



# Hooding Ceremony

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SCHOOL OF LAW  
WAIT CHAPEL  
SUNDAY, MAY 14





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ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Raymond E. Ebert ('60)  
Organist

## PROCESSIONAL

*Phoenix Rising* by Dan Locklair ..... Mr. Ebert

INVOCATION ..... Reverend Timothy L. Auman  
University Chaplain

OPENING REMARKS ..... Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77)  
Dean, School of Law

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS ..... Dean Reynolds

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SPEAKER ..... Dean Reynolds

FACULTY REMARKS ..... Professor Steve Garland (JD '80)

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE SPEAKER ..... Dean Reynolds

GRADUATE REMARKS ..... Justin Storie Reissman (JD '17)

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH ..... Jonathan Cardi  
Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

## THE HOODING CEREMONY

PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATES ..... Richard Schneider  
Associate Dean for International Affairs

Executive Associate Dean Cardi

Ellen Murphy (JD '02)  
Assistant Dean of Instructional Education and Design  
Director, Master of Studies in Law

CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS ..... Dean Reynolds, Professor Laura Graham (JD '94)

CONCLUDING REMARKS ..... Dean Reynolds

SENDING FORTH ..... Lance Henry (JD/MDiv '16)

RECESSIONAL ..... Mr. Ebert

CARILLON POSTLUDE ..... Anthony M. Tang ('11)  
University Carillonneur

## THE HOOD

*Candidates for and holders of the master's and doctor's degree wear hoods over their robes. The hood symbolizes a heavy burden and identifies the level of the degree, the field of learning and the institution that awards it. The color of the trimming declares the major field of learning; purple is for law. The colors that line the hood identify the university awarding the degree.*

## DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

### **Professor of Practice Steve Garland (JD '80) and Justin Storie Reissman (JD '17)**

Professor of Practice Steve Garland (JD '80) joined Wake Forest Law in 2006. A former journalist at a daily newspaper in Winston-Salem, Garland worked as a private attorney at Moore and Van Allen in Charlotte and then Blanco Tackaberry in Winston-Salem, specializing in commercial real estate, commercial financing and municipal law. He teaches the foundational Master of Studies in Law (MSL) course, "The Workplace: Its Legal Context," as well as Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (LAWR) and Business Drafting. He earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University and served as the Editor-in-Chief of The Wake Forest Law Review while pursuing his JD at Wake Forest Law.

Justin Storie Reissman (JD '17) is from Los Angeles, California. He graduated from the University of California Riverside as a political science major with a law and society minor. While in law school, he completed 143 pro bono hours, served as the co-director of the Expungement Pro Bono Project and was inducted as a member of the Pro Bono Honor Society. He interned with Human Rights First, Refugee Representation for consecutive summers, once in Washington, D.C., and the following summer in Los Angeles. Upon graduation, Reissman plans to continue doing refugee work in Los Angeles.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE SCIENTIAE JURIDICAE DOCTOR DEGREE

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Abeer Aleesa.....	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
‡ Aymah Alrefaie .....	Holy Makkah, Saudi Arabia
Hadia Ahmed Abdullah Balkhyoor .....	Holy Makkah, Saudi Arabia
Fawaz Ali Saleh Bineifan .....	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
‡ Seokwoo Yoon.....	Seoul, South Korea

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Yaser Hmad Alasim.....	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
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## CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF LAWS IN AMERICAN LAW DEGREE

May 15, 2017

Khaled Amri Azaz Alsolami .....	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Parth Chandra.....	Nagpur, India
Ana Paula Simoes Coelho Rizzo de Barros.....	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Rafet Halimi .....	Pristina, Kosovo
Abdulla Husain .....	Jidhafs, Bahrain
* Shkelzen Ibrahim .....	Pristina, Kosovo
Enver A. Krasniqi .....	Pristina, Kosovo
* Lumnije Krasniqi.....	Pristina, Kosovo
Kintaro Minami.....	Toyokawa, Japan
Ibonne Moscoso .....	Lima, Peru
Javlon O. Otakulov .....	Samarkand, Uzbekistan
Dandan Pu.....	Hefei, China
Manhua Qi .....	Hangzhou, China
Yanxi Yang .....	Xingyi, China

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* Ahmed Mesfer Ahmed Alkhathamy.....	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
* Hani Saud E. Almalki.....	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Albatool Ali Alsultan .....	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

## CANDIDATES FOR THE JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

May 15, 2017

Jared Ryan Adams .....	Smithville, TN
Colin Ayobami Adebayo .....	Atlanta, GA
Isabel Alele .....	Charleston, SC
David Lawson Allen .....	Chattanooga, TN
Taylor Dean Anderson.....	Cumberland, MD
Anna Armistead .....	Las Cruces, NM

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE (continued)

