



School of Law

# Convocation

May 16, 2015



# School of Law Convocation Program

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<b>Music</b>	George Mason University Jazz Ensemble
<b>Academic Procession*</b>	Graduates
<b>National Anthem</b>	George Mason University Jazz Ensemble
<b>Welcome</b>	Daniel D. Polsby <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>
<b>Student Speakers</b>	Caroleigh A. Newman <i>Student Bar Association President</i>  Cameron Elizabeth Green <i>Day Class Speaker</i>  Megan Velez <i>Evening Class Speaker</i>
<b>Introduction of Faculty Speaker</b>	Daniel D. Polsby <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>
<b>Faculty Speaker Address</b>	Eric Claeys <i>Professor of Law</i>
<b>Introduction of Guest Speaker</b>	Daniel D. Polsby <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>
<b>Guest Speaker Address</b>	The Honorable Liam O’Grady <i>U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia</i>
<b>Special Recognition</b>	Daniel D. Polsby <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>
<b>Presentation of Diplomas</b>	Daniel D. Polsby <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Daniel D. Polsby <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>
<b>Recessional*</b>	
<b>Reception to Follow</b>	

*\* Audience should remain seated.*

# Guest Speaker

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## The Honorable Liam O'Grady

### U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

The Honorable Liam O'Grady is a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, a seat he has held since 2007.

A native of New Jersey, Judge O'Grady earned his BA from Franklin and Marshall College in 1973. He is also an alumnus of Mason Law, having been awarded a JD in 1977. He served as an Assistant Professorial Lecturer at the George Washington University School of Forensic Science from 1985 to 1995.

Judge O'Grady was an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for the Commonwealth of Virginia from 1982 through 1986, when he became Assistant United States Attorney of the Eastern District of Virginia for the period 1986 to 1992. During that time, he served as Chief of the Criminal Division from 1989 to 1990 and Chief of the Narcotics and Organized Crime Sections from 1987 to 1992.

In 1992 Judge O'Grady entered private practice with the Washington, DC, law firm Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner LLP, where he remained until 2003 when he was named a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

In January 2007 Judge O'Grady was nominated by President George W. Bush to a seat on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. He was confirmed by the United States Senate and received his commission in July 2007.

School of Law Graduates  
May 16, 2015



# School of Law Graduates

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## MASTER OF LAWS DEGREE

### Intellectual Property

Katherine M. Hahn

Martin Alden Weeks

### Law and Economics

Nicholas Carso III

Michael Patrick Wilt

## JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

Laith Maher Abu-Taleb

Stacy Marie Allen

Bridget A. Alzheimer

Marissa Reeves Bagasra

Ian D. Baldwin

Samuel Joseph Banks

Bradley M. Barna

Mark Anthony Belluz

Samantha Katie Bernstein

Robert Bezilla

Claire Elizabeth Bourque

Tyler Bowen

Francis Xavier Brickfield, Jr.

Anna Louisa Brooks

Dan Bruechert

Rebecca Lynn Bucchieri

Melissa Anne Burgess

Kelli N. Cacciotti

Erica Christine Calys

Derek J. Carlson

Nellie Jeon Carr

Christine A. Carter

Eric H. Cheung

David Henry Clark

Alyssa Brianna Coffey

Matthew Colville

James Ryan Conde

Gwendolyn Sara Cornwell

Tommy Cumberland

Ashton Nicole DeLong

Andrew R. DeMaio

Tiffany Dean-Groves

Tyler Anne Dever

Lauren Leigh Doney

Matt Duescher

Jessica K. Eddy

Ryan Ellis

Kelly Ann Field

John Flatness

Jennifer Claudia Hackley Francis

Mark Franco

Eric Altman Frick

Jessica Nicole Gallinaro

Christine E. Ganley

Christopher James Gardner

Charles Geary, Jr.

