

*This program recognizes recipients of academic honors and awards, and various service, clinic and advocacy awards for 2014-15. Congratulations to all of the students who have attained these distinctions.*

## ACADEMIC HONORS (Degree Honors)

In accord with the Academic Rules of the University of San Diego School of Law, degree honors are conferred upon those students who distinguish themselves by their academic achievement.

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

*Jonathan Michael Williams*

*Qiva Almira Dinuri (LLM)*

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

*Melissa Jo Brayman*

*Alyssa Lauren Eisenberg*

*Charles Christopher Hayes*

*Lindsey Carter Herzik*

*Loretta Irma Sophia Lang (LLM)*

*Erika Limpin Oliver*

*Brittany Lynn Rosentrater*

*John Lannon Ross*

*Nathaniel R. Scharn*

*Bronson W. Smith*

*Kelly Christine Smith*

*Heather Marie Speers*

*Joshua E. Summers*

*April K. White*

### CUM LAUDE

*Curtis Vincent Abram*

*Brian Patrick Beddingfield (LLM)*

*John Francis Boyer (LLM)*

*Jennifer Ann Boyle*

*Eric M. Carrino*

*Paul Ryan Cramer (LLM)*

*Aaron Thomas French*

*Danielle Christine Garcia*

*Drew William Garrison*

*Edward Charles Johnson V*

*Sabrina Danielle Johnson*

*Tiffanie L. McDowell (LLM)*

*Kyle Joseph Meziere*

*Samantha Ann Marie Pistole*

*Yana Laptseva Ridge*

*Jason Stratos Sampas (LLM)*

*Robert Andrew Schultz*

*Brandon G. Smith*

*Sarah Elizabeth Steinfeld*

*Kerry Anne Swendt*

*Dionne Amberly Thomas*

*Jordan Kathleen Wager*

*Rick Anthony Waltman*

*Robert Edward Weisenburger*

*Rachel A. Weitzman*

*John Foster Whittemore*

*Alyssa M. Williams*

*Lauren M. Williams*

*Lindsey Marie Wrape*

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

Recipients of the Irvin J. Kahn; Dean's Comparative Law Award; Paul, Plevin, Sullivan & Connaughton; and Dean's Tax Scholar awards also will have their names engraved on perpetual plaques which remain on **disply** in the law school.

### VALEDICTORIAN AWARD

For the highest cumulative grade point average overall.

*Jonathan Michael Williams*

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR THE HIGHEST CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE, FULL-TIME DIVISION

*Jonathan Michael Williams*

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR THE HIGHEST CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE, PART-TIME DIVISION

*Melissa Jo Brayman and Erika Limpin Oliver*

### MASTER OF LAWS: DEAN'S TAX SCHOLAR

For the highest cumulative grade point average in the Master of Laws in Taxation program.

*Qiva Alimira Dinuri*

### MASTER OF LAWS: DEAN'S COMPARATIVE LAW AWARD

For the highest cumulative grade point average in the Master of Laws in Comparative Law program.

*Loretta Irma Sophia Lang*

### JUDGE GERALD BROWN PROGRESS AWARD

For the student with the greatest increase in grade point average, from first year to graduation.

*Sharon Nahyun Choi*

### IRVIN J. KAHN AWARD

For the outstanding student in real property courses.

*Jacqueline Travers*

### PAUL, PLEVIN, SULLIVAN & CONNAUGHTON, LLP AWARD

For the highest cumulative grade point average in the employment and labor law concentration.

*Danielle Christine Garcia*

### VIRGINIA C. NELSON GRADUATION PRIZE IN ADVANCED ADVOCACY

For the outstanding student in advanced advocacy courses.

*Drew William Garrison*

## SERVICE AWARDS

### OWEN STARK HERIOT AWARD

For the outstanding student who is a veteran or current member of the Armed Forces.

*Matthew Lloyd Abbot*

### USD ENHANCEMENT AWARD

For the outstanding graduate who exemplifies leadership and has improved and enriched the USD law community.

*Susan Minnick Gathman*

*Maryam Rastegar*

*Kelly Christine Smith*

### ALEC L. CORY PRO BONO AWARD

For contributions to *pro bono* causes during law school.

*Kelsey Michelle Hathaway*

### PRO BONO SERVICE RECOGNITION

The *Pro Bono* Service Recognition is given to those students who have completed in excess of 100 hours of pro bono legal service during their law school career.