Christina Jansen Banfield.....	Franklin, TN
Katherine Marie Barkley .....	Durham, NC
Daniel Agustin Barrera.....	Miami, FL
Eric Philip Benedict .....	Wichita, KS
Catherine C. Berenato.....	Blacksburg, VA
Joel Anderson Berly IV .....	Charleston, SC
Monica Corrine Berry .....	Winston-Salem, NC
Anthony Joseph Biraglia.....	Danbury, CT
Kayleigh Rebecca Birks.....	Pittsburgh, PA
Parris Lakeisha Booker .....	Spartanburg, SC
Ryan Robert Bowersox .....	Atlanta, GA
Philip Allan Boyers.....	High Point, NC
Amanda Michelle Brahm .....	Marlborough, CT
Laura Suzanne Browder.....	Knoxville, TN
Matthew Thomas Brown .....	Providence, RI
Maya Elizabeth Brown.....	Winston-Salem, NC
Kayleigh Elizabeth Butterfield .....	Vernon, VT
Dominique Nichelle Caldwell.....	Charlotte, NC
Bridget Cardinale .....	Silver Spring, MD
Christopher Eun Joon Choe.....	Dumont, NJ
Daniel Paul Choyce .....	Sicklerville, NJ
Jason M. Chung.....	Jackson, NJ
Mark Christopher Clare .....	Wall Township, NJ
Ethan Taylor Clark .....	Houston, OH
Matthew Daniel Cloutier.....	Cumberland, RI
Allison Adrienne Cole .....	Greensboro, NC
Maria Catherine Collins .....	Wellington, FL
Charlotte Emily Clare Connor.....	Surrey, United Kingdom
Jenna Brooke Coogle.....	Brooksville, FL
Nathan Rivver Cox.....	Abingdon, VA
Drew H. Culler.....	New Port Richey, FL
Rebecca Ann Daddino.....	Brooklyn, NY
Ryan Darrell Daugherty.....	Marietta, GA
Elizabeth Louise DeFrance.....	Terre Haute, IN
Conor Priest Deganan .....	Yardley, PA
Julia de la Parra .....	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Candice Ashley Diah.....	Nassau, Bahamas
Ning Ding.....	Harbin, China
Kelly William Donigan .....	Skaneateles, NY
Ryan Patrick Donovan .....	Princeton, NJ
Terrence Martin Fairfield .....	Trumbull, CT
Alexandra Suzanne Falls.....	Lincolnton, NC
Mia Lucienne Falzarano .....	New York, NY
Kyleigh Elizabeth Feehs .....	Traverse City, MI
Shayn Allen Fernandez.....	Northville, MI

Casey Christine Fidler .....	Huntersville, NC
Cora Mae Fisher .....	Farmington, WA
Debora Flores Franco.....	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Daniel Thomas Fowler Jr. ....	Waynesboro, GA
Charlee Anne Fox.....	Fairmont, WV
Lauren Nicole Freedman .....	Greensboro, NC
Thomas Michael Gaffney.....	Watertown, NY
Noah Drayton Garrett.....	Greenville, SC
Alexa Rita Gaudioso.....	Randolph, NJ
Emma Katherine Haddock.....	Birmingham, AL
Jessica Anne Hajjar.....	North Andover, MA
Steven Huntington Harris .....	Wilmington, NC
Elliott Michael Harry .....	Elk Grove, CA
Weston Philip Harty.....	Langhorne, PA
Sean Anthony Tan Hastings.....	Jacksonville, FL
Steven Christopher Hemric .....	Jonesville, NC
Lauren Blaine Henderson.....	Frankfort, KY
Santiago Herrera.....	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Meghan Rian Holland.....	Clemson, SC
Sarah Ellen Holler.....	Jacksonville, FL
Matthew Hurst.....	Lake Grove, NY
Stephanie Althea Jackson .....	Findlay, OH
Alanna M. Jereb .....	Union, NJ
Emily Catherine Jeske.....	Clemmons, NC
Janice Vanessa Johnson.....	Brooklyn, NY
Eric Preston Jones.....	Greensboro, NC
Daniel Eugene Jouppi.....	Northville, MI
Travis Ray Joyce .....	Barren Springs, VA
Samuel Carson Keenan.....	Lancaster, SC
Correll Lamar Kennedy .....	Chester, SC
George Kennedy .....	McLean, VA
Adam Hollis Kerr .....	Tampa, FL
Matthew Joseph Kerschner .....	Cleveland, OH
Spencer Christian Krantz .....	Bedford, VA
Luke Emanuel Kraus .....	Hanover, NH
Dale Scott Krout .....	Sellersville, PA
§ Cheslie Corrinne Kryst.....	Charlotte, NC
Brian Matthew Kuppelweiser.....	Monongahela, PA
James Francis Lathrop.....	Westerly, RI
Malorie Elyse Letcavage.....	Meadowbrook, PA
Shuo Li .....	Liuzhou, China
Jordan Lindsay Lite .....	Sayville, NY
Courtney Marie Lodholz .....	St. Louis, MO
Amelia Elderidge Lowe.....	Richmond, VA