Roger Charles Gibboni

Vincent Andrew Giura

Eduardo Luis Gonzalez Soler

Tiffanii L. Goyette

Jeremiah D. Graham

Cameron Elizabeth Green

## School of Law Graduates

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Mary Katherine Grob  
Aphrodite Hadjiloucas  
Mark R. Hagedorn  
Jacob Aaron Hamburger  
Cameron Michael Hames  
Kristian Shield Hassinger  
Eric Hawkins  
Natalie Marie Hayes  
Nathaniel Hazen  
Robert H. Helbert  
Alex B. Heller  
Kodiak Hill-Davis  
Andrew Paul Hoffman  
Elizabeth Ann Hohenstein  
Andrew Hopkins  
Eileen Foley Hyde  
Amir Pasha Jahangiri  
Nicholas C. Johnson  
Audrey Grace Johnston  
Amy Sandell Josselyn  
Christine M. Kennedy  
Frank Young Knizner  
Ann C. Kossachev  
Jeffrey M. Kuhlman  
Shruti Kulkarni  
Sotia M. Kyriacou  
Jason Lyn Langford  
Nicholas Anthony LaStella  
Nicholas Lawson  
Ryan William Leavitt  
David J. Lloyd  
Ryan Nicholas Lodata  
Rosemarie Anna Lombardi  
Derek Martin  
Daniel J. McCain  
Daniel C. McClughen  
Michael Lance McKay, Jr.  
Jesse Jacob McMurdo  
Brian K. Miller  
Jeremy Miller  
Rebecca A. Miller  
Heather Brooks Mims  
Jenny E. Min  
Keith Joseph Minson  
Robert C. Moller  
Daniel Joseph Monahan, Jr.  
David Michael Eddis Moon  
Samantha R. Morelli  
Matthew J. Morrison  
Karl A. Moses, Jr.  
Bryan L. Mulcahey  
Teodoro Muro  
Ryan Murphy  
Kristin Elizabeth Murrock  
Caroleigh A. Newman  
Jacqueline Mai-Khanh Nguyen  
Mariam Noori  
Chinenye Okafor  
Richard D. Painter  
Kristen Petrillo  
Arthur Dominick Pistorio  
Matthew Raketti  
Jordan Daniel Ransenberg  
Drew A. Reitz  
Tamira Dawn Roberson  
Olivia M. Roberts  
Samantha A. Rocci  
Ian Francis Rothfuss  
Daniel M. Russell  
Jason Marcel Sarfati  
Karen A. Schroeder  
Rebecca Anne Schumm

## School of Law Graduates

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David W. Scott

Jana I. Seidl

JP Sevilla

Suzanne Lynne Simms

Alexandra Jean Sipes

Daniel Hooper Smith

Matthew Allen Smith

Jacob Evan Solomon

Walter Song

Allison Elizabeth Speaker

Kavitha J. Subramanian

Stephanie Suitt

Kathryn Taylor

Alena E. Thomas

Eve Beth Tilley-Coulson

Olga Tseliak

Lucy Yaa Twimasi

Kelly Ann Van Voorhis

Megan Velez

Mario Williams

Devin Alex Wiser

Alexandra Wolff

Gregory Yahr

Alexander John Yesnik

Tamta Zhorzholiani

Nicole Marie Zimbelman

Kent Zimmerman

# School of Law Graduates—Honors

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## **SUMMA CUM LAUDE**

Derek J. Carlson  
Allison Elizabeth Speaker

## **MAGNA CUM LAUDE**

Claire Elizabeth Bourque	Eileen Foley Hyde
Francis Xavier Brickfield, Jr.	Amy Sandell Josselyn
Andrew R. DeMaio	Heather Brooks Mims
John Flatness	David Michael Eddis Moon
Jessica Nicole Gallinaro	Karen A. Schroeder
Mary Katherine Grob	JP Sevilla
Natalie Marie Hayes	Olga Tseliak

## **CUM LAUDE**

Marissa Reeves Bagasra	Christine M. Kennedy
Bradley M. Barna	Jeffrey M. Kuhlman
Anna Louisa Brooks	Nicholas Lawson
Christine A. Carter	Daniel Joseph Monahan, Jr.
James Ryan Conde	Ian Francis Rothfuss
Ryan Ellis	Jana I. Seidl
Christine E. Ganley	Megan Velez
Andrew Paul Hoffman	Nicole Marie Zimbelman



# School of Law Graduates—Special Awards

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## **Law School Service Award**

Claire Elizabeth Bourque  
Matthew Allen Smith

## **Family Law Section of the Virginia State Bar and Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Family Law Book Award**

Vincent Andrew Giura

## **Virginia Trial Lawyers' Association Student Advocacy Award**

Alexandra Jean Sipes

## **Giles Sutherland Rich Award for Excellence in the Study of Intellectual Property Law**

Charles Geary, Jr.