*Nathalie Elsa Becavin-Tan*

*Lance Charles Behringer*

*Alicia Arritt Belock*

*Blake W. Berger*

*David V. Binsacca*

*Sapphire Sandria Blackwood*

*Jennifer Ann Boyle*

*Lauren Marie Bradshaw*

*Danica J. Brustkern*

*Katherine Cecilia Faoro*

*Sarah Felahy*

*Aaron Thomas French*

*Madeleine Anne Garber*

*Danielle Christine Garcia*

*Drew William Garrison*

*Susan Minnick Gathman*

*Eden Esther Goldman*

*Jenny R. Gong*

*Sarah Melissa Gonzalez*

*Cyrus Seyed Haghani*

*Kelsey Michelle Hathaway*

*Charles Christopher Hayes*

*Brittany Renee Hogard*

*Jennifer Hsiao*

*Sabrina Danielle Johnson*

*Sarah Jane Johnson*

*Michael Afshin Khazaeli*

*Jessica Lindsay Kiley*

*Vanessa Ruth T. Lagarnia*

*Michael Warren Levine*

*Michael Matthias*

*Kelsey Dale McCarthy*

*David Charles McGaffey*

*Michael Jesse Morpew*

*Ryan Almario Morris*

*Julie Uyen Nguyen*

*Narie Oh*

*Erika Limpin Oliver*

*Alisha Nicole Ortiz*

*Samantha Ann Marie Pistole*

*Maryam Rastegar*

*Patricia Brooke Robbins*

*Brittany Lynn Rosentrater*

*Alyssa V. Ruiz de Esparza*

*Christine Kimlan Ryan*

*Nathaniel R. Scharn*

*Kelly Christine Smith*

*Christina Arron Strickland*

*Joshua E. Summers*

*Kerry Anne Swendt*

*Jessica Rose Underwood*

*Luis N. Valdivia, Jr.*

*Jazmin Vargas*

*Rick Anthony Waltman*

*Rachel A. Weitzman*

*Michele Jeanette Whitfield*

*Catherine Srithong Wicker*

*Gabriella Aida Wilkins*

*Chandra Nicole Zdenek*

# CLINIC AWARDS

## OUTSTANDING APPELLATE CLINIC INTERN

*Jordan Kathleen Wager*

## OUTSTANDING CIVIL CLINIC INTERN

*Curtis Vincent Abram*

## OUTSTANDING CRIMINAL CLINIC INTERN

*Michael John Panikowski*

## OUTSTANDING EDUCATION & DISABILITY CLINIC INTERN

*Maryam Rastegar*

## OUTSTANDING ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLINIC INTERN

*Antonia Marie Prestigiacomo*

## OUTSTANDING FEDERAL TAX CLINIC INTERN

*Kristen Anne Anderson*

## OUTSTANDING IMMIGRATION CLINIC INTERN

*Sapphire Sandria Blackwood*

## OUTSTANDING SMALL CLAIMS CLINIC INTERN

*Valerie Anne Phan*

## OUTSTANDING STATE INCOME TAX CLINIC INTERN

*Morgane Horn*

## OUTSTANDING STATE SALES & USE TAX CLINIC INTERN

*Michael Afshin Khazaeli*

## OUTSTANDING VETERANS CLINIC INTERN

*Matthew Lloyd Abbot*

# ADVOCACY AWARDS

## CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW'S

### OUTSTANDING PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCATE AWARD

For outstanding external advocacy in the legislature, courts, or before administrative agencies.

*Rick Anthony Waltman*

## CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW'S OUTSTANDING

### CONTRIBUTOR TO *THE CALIFORNIA REGULATORY LAW REPORTER*

For contributions to the journal that monitors the activities of 25 California regulatory agencies.

*Charles Christopher Hayes*

## CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY INSTITUTE'S JAMES A. D'ANGELO

### OUTSTANDING CHILD ADVOCATE AWARD

For the graduates who have demonstrated the special skills, knowledge, and dedication necessary to be effective child advocates.

*Kelsey Michelle Hathaway*

*Jessica Lindsay Kiley*

*Maryam Rastegar*

*Natalie Lynn Rodriguez*

*Alyssa V. Ruiz de Esparza*

*Jessica Rose Underwood*

*Rick Anthony Waltman*

## COMMUNITY DEFENDERS AWARD

For commitment to constitutional protections in indigent criminal defense.

*Neal S. Albright*

*Susan Minnick Gathman*

## ORDER OF BARRISTERS

For demonstrated excellence in appellate and/or trial advocacy.

*Curtis Vincent Abram*

*Jennifer Ann Boyle*

*Alyssa Lauren Eisenberg*

*Jillian Pauline Ewan*

*James Joseph*

*Ryan Almaro Morris*

*Robert Andrew Schultz*

*Yara Zokaie*

**Statue of Justice:** *Jillian Pauline Ewan*

## MICHAEL T. THORSNES TRIAL ADVOCACY AWARD

For the outstanding National Mock Trial team member.

*James Joseph*

## AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES AWARD

For the outstanding team competing in an intramural or national trial competition.

*California Attorneys for Criminal Justice (CACJ) National Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition Team of: Jennifer Ann Boyle, Aaron Thomas French, James Joseph, and Caitlin Macker*

# 2014-15 School of Law Academic Honors & Awards



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