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE (continued)

Kyle William Martin .....	Fulton, NY
Drake Tyler Mason.....	Fort Wayne, IN
Clint Andrew Mast.....	Mocksville, NC
Molly Ferguson McCartney .....	Cincinnati, OH
Nolan T. McKeever.....	Lilburn, GA
Ashleigh Anne McKinney.....	Augusta, GA
British Alexander McLean .....	Pembroke Pines, FL
Anna Alston Merritt.....	Birmingham, AL
Stephan Erick Miguel.....	Baldwin, NY
Ryan Patrick Miles.....	Carmel, NY
‡ Mitchell Ray Miller.....	Nashville, TN
Lauren Mary Mistretta.....	Baltimore, MD
Valerie Amanda Mock .....	Lawrenceville, GA
Tenika Breanna Neely .....	Charlotte, NC
Adam Tyler Nyenhuis .....	Pensacola, FL
Erica Catherine Oates .....	Wethersfield, CT
Laura Patricia Espaillat O'Grady .....	Miami, FL
Rachel Ann Oplinger .....	Pittsburgh, PA
Meredith Elizabeth Pace .....	Winston-Salem, NC
Whitney Ruth Pakalka .....	Houston, TX
Molly Dale Pearce.....	Tallahassee, FL
Christian Allen Persinger .....	New Castle, VA
Mikhail M. Petrov.....	Alpharetta, GA
Nicholas Anthony Presentato .....	Mansfield, MA
Rachel Elisabeth Raimondi .....	Kings Park, NY
Cedric Darnell Rainey .....	Dallas, TX
Bradford Paul Ramsdell.....	Hopkinton, NH
‡ Nicole Lynn Regna .....	Virginia Beach, VA
Justin Storie Reissman .....	Los Angeles, CA
Sarah Rebecca Remes.....	Washington, DC
Zachary Louis Rhines .....	Glenmoore, PA
* Lisa C. Roach .....	Charlotte, NC
Preston William Rollero .....	Whitehouse Station, NJ
Keúan Damon Roper .....	Elizabeth, NJ
‡ Shelby Mae Roth .....	Nashville, IN
Kevin Alexander Rothenberg .....	Cary, NC
Mary Hannah Rudder.....	Richmond, VA
Sarah Margaret Saint .....	Huntsville, AL
Christopher Joseph Salemmee.....	Westfield, NJ
Morgan Elizabeth Sands .....	Lake Havasu City, AZ
Nicole Rochelle Scallon .....	Oakland, CA
John Steven Sears.....	Marietta, GA
John Matthew Sexton.....	Tripoli, IA
Angela Ruth Sheets.....	King, NC
Dianna Elizabeth Shinn .....	Burlington, NJ

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Matthew Wayne Silverstein .....	Jacksonville, FL
Bradley W. Simon .....	Wilmington, DE
° Reva Singh .....	Sewickley, PA
Cecilia Lynne Slifko .....	Johnstown, PA
Kristin Haleigh Smith .....	Mount Airy, NC
‡ Patrick C. Southern .....	Charleston, WV
Blake Edward Stafford .....	Baton Rouge, LA
Kendra Nicole Stark .....	Phillipsburg, NJ
Caitlin Ann Stone .....	Dothan, AL
Lauren Elizabeth Stovall .....	Peoria, IL
Daniel D. Stratton .....	Carrollton, GA
David Arthur Swenton .....	Owego, NY
Grace Alexandra Sykes .....	Durham, NC
Austin Tyler Thompson .....	Macon, GA
Elliott Ryan Tomlinson .....	Louisburg, NC
Paige Noelle Topper .....	Middletown, MD
Allie Evans Vandivier .....	Falls Church, VA
Cara Whittaker Van Dorn .....	Greensboro, NC
Sophia Carolina Vazquez .....	Clarksville, MD
Sergey Vdovin .....	Penza, Russia
Lhens Vilson .....	Bridgeport, CT
‡ Chelsea Anne Vollrath .....	Flemington, NJ
Sarah Laudumiey Walton .....	Briarcliff Manor, NY
Kaitlin Garvin Westbrook .....	Ringgold, GA
Sarah Wesley Wheaton .....	Raleigh, NC
Ethan Reed White .....	Oviedo, FL
Amanda Marie Whorton .....	Jacksonville, FL
Joshua Taylor Winks .....	Forest, VA
Chelsea Alexis Wood .....	Miami, FL
Andrew Brent Yandle .....	Greenville, SC
Alysia Mie-Hyon Yi .....	Berkeley, CA
Linna Yi .....	Hohhut, China
Boris L. Zhadanovskiy .....	St. Petersburg, Russia

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* Christopher Ross Conley .....	Jackson, GA
Δ Lance Henry .....	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Elvira Victoria Nunez .....	Lynn, MA
Dana Ashley Sisk .....	Wetumpka, AL