# School of Law Graduates—Specialty Tracks

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## **LITIGATION LAW**

Heather Brooks Mims

Alexandra Jean Sipes

## **PATENT LAW**

Laith Maher Abu-Taleb

Matt Duescher

Ryan Ellis

Charles Geary, Jr.

Eileen Foley Hyde

Jeremy Miller

Mariam Noori

Chinenye Okafor

Matthew Allen Smith

Walter Song

# Student Activities

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## **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SOCIETY**

Bridget A. Alzheimer, *President;*  
*Intramural Co-Chair, 2013–14*

Richard D. Painter, *Vice President of Finance*  
*and Records*

Tamira Dawn Roberson, *Vice-President of Competitions;*  
*Intramural Co-Chair, 2013–14*

Ann C. Kossachev, *Vis Moot Chair;*  
*Vice President of Finance and Records, 2013–14*

Ian Francis Rothfuss, *Vice President of Outreach*  
*and Education, 2013–14*

### **Graduating Members**

Tyler Anne Dever

Vincent Andrew Giura

Cameron Elizabeth Green

Mark R. Hagedorn

Jacob Aaron Hamburger

Elizabeth Ann Hohenstein

Rosemarie Anna Lombardi

Rebecca A. Miller

Jenny E. Min

Rebecca Anne Schumm

Karen A. Schroeder

Alena E. Thomas

Lucy Yaa Twimasi

# Student Activities

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## **BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Tiffanii L. Goyette, *Programming Chair*, 2013–15

David Henry Clark, *Undergraduate Liaison*;  
*Secretary*, 2013–14; *IL Representative*, 2012–13

Lucy Yaa Twimasi, *Pre-Law Liaison*, 2013–14;  
*President*, 2012–13

Chinenye Okafor, *Vice President*, 2012–14;  
*Secretary*, 2011–12

### **Graduating Members**

Keith Joseph Minson

## **BUSINESS LAW SOCIETY**

Jason Lyn Langford, *Co-President*; *Secretary*, 2013–14

Ian Francis Rothfuss, *Co-President*; *President*, 2013–14;  
*Treasurer*, 2012–13

Mark Franco, *Executive Vice President*

## **COMMUNICATIONS LAW ASSOCIATION**

Claire Elizabeth Bourque, *President*;  
*Treasurer*, 2013–14

Nicole Marie Zimbelman, *Vice President of*  
*Internal Affairs*; *Vice President*, 2013–14

Christine M. Kennedy, *Vice President of*  
*External Affairs*

# Student Activities

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## **CRIMINAL LAW ASSOCIATION**

Tiffany Dean-Groves, *Secretary*

## **GEORGE MASON AMERICAN INN OF COURT**

Daniel Joseph Monahan, Jr., *President*

Francis Xavier Brickfield, Jr., *Vice President*

Allison Elizabeth Speaker, *Secretary*

Kavitha J. Subramanian, *Treasurer*

### **Graduating Members**

Samantha Katie Bernstein

Cameron Elizabeth Green

Andrew Paul Hoffman

Alexandra Jean Sipes

# Student Activities

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## GEORGE MASON CIVIL RIGHTS LAW JOURNAL

### Graduating Board of Editors

Elizabeth Ann Hohenstein\*, *Editor-in-Chief*

Rebecca Lynn Bucchieri, *Executive Editor*

Natalie Marie Hayes, *Managing Editor*

Audrey Grace Johnston, *Symposium Editor*

David Henry Clark\*, *Senior Articles Editor*

Ann C. Kossachev\*, *Articles Editor*

Stephanie Suitt, *Articles Editor*

Kristin Elizabeth Murrock\*, *Senior Notes Editor*

Jennifer Claudia Hackley Francis\*, *Notes Editor*

Kathryn Taylor, *Notes Editor*

Mary Katherine Grob, *Senior Research Editor*

Samantha Katie Bernstein\*, *Research Editor*

Ashton Nicole DeLong, *Research Editor*

Alexandra Jean Sipes, *Research Editor*

Allison Elizabeth Speaker, *Publications Editor*

Olga Tseliak\*, *Notes Editor, 2013–14*

Lucy Yaa Twimasi, *Articles Editor, 2013–14*

### Graduating Members

Vincent Andrew Giura

Eduardo Luis Gonzalez Soler

Nicholas C. Johnson

Jeremy Miller

\*Denotes publication in the *George Mason Civil Rights Law Journal*

# Student Activities

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## **GEORGE MASON LAW REVIEW**

