocacy Clinic; Domestic Violence Litigation Clinic; Economic Justice Clinic; Prosecution Clinic; Refugee and Immigrant Rights Litigation Clinic; Securities Arbitration Clinic; and Tenants' Rights Advocacy Clinic.

**Regina Avrutis (Bankruptcy Advocacy Clinic)**  
**Sarah Heintz (Child Advocacy Clinic)**  
**Jaclyn Chin (Consumer Justice for the Elderly: Litigation Clinic)**  
**Emily Trumble (Criminal Defense and Advocacy Clinic)**  
**Rachel Collins (Domestic Violence Clinic)**  
**Lana Boiko-Kasyanchuk (Economic Justice Clinic)**  
**Cole Eiber (Prosecution Clinic)**  
**Timothy Zurcher (Refugee and Immigrant Rights Litigation Clinic)**  
**Elizabeth Allhusen (Securities Arbitration Clinic)**  
**James Clark (Tenants’ Rights Advocacy Clinic)**

**CLEA Outstanding Externship Student Award**

Awarded to the student who has shown excellence in the field work component of the externship course determined by the quality of the student’s performance in assisting or representing individual or organizational clients or in undertaking advocacy or policy reform projects; excellence in the seminar component of the externship determined by the quality of the student’s thoughtfulness and self- reflection in exploring the legal, ethical, strategic, and other pertinent issues raised in the particular clinic or externship; and the nature and extent of the student’s contribution to the clinical community at the law school, legal community, or broader community.

**Marianna Sheedy**

**LL.M. Achievement Awards**

**Outstanding Academic Achievement Award - LL.M. Programs**

Awarded to the students in the graduating class who achieve the highest grade point average in each of the Master’s Degree programs.

**Shawn Hutchison (Bankruptcy)**  
**Maike Lara Espinal (Transnational Legal Practice)**  
**Ana-Maria Dascalu (U.S. Legal Studies)**

**Monika Kozakiewicz (U.S. Legal Studies)**

**Applied Legal Skills Award**

Awarded to the LL.M. student who has demonstrated excellence in applied legal skills.

**Maike Lara Espinal**

**Excellence in Legal Writing Award**

Awarded to the student who has demonstrated superior academic performance in two sections of Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing.

**Maike Lara Espinal**

**Excellence in Transnational Legal Practice**

Awarded to the LL.M. student in Transnational Legal Practice who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement over two semesters in required Transnational Legal Practice courses.

**Maike Lara Espinal**

**Global Leadership Award**

Awarded to LL.M. students from either the USLS or TLP Program who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and citizenship within the St. John’s Law Community.

**Kevin Cabral (Transnational Legal Practice)**  
**Solene Bedier (Transnational Legal Practice)**  
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Myah Drouin

Karissa Dymond

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Allison Guerra

Suzanne Hom

Judah Kalker

Nicole Katselianos

Julian Klein

Rachele Lena

Julia Liebman

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Nicholas Mattone

Margaret McAvoy

Gabrielle Mompalao

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Zachary Rozycki

Emily Ruchalski

Salvatore Salerno

Nicholas Scambia

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