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* Yi Gu .....	Su Zhou, China
* Jonathan David Silver .....	Cherry Hill, NJ

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW DEGREE

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* Edwin Duque .....	Winston-Salem, NC
Jennifer Megan Johnson .....	Midlothian, VA
Thomas Allen Jones.....	Raleigh, NC
David Michael Kelly.....	Raleigh, NC
Crystal D. Richmond .....	Memphis, TN
Michael Joseph Walker .....	Washington, DC

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David Franklin Ayers .....	Dobson, NC
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* Erin Patricia Benson .....	Miami, FL
* Rongcheng Xu.....	Concord, NC

## GRADUATION DISTINCTIONS

### Magna Cum Laude

Kyleigh Elizabeth Feehs  
Eric Preston Jones  
Whitney Ruth Pakalka  
Sarah Margaret Saint  
Blake Edward Stafford  
Ethan Reed White

### Cum Laude

Taylor Dean Anderson  
Eric Philip Benedict  
Matthew Thomas Brown  
Mia Lucienne Falzarano  
Daniel Thomas Fowler Jr.  
Emma Katherine Haddock  
Jessica Anne Hajjar  
Lauren Blaine Henderson  
Santiago Herrera  
Emily Catherine Jeske

Matthew Joseph Kerschner

Malorie Elyse Letcavage  
Valerie Amanda Mock  
Adam Tyler Nyenhuis  
Molly Dale Pearce  
Jonathan David Silver  
Daniel D. Stratton  
Cara Whittaker Van Dorn  
Amanda Marie Whorton  
Joshua Taylor Winks  
Chelsea Alexis Wood

## THE ORDER OF THE COIF

*The Wake Forest University School of Law has been awarded a chapter of the Order of the Coif, a national membership society, honoring the academic excellence of our program, faculty and students. An Order of the Coif chapter at a law school is akin to a Phi Beta Kappa chapter at a college. Student eligibility for membership in the Order of the Coif is restricted to those in the top 10 percent of a graduating class.*

Taylor Dean Anderson  
Matthew Thomas Brown  
Mia Lucienne Falzarano  
Kyleigh Elizabeth Feehs  
Daniel Thomas Fowler Jr.  
Lauren Blaine Henderson

Emily Catherine Jeske  
Eric Preston Jones  
Matthew Joseph Kerschner  
Whitney Ruth Pakalka  
Molly Dale Pearce  
Sarah Margaret Saint

Blake Edward Stafford  
Daniel D. Stratton  
Ethan Reed White  
Amanda Marie Whorton  
Joshua Taylor Winks  
Chelsea Alexis Wood

## AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER LAW STUDENT AWARD

*The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers is an organization whose purpose is “to encourage the study, improve the practice, elevate the standards and advance the cause of matrimonial law, to the end that the welfare of the family and society be protected.” Beginning in 2002, the North Carolina chapter of the AAML has presented an award each year at each law school in the state to a graduating student whose interests and high professional standards reflect the purpose of the AAML. A permanent plaque at the law school records the name of each year’s recipient.*

Angela Ruth Sheets

## AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SECTION OF URBAN, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW

*The American Bar Association Section of Urban, State, and Local Government Law awards a certificate to the student who achieves the highest grade in the course.*

### State and Local Government

Taylor Dean Anderson

## **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND BLOOMBERG BNA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF HEALTH LAW**

*The American Bar Association's Health Law Section and Bloomberg BNA award a certificate and a selected ABA/Bloomberg BNA treatise to the student who achieves the highest grade in this course.*

Joel Anderson Berly IV

## **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND BLOOMBERG BNA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW**

*The American Bar Association's Section of Intellectual Property Law and Bloomberg BNA award a certificate and a selected ABA/Bloomberg BNA treatise to the student who achieves the highest grade among the courses of Intellectual Property, Copyrights and Trademarks.*

Amanda Marie Whorton

## **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND BLOOMBERG BNA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW**

*The American Bar Association's Section of Labor and Employment Law and Bloomberg BNA award a certificate and a selected ABA/Bloomberg BNA treatise to the student who achieves the highest grade.*

Sarah Margaret Saint

## **THE DEAN'S AWARD**

*The Dean's Award was established to honor the extraordinary contributions of a student leader. It is given only in years in which a candidate for Juris Doctor degree has demonstrated, over the course of his or her law school career, uncommon qualities of leadership that deserve special recognition.*

Stephanie Althea Jackson

## **E. MCGRUDER FARIS MEMORIAL AWARD**

*This award was established to honor the late Professor "Mac" Faris, a former member of the law school faculty. A cash award and a plaque are given to the student exhibiting the highest standards of character, leadership and scholarship.*