### **Graduating Board of Editors**

Amy Sandell Josselyn\*, *Editor-in-Chief*

Tommy Cumberland, *Executive Editor*

Christine M. Kennedy, *Managing Editor*

Alexandra Wolff, *Production Editor*

Jana I. Seidl, *Symposium Editor*

Christine E. Ganley\*\*, *Senior Articles Editor*

Jessica Nicole Gallinaro\*, *Articles Editor*

Daniel Hooper Smith, *Articles Editor*

Cameron Elizabeth Green, *Senior Notes Editor*

Claire Elizabeth Bourque\*, *Notes Editor*

Matthew Allen Smith, *Notes Editor*

Gregory Yahr, *Notes Editor*

Heather Brooks Mims, *Senior Research Editor*

Andrew R. DeMaio\*, *Research Editor*

Jesse Jacob McMurdo\*, *Research Editor*

Drew A. Reitz, *Developments Editor*

Tyler Anne Dever, *Associate Editor*

Alex B. Heller\*, *Associate Editor*

Andrew Paul Hoffman, *Associate Editor*

Nicholas Lawson, *Associate Editor*

Kristen Petrillo, *Associate Editor*

Nicole Marie Zimbelman, *Associate Editor*

Marissa Reeves Bagasra, *Associate Editor, 2013–14*

### **Graduating Members**

Christine A. Carter

Matt Duescher

Daniel Joseph Monahan, Jr.

David Michael Eddis Moon\*

Samantha A. Rocci

\*Denotes publication in the *George Mason Law Review*

\*\*Denotes publication in the *George Mason Law Review*; recipient of the 2013 Arthur E. Schmalz Award for best write-on competition entry and recipient of the 2014 Adrian S. Fisher Award for best student note or comment

# Student Activities

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## GEORGE MASON MOOT COURT BOARD

### Graduating Justices

Alena E. Thomas, Chief Justice

*First-Year Competition Committee Co-Chair*

ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, DC Regional,  
*Finalist and Second Best Oral Advocate*

2014 ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, DC Regional,  
*Finalist and Seventh Best Oral Advocate*

2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Finalist*

2013 First-Year Competition,  
*Quarter-finalist*

Natalie Marie Hayes, Vice Justice

*Scoring Committee Chair*

2014 Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*

2012 Upper Class Competition,  
*Quarter-finalist*

Michael Lance McKay, Jr., Managing Justice

*Mooting and Extramural Committee Chair, 2013–14*

Charleston School of Law Moot Court Competition

2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*

2013 First-Year Competition,  
*Semi-finalist*

Anna Louisa Brooks

*Upper Class Competition Committee*

*Co-Chair; Vice Justice, 2013–14*

2013 New York City Bar Association  
National Moot Court Competition,  
Region IV

2012 Upper Class Competition,  
*Quarter-finalist*

Kelly Ann Van Voorhis

*Managing Justice, 2013–14*

2014 ABA National Appellate Advocacy  
Competition, DC Regional,  
*Semi-finalist*

2013 ABA National Appellate Advocacy  
Competition, DC Regional

### Graduating Members

Stacy Marie Allen

*Judges Committee Co-Chair*

Harold H. Greene & Joyce Hens Green  
National Security Law Moot Court  
Competition,  
*Semi-finalist*

2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*

2013 First-Year Competition,  
*Quarter-finalist*

Samantha Katie Bernstein

*First-Year Competition Committee*

*Co-Chair*

William B. Bryant and Luke C.  
Moore Invitational Moot Court  
Competition,  
*Finalist*

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## GEORGE MASON MOOT COURT BOARD

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### Claire Elizabeth Bourque *Global Antitrust Institute Invitational Committee Co-Chair*

William B. Bryant and Luke C. Moore  
Invitational Moot Court Competition,  
*Finalist*

### Rebecca Lynn Bucchieri

National Cultural Heritage Law Moot  
Court Competition,  
*Semi-Finalist*  
*Best Oral Advocate*  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Semi-finalist*

### Tyler Anne Dever

Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court  
Competition,  
*Semi-finalist*

### Christopher James Gardner

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot  
Court Competition, Mid-Atlantic Regional  
22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Willem C. Vis International  
Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition  
2014 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot  
Court Competition, Mid-Atlantic Regional,  
*Quarter-finalist*  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*  
2013 First-Year Competition,  
*Finalist*

### Roger Charles Gibboni

#### *Global Antitrust Institute Invitational Committee Co-Chair*

Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot  
Court Competition,  
*Semi-finalist*  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*  
2013 First-Year Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*

### Cameron Elizabeth Green

#### *Chief Bailiff*

National Cultural Heritage Law Moot  
Court Competition,  
*Semi-Finalist*  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Champion*

### Mary Katherine Grob

#### *Events Committee Co-Chair*

New York City Bar Association National  
Moot Court Competition,  
*Region IV Finalist*  
*National Competitor*  
2014 Billings, Exum & Frye National  
Moot Court Competition,  
*Octo-Finalist*  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Quarter-finalist*

### Elizabeth Ann Hohenstein

22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Willem C. Vis International  
Commercial Arbitration Moot  
Competition  
2014 Chicago Bar Association Moot Court  
Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Quarter-finalist*  
2013 First-Year Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*

### Eileen Foley Hyde

2014 Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial  
Moot Court Competition, West Region,  
*Quarter-finalist*  
2013 Billings, Exum & Frye National  
Moot Court Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*  
2013 New York City Bar Association  
National Moot Court Competition,  
Region IV,  
*Quarter-finalist*  
2012 Upper Class Competition,  
*Semi-finalist*

### Amy Sandell Josselyn

ABA National Appellate Advocacy  
Competition, DC Regional,  
*Finalist*  
2014 Billings, Exum & Frye National  
Moot Court Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual Willem C. Vis International  
Commercial Arbitration Moot  
Competition  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*  
2013 First-Year Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*

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## GEORGE MASON MOOT COURT BOARD

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### Christine M. Kennedy

2014 Burton D. Wechsler First Amendment  
Moot Court Competition,  
*Quarter-finalist*  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*

### Ann C. Kossachev

New York City Bar Association National  
Moot Court Competition,  
*Region IV Finalist*  
*National Competitor*  
22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Willem C. Vis International  
Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition  
2014 Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot  
Court Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Semi-finalist*

### Shruti Kulkarni

2014 ABA National Appellate Advocacy  
Competition, DC Regional,  
*Semi-finalist*  
2013 Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot  
Court Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*  
2012 Upper Class Competition,  
*Semi-finalist*  
2012 First-Year Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*

### David J. Lloyd

#### *Mooting and Extramural Committee Chair*

ABA National Appellate Advocacy  
Competition, DC Regional  
2014 Billings, Exum & Frye National  
Moot Court Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Semi-finalist*

### Rosemarie Anna Lombardi

2014 Chicago Bar Association Moot  
Court Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Semi-finalist*

### Bryan L. Mulcahey

Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot  
Court Competition,  
*Semi-finalist*

### Caroleigh A. Newman

*Events Committee Co-Chair*  
Charleston School of Law Moot  
Court Competition  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Quarter-finalist*

### Samantha A. Rocci

*Judges Committee Co-Chair*  
2014 Burton D. Wechsler First  
Amendment Moot Court Competition,  
*Quarter-finalist*  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Quarter-finalist*

### Allison Elizabeth Speaker

#### *Upper Class Competition Committee Co-Chair*

ABA National Appellate Advocacy  
Competition, DC Regional,  
*Finalist*  
2014 Billings, Exum & Frye National  
Moot Court Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Finalist*

### Eve Beth Tilley-Coulson

Harold H. Greene & Joyce Hens  
Green National Security Law Moot  
Court Competition,  
*Semi-finalist*  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*

### Megan Velez

ABA National Appellate Advocacy  
Competition, DC Regional  
2012 Upper Class Competition,  
*Quarter-finalist*