Christopher Joseph Salemme

## **FORSYTH COUNTY WOMEN ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION AWARD**

*This award is presented annually to an outstanding female graduate based upon her academic achievements, leadership, service to community, professionalism and commitment to the legal profession. The selected graduate receives a cash award.*

Meredith Elizabeth Pace

## THE LAURA J. GENDY AWARD

*The Laura J. Gendy Award was established by alumni, family and friends of Laura J. Gendy (JD '00) to provide an annual cash award to a graduating law student who exemplifies integrity, compassion for others and strength of character that were the hallmarks of Laura J. Gendy. Laura died in August 2008.*

Grace Alexandra Sykes

## ROBERT GOLDBERG AWARD IN TRIAL ADVOCACY

*This award honors the memory of Robert Goldberg, a student at the School of Law who was killed in World War II. An annual cash award is given to the student showing the highest aptitude and ethics in trial advocacy.*

### National Team

Daniel D. Stratton

### AAJ Team

Mia Lucienne Falzarano

## I. BEVERLY LAKE AWARD

*This award was established in honor of I. Beverly Lake Sr., professor of law at Wake Forest University, practicing attorney, assistant attorney general of North Carolina 1951-1955 and retired Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. An annual cash award is given to the student or students in the law school exhibiting the greatest proficiency in the study of Constitutional Law.*

Whitney Ruth Pakalka

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

*This award is presented annually to an outstanding law graduate at each American Bar Association approved law school. Selection criteria includes demonstrated academic achievement, motivation, tenacity and drive, as well as the promise of future contributions to the advancement of women in society and the presentation of a personable and professional image.*

Emily Catherine Jeske

## THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR STUDENT PRO BONO SERVICE AWARD

*This award is presented annually to a student who has contributed time and talent to law-related service. The objective is to inculcate the need for pro bono service in aspiring lawyers while they are in law school so they may be inclined to make pro bono work a part of their law careers.*

Sarah Margaret Saint

## NORTH CAROLINA ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE AWARD

*The North Carolina Advocates for Justice award a commemorative certificate and a one-year complimentary membership into the NCAJ along with a complimentary section membership to the student recognized as the “most outstanding advocate” in each section of Trial Practice.*

### 2016 – 2017

Joel Anderson Berly IV  
Kyleigh Elizabeth Feehs  
Cheslie Corrinne Kryst

Ryan Patrick Miles  
Whitney Ruth Pakalka  
Sarah Margaret Saint  
Amanda Marie Whorton

### 2015 – 2016

Drew H. Culler  
Meredith Elizabeth Pace  
Lauren Elizabeth Stovall  
Joshua Taylor Winks

## ORDER OF BARRISTERS

*The Order of Barristers is a national honor society recognizing excellence in student trial and appellate advocacy. Each year a faculty committee selects third-year students who have made outstanding contributions to advocacy.*

Matthew Daniel Cloutier  
Drew H. Culler  
Mia Lucienne Falzarano  
Cheslie Corrinne Kryst

Bradley W. Simon  
Blake Edward Stafford  
Kendra Nicole Star  
Daniel D. Stratton

Lauren Elizabeth Stovall  
Ethan Reed White

## SMITH ANDERSON PRO BONO AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

*This award is presented to an outstanding law graduate who is a Pro Bono Honor Society member. The recipient must have 100 or more pro bono hours with three years or 75 hours or more within one year. An annual cash award is given to the student who exhibits passion, creativity, dedication, and commitment to serving those in need. The pro bono service must have resulted in a demonstrated impact on increasing access to legal information to the underserved population.*

Christopher Joseph Salemme

## PRO BONO HONOR SOCIETY

*Pro Bono Honor Society members have contributed 75 hours of pro bono service over a three-year period or 50 hours in one year. The objective is to inculcate the need for pro bono service in aspiring lawyers while they are in law school so they may be inclined to make pro bono work a part of their law careers.*

Jared Ryan Adams  
Katherine Marie Barkley  
Daniel Agustin Barrera  
Monica Corrine Berry  
Maya Elizabeth Brown  
Dominique Nichelle Caldwell  
Jenna Brooke Coogle  
Rebecca Ann Daddino  
Elizabeth Louise DeFrance  
Kelly William Donigan  
Kyleigh Elizabeth Feehs  
Charlee Anne Fox  
Thomas Michael Gaffney

Emma Katherine Haddock  
Meghan Rian Holland  
Stephanie Althea Jackson  
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Emily Catherine Jeske  
Janice Vanessa Johnson  
Drake Tyler Mason  
Clint Andrew Mast  
Mitchell Ray Miller  
Tenika Breanna Neely  
Erica Catherine Oates  
Meredith Elizabeth Pace  
Whitney Ruth Pakalka

Rachel Elisabeth Raimondi  
Justin Storie Reissman  
Sarah Rebecca Remes  
Sarah Margaret Saint  
Christopher Joseph Salemme  
Morgan Elizabeth Sands  
Bradley W. Simon  
Reva Singh  
Kristin Haleigh Smith  
Daniel D. Stratton  
Grace Alexandra Sykes  
Joshua Taylor Winks