### Alexandra Wolff

2014 Burton D. Wechsler First  
Amendment Moot Court Competition,  
*Quarter-finalist*  
2013 Upper Class Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*  
2013 First-Year Competition,  
*Octo-finalist*

# Student Activities

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## **IMMIGRATION LAW SOCIETY**

Lucy Yaa Twimasi, *Co-President*, 2013–14

## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SOCIETY**

Matthew Allen Smith, *President; Treasurer*, 2013–14

Matt Duescher, *Vice President, Speakers*

Jeremy Miller, *Secretary*

Chinenye Okafor, *Vice President, Administration*, 2013–14;

*Secretary*, 2012–13

### **Graduating Members**

Laith Maher Abu-Taleb

## **JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW**

### **Graduating Board of Editors**

Jacqueline Mai-Khanh Nguyen\*, *Editor-in-Chief*

Cameron Michael Hames, *Executive Editor*

Bryan L. Mulcahey\*, *Managing and Publications Editor*

Christopher James Gardner, *Senior Articles Editor*

Mark R. Hagedorn, *Articles Editor*

Alyssa Brianna Coffey\*, *Notes Editor*

Jason Marcel Sarfati\*, *Notes Editor*

Alena E. Thomas\*, *Senior Research Editor*

Eric Altman Frick, *Research Editor*

Jacob Evan Solomon, *Research Editor*, 2013–14

### **Graduating Members**

Karl A. Moses, Jr.

\*Denotes publication in the *Journal of International Commercial Law*

# Student Activities

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## **JOURNAL OF LAW, ECONOMICS & POLICY**

### **Graduating Board of Editors**

Daniel M. Russell, *Editor-in-Chief*

Karen A. Schroeder, *Executive Editor*

Jacob Aaron Hamburger\*, *Managing Editor*

Jeffrey M. Kuhlman\*, *Senior Notes Editor*

Tamta Zhorzholiani, *Notes Editor*

Daniel J. McCain, *Senior Research Editor*

Jenny E. Min, *Senior Research Editor*

Ian Francis Rothfuss\*, *Research Editor, 2013–14*

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Samuel Joseph Banks

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Samantha R. Morelli

Mariam Noori

Rebecca Anne Schumm

David W. Scott

\*Denotes publication in the *Journal of Law, Economics & Policy*

# Student Activities

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## **LEGAL RESEARCH, WRITING, AND ANALYSIS WRITING FELLOWS**

Samantha Katie Bernstein  
Anna Louisa Brooks  
Andrew R. DeMaio  
Christine E. Ganley  
Jacob Aaron Hamburger  
Shruti Kulkarni  
Nicholas Lawson  
Heather Brooks Mims  
Daniel Joseph Monahan, Jr.  
Caroleigh A. Newman  
Ian Francis Rothfuss  
Alexandra Jean Sipes  
Daniel Hooper Smith  
Megan Velez  
Nicole Marie Zimbelman

## **LAW STUDENTS FOR LIBERTY**

Matthew Raketti, *President*

### **Graduating Members**

Brian K. Miller

# Student Activities

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## **LAW STUDENTS FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE**

Rebecca Lynn Bucchieri, *President and Founder*

Alyssa Brianna Coffey, *Vice President*

### **Graduating Members**

Cameron Elizabeth Green

## **MASON SPORTS LAW & ENTERTAINMENT**

Eve Beth Tilley-Coulson, *President*

Walter Song, *Treasurer*

## **MILITARY LAW SOCIETY**

Bridget A. Alzheimer, *President; Secretary, 2013–14*

Suzanne Lynne Simms, *Vice President;  
Treasurer, 2013–15*

Matthew J. Morrison, *Vice President, 2013–14*

## Student Activities

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### **NATIONAL SECURITY LAW JOURNAL**

Alexander John Yesnik\*, *Editor-in-Chief*;  
*Managing Editor*, 2013–14

Stacy Marie Allen\*, *Executive Editor*

Erica Christine Calys, *Managing Editor*

Melissa Anne Burgess\*, *Senior Articles Editor*

Bridget A. Alzheimer, *Articles Editor*

Jordan Daniel Ransenberg, *Articles Editor*

Francis Xavier Brickfield, Jr.\*, *Articles Selection Editor*

Suzanne Lynne Simms\*, *Senior Notes Editor*

Eve Beth Tilley-Coulson, *Notes Editor*

Lauren Leigh Doney\*, *Notes Editor and Research Editor*

Matthew J. Morrison, *Senior Research Editor*

Tiffany Dean-Groves, *Research Editor*

Nicholas C. Johnson, *Research Editor*

Jessica K. Eddy, *Symposium Editor*, 2013–15;