## CALI EXCELLENCE FOR THE FUTURE AWARDS

*The Center for Computer-assisted Legal Instruction awards a certificate to the student achieving the highest grade in each course.*

### MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2017

Animal Law .....	Shelby Mae Roth
Animal Law .....	Paige Noelle Topper
Antitrust .....	Daniel D. Stratton
Appellate Advocacy.....	Maria Catherine Collins
Appellate Advocacy.....	Tenika Breanna Neely
Appellate Advocacy.....	Blake Edward Stafford
Appellate Advocacy.....	Paige Noelle Topper
Aviation Law .....	Monica Corrine Berry
Aviation Law .....	Alysia Mie-Hyon Yi
Banking Law.....	Drake Tyler Mason
Banking Law.....	Dianna Elizabeth Shinn
Banking Law.....	Lhens Vilson
Bioethics .....	David Lawson Allen
Bioethics .....	Alysia Mie-Hyon Yi
Biotechnology Law and Policy.....	David Lawson Allen
Business Drafting.....	Allison Adrienne Cole
Business Drafting .....	Julia de la Parra
Business Drafting.....	Lauren Blaine Henderson
Business Drafting .....	Clint Andrew Mast
Business Drafting .....	Rachel Elisabeth Raimondi
Business Drafting .....	Sarah Margaret Saint
Business Litigation .....	Matthew Joseph Kerschner
Business Drafting .....	Alysia Mie-Hyon Yi
Business Organizations.....	Matthew Thomas Brown
Business Organizations.....	Daniel Thomas Fowler Jr.
Business Organizations.....	Lauren Blaine Henderson
Business Planning.....	Lauren Blaine Henderson
Child Advocacy Clinic.....	Dominique Nichelle Caldwell
Child Advocacy Clinic.....	Emma Katherine Haddock
Child Advocacy Clinic.....	Sarah Laudumiey Walton
Church, Law, and Ethics .....	Adam Tyler Nyenhuis
Civil Procedure I.....	Lauren Blaine Henderson
Civil Procedure I.....	Eric Preston Jones
Civil Procedure I.....	Blake Edward Stafford
Civil Procedure I.....	Amanda Marie Whorton
Civil Procedure II .....	Weston Philip Harty
Civil Procedure II .....	Eric Preston Jones
Civil Procedure II .....	Kevin Alexander Rothenberg
Civil Procedure II .....	Blake Edward Stafford
Classical Rhetoric for Lawyers.....	Daniel Thomas Fowler Jr.
Community Law and Business Clinic I.....	Boris L. Zhadanovskiy
Comparative Constitutional Law .....	Stephanie Althea Jackson
Comparative Constitutional Law .....	Whitney Ruth Pakalka

## CALI EXCELLENCE FOR THE FUTURE AWARDS (continued)

Comparative Constitutional Law .....	Sarah Margaret Saint
Constitutional Law I .....	Noah Drayton Garrett
Constitutional Law I .....	Whitney Ruth Pakalka
Constitutional Law I .....	Blake Edward Stafford
Constitutional Law I .....	Ethan Reed White
Constitutional Law II.....	Jared Ryan Adams
Constitutional Law II.....	Eric Philip Benedict
Constitutional Law II.....	Candice Ashley Diah
Constitutional Law II.....	Emily Catherine Jeske
Constitutional Law II.....	Whitney Ruth Pakalka
Construction Law.....	Austin Tyler Thompson
Contracts and Commercial Transactions.....	Spencer Christian Krantz
Contracts I.....	Kyleigh Elizabeth Feehs
Contracts I.....	Blake Edward Stafford
Contracts I.....	Ethan Reed White
Contracts II .....	Eric Philip Benedict
Contracts II .....	Whitney Ruth Pakalka
Contracts II .....	Nicole Rochelle Scallon
Contracts II .....	Blake Edward Stafford
Copyrights.....	Valerie Amanda Mock
Corporate Finance.....	Austin Tyler Thompson
Corporate Governance Law Policy and Theory .....	Sophia Carolina Vazquez
Criminal Law .....	Conor Priest Degnan
Criminal Law .....	Emily Catherine Jeske
Criminal Law .....	Adam Tyler Nyenhuis
Criminal Law .....	Whitney Ruth Pakalka
Debtor-Creditor Law .....	Matthew Thomas Brown
Debtor-Creditor Law .....	Daniel Eugene Jouppi
Decedents' Estates and Trusts.....	Lauren Blaine Henderson
Decedents' Estates and Trusts.....	Eric Preston Jones
Dispute Resolution .....	Casey Christine Fidler
Diversity and Discrimination .....	Blake Edward Stafford
Education Law .....	Jessica Anne Hajjar
Education Law .....	Alysia Mie-Hyon Yi
Election Law and Democracy.....	Kristin Haleigh Smith
Employment Discrimination .....	Bridget Cardinale
Employment Discrimination .....	Sarah Margaret Saint
Employment Law.....	Eric Preston Jones
Employment Law.....	Sarah Margaret Saint
Energy Law.....	Dianna Elizabeth Shinn
Environmental Law.....	Matthew Joseph Kerschner
Entertainment Law.....	Amanda Marie Whorton
European Union Law .....	Jenna Brooke Coogle
Evidence.....	Molly Dale Pearce