*Senior Articles Editor*, 2012–13;

*Founding Member*, 2012

Rosemarie Anna Lombardi, *Symposium Editor*  
*and Research Editor*

\*Denotes publication in the *National Security Law Journal*

# ClasStudent Activities

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## PHI ALPHA DELTA LAW FRATERNITY, INTERNATIONAL

Tiffany Dean-Groves, *Vice Justice*  
David J. Lloyd, *Treasurer, 2013–15*  
Kristin Elizabeth Murrock, *Marshall*

### **Graduating Members**

Gwendolyn Sara Cornwell  
Andrew R. DeMaio  
Aphrodite Hadjiloucas  
Ryan Nicholas Lodata  
Rosemarie Anna Lombardi  
Daniel J. McCain  
Teodoro Muro  
Samantha A. Rocci  
Ian Francis Rothfuss  
Karen A. Schroeder  
Jana I. Seidl  
Allison Elizabeth Speaker  
Alena E. Thomas  
Alexandra Wolff  
Nicole Marie Zimbelman

## PHI DELTA PHI INTERNATIONAL LEGAL HONOR SOCIETY

Jesse Jacob McMurdo, *Magister*  
Bradley M. Barna, *Vice Magister*  
Alex B. Heller, *Exchequer*  
Christine E. Ganley, *Historian*  
Tommy Cumberland, *Parliamentarian*

### **Graduating Members**

Bridget A. Alzheimer  
Andrew R. DeMaio  
Tyler Anne Dever  
Brian L. Mulcahey  
Daniel Hooper Smith  
Nicole Marie Zimbelman



# Student Activities

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## **RUNNIN' ALONG THE POTOMAC**

Richard D. Painter, *President*

Rosemarie Anna Lombardi, *Vice President*

Aphrodite Hadjiloucas, *Run Leader*

## **STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION**

Caroleigh A. Newman, *President*;

*Class Representative, 2013–15*

Tyler Anne Dever, *Budget Treasurer, 2013–15*;

*Class Representative, 2012–13*

Michael Lance McKay, Jr., *Accounts Treasurer*;

*Travel Treasurer, 2013–14*

Claire Elizabeth Bourque, *Class Representative, 2012–15*

Natalie Marie Hayes, *Class Representative, 2011–15*

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*Vice President of Technology*, 2012–14

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# Student Activities

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## TRIAL ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION

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American Association of Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition,  
*Champion, DC Region*  
*Runner-Up, Nationals*  
2014 Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition,  
*Advancing Competitor*  
2014 National Trial Competition, Region IV  
2013 Intramural Competition,  
*Finalist*

### Eric Altman Frick, *Executive Vice President*

American Association of Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition,  
*Student Coach*  
2014 Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition,  
*Advancing Competitor*  
2014 National Trial Competition, Region IV  
2013 Intramural Competition,  
*Champion*

### Alexandra Wolff, *Vice President of Extramural Competitions*

American Association of Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition,  
*Champion, DC Region*  
*Runner-Up, Nationals*  
2014 Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition,  
*Advancing Competitor*  
2014 Estrella Trial Advocacy Competition  
2013 Intramural Competition,  
*Quarter-finalist*

### Heather Brooks Mims, *Vice President of Thacher Intramural Competition*

National Trial Competition, Region IV,  
*Student Coach*  
2014 Georgetown White Collar Crime Invitational  
2014 South Texas Mock Trial Challenge  
2013 Intramural Competition,  
*Finalist*

### Kristin Elizabeth Murrock, *Vice President of Costello Competition*

2014 ABA Section of Labor & Employment Law Trial Advocacy Competition,  
*Finalist*  
2014 National Trial Competition, Region IV  
2013 Intramural Competition,  
*Semi-finalist*

### Samantha Katie Bernstein, *Vice President of Events*

National Trial Competition, Region IV,  
*Student Coach*  
2014 Georgetown White Collar Crime Invitational  
2014 South Texas Mock Trial Challenge  
2013 Intramural Competition,  
*Quarter-finalist*