Evidence.....	Sarah Margaret Saint
Family Law .....	Eric Preston Jones
Family Law .....	Meredith Elizabeth Pace
Family Law .....	Jonathan David Silver
Federal Courts .....	Blake Edward Stafford
Federal Criminal Practice .....	Bradley W. Simon
Food Law and Policy.....	Elizabeth Louise DeFrance
Food Law and Policy.....	Alysia Mie-Hyon Yi
Gender and the Law .....	Sarah Margaret Saint
Great Jurists Seminar .....	Whitney Ruth Pakalka
Health Care Law and Policy.....	Joel Anderson Berly IV
Immigration Law.....	Emma Katherine Haddock
Innocence and Justice Clinic.....	Valerie Amanda Mock
Innocence and Justice Clinic.....	Bradley W. Simon
Insurance Law.....	Anthony Joseph Biraglia
Intellectual Property.....	Amanda Marie Whorton
Intellectual Property Licensing.....	Drake Tyler Mason
International Environmental Law.....	Grace Alexandra Sykes
International Human Rights.....	Catherine C. Berenato
International Law .....	Ethan Reed White
Internet Law .....	Kaitlin Garvin Westbrook
Introduction to Private Equity Law .....	Santiago Herrera
Introduction to In-House Counsel Role .....	Drake Tyler Mason
Jurisprudence.....	Daniel D. Stratton
Juvenile Law .....	Charlotte Emily Clare Connor
Juvenile Law .....	Angela Ruth Sheets
Juvenile Law .....	Sarah Laudumey Walton
Labor Law.....	Eric Preston Jones
Law and Accounting .....	Rebecca Ann Daddino
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Shayn Allen Fernandez
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Emma Katherine Haddock
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Lauren Blaine Henderson
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Lance Henry
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Samuel Carson Keenan
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Elvira Victoria Nunez
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Rachel Ann Oplinger
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Blake Edward Stafford
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Paige Noelle Topper
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.....	Cara Whittaker Van Dorn
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Amanda Michelle Brahm
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Shayn Allen Fernandez
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Casey Christine Fidler
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Lance Henry
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Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Blake Edward Stafford
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Ethan Reed White
Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II .....	Amanda Marie Whorton
Legal Writing for Judicial Chambers .....	Blake Edward Stafford
Legislation and Administrative Law .....	Eric Preston Jones
Legislation and Administrative Law .....	Cara Whittaker Van Dorn
Legislation and Administrative Law .....	Ethan Reed White
Litigation Drafting .....	David Lawson Allen
Litigation Drafting .....	Meredith Elizabeth Pace
Litigation Drafting .....	Lisa C. Roach
Litigation Externship Clinic.....	Emily Catherine Jeske
Litigation Externship Clinic.....	Elvira Victoria Nunez
Litigation Externship Clinic.....	Erica Catherine Oates
Mass Media Law .....	Casey Christine Fidler
National Security Law.....	Christopher Joseph Salemme
Native American Law .....	Whitney Ruth Pakalka
Patent Law .....	Taylor Dean Anderson
Patent Law .....	Meghan Rian Holland
Patent Law .....	Valerie Amanda Mock
Patent Litigation .....	David Lawson Allen
Perspectives on Law Enforcement.....	Conor Priest Degnan
Perspectives on Law Enforcement.....	Stephanie Althea Jackson
Perspectives on Law Enforcement.....	Christopher Joseph Salemme
Pre-Trial Practice and Procedure .....	Whitney Ruth Pakalka
Professional Responsibility .....	Cara Whittaker Van Dorn
Property .....	Kyleigh Elizabeth Feesh
Property .....	Eric Preston Jones
Property .....	Sarah Margaret Saint
Property .....	Joshua Taylor Winks
Property II .....	Allison Adrienne Cole
Race and the Law.....	Debora Flores Franco
Regulatory Law and Policy.....	Sarah Laudumiey Walton
Sales.....	Ethan Reed White
Securities Regulation .....	Daniel Eugene Jouppi
Secured Transactions .....	Ethan Reed White
Sexual Identity and the Law.....	Mia Lucienne Falzarano
Sports Sponsorship and Contract Negotiations .....	Valerie Amanda Mock
State and Local Government.....	Taylor Dean Anderson
Suing Government .....	Kayleigh Elizabeth Butterfield
Taxation: Federal Income .....	Maria Catherine Collins
Taxation: Federal Income .....	Eric Preston Jones
Taxation: Federal Income .....	Molly Dale Pearce

The Elder Law Clinic.....	Catherine C. Berenato
Torts .....	Matthew Thomas Brown
Torts .....	Jessica Anne Hajjar
Torts .....	Eric Preston Jones
Trade Secrets and Unfair Competition.....	Steven Christopher Hemric
Trademarks.....	Meredith Elizabeth Pace
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## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

Some academicians and others have wondered why law schools all over the United States have changed the nomenclature of the first university degree in law from the long used LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws) to the J.D. (Juris Doctor). What is the basis for this change and its significance? Where does it rank in the legal academic hierarchy?

The doctorate or title of "Doctor" actually originated in connection with lawyers and not with other academic disciplines. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* states that the title of "Doctor" was conferred as early as the 12<sup>th</sup> century in the faculty of law in the famed University of Bologna. It was later conferred in France and England in the faculty of divinity. For many years the term "Doctor" was confined to the faculties of law and divinity. It was not until the 14<sup>th</sup> century that the doctor's degree began to be conferred in medicine. Thereafter the term came to apply to other disciplines in European universities.

The term "Doctor" and its use in connection with graduates in law is therefore in keeping with ancient traditions of the legal profession. There is evidence of its use in connection with lawyers as early as Biblical times. See Acts 5:34, where it is stated: "Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law ... "

The term "Doctor" was not employed in colonial America in connection with lawyers because at the time of the settlement of this country there were no law schools to grant degrees. Legal education was compelled to take the form of the guild system whereby persons interested in studying law had to accept apprenticeship or clerkship. Lawyers "read" law from treatises such as Blackstone's *Commentaries*, listened to and observed their elders, studied statutes and digests, and after a period of years were recommended by committees to be licensed to practice law.

The first "law school" connected with a college or university was probably established at the College of William and Mary by Thomas Jefferson when, as Governor of Virginia, he arranged for the appointment of a "professor of law and police" at that school. The first independent law school was established at Litchfield, Connecticut. Harvard University named its first part-time law professor in 1815. But as a university discipline, legal education did not start as "graduate education" in the university, but as simply a part of the undergraduate curriculum of liberal arts departments of the universities, like philosophy or economics. Since the teaching of law started as an adjunct of the regular curriculum of colleges and universities, when a degree was given to those who completed legal studies, it was natural to call it a "bachelor's" degree. The LL.B. was widely adopted.

Modern legal education did not begin in the United States as presently known until about 1870 when Christopher Columbus Langdell was named "Dean of the Law School" at Harvard University, connoting the evolution of legal education's rise to graduate school status. Since the LL.B. degree had become so well established, that degree continued to be awarded by university law schools until recently, notwithstanding that the initial law degree is not generally the first academic degree conferred upon law graduates.

With the development of increasingly high standards and the prerequisite of a prior college or university degree before one can be admitted to law school and the requirement of three years of post-baccalaureate study in law, or the equivalent of seven years of formal higher education, most law schools have now replaced the LL.B. degree with the degree of "Juris Doctor." The J.D. degree is now generally conferred as the first degree in law for those graduating from law schools in the United States. The "Juris Doctor" degree is designed to indicate post-baccalaureate achievement not previously accomplished by awarding a second "bachelor's degree" in the form of the LL.B.

With respect to degrees awarded in law today by most law schools in America, the following hierarchy of degrees has been established:

1. Juris Doctor (J.D.) – The first earned law degree indicating graduation from a law school with three years of post-baccalaureate study, or the equivalent of seven years of formal higher education, at least three years of which are in law.
2. Master of Laws (LL.M.) – An earned postgraduate degree in law indicating the successful completion of one additional year of specialized legal study after receipt of the first degree in law. The Wake Forest LL.M. degree is for those whose first degree in law is from a university of a foreign country.
3. Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) – An earned postgraduate degree in law indicating generally the successful completion of two years of formal legal study beyond receipt of the first degree in law plus the writing of a major original research thesis or dissertation.
4. Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) – An “honorary” degree established by universities and colleges, not necessarily those having law schools, and conferred on an individual who makes a significant contribution to society in a learned pursuit. The Doctor of Laws is not an earned academic degree.

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## OATH

*Oath taken by the Candidates for the Juris Doctor Degree at the  
Wake Forest University School of Law Hooding Ceremony*

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT UPON BEING DULY  
LICENSED TO PRACTICE THE PROFESSION OF LAW:

I will support the Constitution of the United States;

I will maintain the respect due to Courts of Justice and judicial officers;

I will honor and uphold the rule of law;

I will be faithful to the ethical standards that govern my profession;

I will discharge conscientiously the obligations of citizenship;

I will not reject for personal reasons, the cause of the defenseless or  
oppressed, or delay any person's cause for personal gain or malice,  
SO HELP ME GOD.





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