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## TRIAL ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION

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### Roger Charles Gibboni, *Vice President of Management*

2014 National Trial Competition, Region IV

2013 Intramural Competition,  
*Champion*

### David Henry Clark, *Vice President of Recruitment*

2014 Georgetown White Collar Crime Invitational

2014 National Trial Competition, Region IV

2013 Intramural Competition,  
*Semi-finalist*

## Graduating Members

### Robert Bezilla

*Costello Problem Writing Committee Chair*

American Association of Justice  
Student Trial Advocacy Competition,  
*Champion, DC Region*

*Runner-Up, Nationals*

2014 Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial  
Competition,

*Advancing Competitor*

2014 National Pretrial Competition

2014 Estrella Trial Advocacy Competition

2013 Intramural Competition,

*Semi-finalist*

### Christopher James Gardner

2014 National Pretrial Competition

### Vincent Andrew Giura

### Tiffanii L. Goyette

2013 Intramural Competition,

*Quarter-finalist*

### Jeremiah D. Graham

2014 ABA Section of Labor & Employment  
Law Trial Advocacy Competition,

*Finalist*

2013 Intramural Competition,

*Quarter-finalist*

### Cameron Elizabeth Green

National Trial Competition, Region IV

### Jacob Aaron Hamburger

2013 Intramural Competition,

*Quarter-finalist*

### Natalie Marie Hayes

2012 Intramural Competition,

*Quarter-finalist*

### Kodiak Hill-Davis

*Judges Committee Co-Chair*

2013 Intramural Competition,

*Quarter-finalist*

### Andrew Paul Hoffman

National Trial Competition, Region IV

2014 National Pretrial Competition,

*Outstanding Advocate*

2013 Intramural Competition,

*Semi-finalist*

### Jeffrey M. Kuhlman

### Michael Lance McKay, Jr.

Estrella Trial Advocacy Competition

2014 ABA Section of Labor & Employment

Law Trial Advocacy Competition,

*Finalist*

2013 Intramural Competition,

*Semi-finalist*

### Caroleigh A. Newman

### Chinenye Okafor

### Arthur Dominick Pistorio

2012 Intramural Competition,

*Quarter-finalist*

### Ian Francis Rothfuss

### Jason Marcel Sarfati

Estrella Trial Advocacy Competition

2014 Georgetown White Collar Crime

Invitational

2014 American Association of Justice Student

Trial Advocacy Competition

2013 Intramural Competition,

*Quarter-finalist*

### Alena E. Thomas

# Student Activities

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*Project Director*, 2013–14

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*Program Director*, 2013–14

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# The Background of the Academic Robe

The academic robes worn at American ceremonies today go back to the Middle Ages. In Medieval Europe, men and women typically wore gowns or robes that evolved to include different colors that signified various professions, trades, and religious orders. The oldest universities of northern Europe, such as Oxford or Paris, grew out of church schools, and both faculty and student were regarded in the Middle Ages as part of the clergy. Hence they wore clerical garb, largely borrowed from the monastic dress of the day, not merely on special occasions, but as their regular clothing. In the United States today, the American Council on Education Administration administers the Academic Costume Code, which provides guidelines for the wearing of academic robes.

In the Middle Ages, the level of elaborate decorations on their gowns could distinguish undergraduates, bachelors, and masters. The wide velvet borders extending down the front of the doctoral gown, as well as the velvet bars on the sleeves, are either black velvet, or are colored according to the scholarly field of the wearer.

The hood of the academic robe was originally designed as a utilitarian head cover worn in bad weather and otherwise dropped to the shoulders. Students and faculty alike initially wore the hood; but in the early sixteenth century, the hood was restricted to graduates, becoming the mark of a degree holder. Each college of study has a distinctive, color-lined hood by which graduates may be recognized in the academic procession. The length of the hood worn for the master's degree must be three and one-half feet, and for the doctor's degree, four feet. The hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring.

In today's ceremony, you will see Juris Doctor and Master of Laws graduates wearing the doctoral robe with velvet cap and tassel. Each of the graduates will be wearing a purple hood lined with green, signifying education in the area of law at George Mason.

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