

2020-21 School of Law
Academic Honors & Awards



JULY 2021

This program recognizes recipients of academic honors and awards, and various service, clinic and advocacy awards for 2020-21. 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

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John Paul Zens III
Kimberly Ferrari Vallot
Sarah Elizabeth Roa
Hyla R. Schneir
Phillip W. Hilliard (LLM)*

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Kaitlin Marie Radvansky
Kevin J. Holt
Alberto Julian Corona
Brandon Michael Burger
Blaine Robert Mullican
Kameron Taylor Wright*

*Joubin Hanassab
Taylor N. Needham
Katerina A. Karaoglanova
Lexi Jo Epley
Millicent Clare Whitmore
Tiana Camille Garbett
Andrew Michael Ferguson
Eden Zakay*

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

*Allison Elizabeth Schubert
Daniel Louis Rosen
Strider Marsh Kachelein
Meghan Alisa Crumm
Jackson Robert Zeman
Natalie J. Annunziata
Kevin Joseph Oberlies
Julia F. Drury
Casey Lynn Kirk
Katherine Louise Noe
Ashlee Nicole Remington
Julia Abigail Sherwood
Madison Lyn Orcutt*

CUM LAUDE

*Elaina M. Bauer
Kevin David De Ceoursty
Dylan Deanna Wilson
Kenneth Crippen Bagdasar
Jennifer Marie Aardema
Andrea Suzanne Grim
Jessica L. Taylor
Marlee Ann Horwitz
Bradley C. Manering
Stephanie Anne Mendivil
Breanna Lynn Hite
Brian Noble Mallard
Joseph John Tull*

*Kelsey Jacqueline Landon
Devon Raine Meyer
David Burke Anton Hewett
Maryam M. Atty
Taylor Patrick Marrinan
Orlando Thomas Barajas
Madeline Janette Rojer
John Morton Kelley
Arzviek Moradian
Anthony Vincenzo Pizzichini
Angela Marie Silva
Matthew Kaveh Majd
Peter Gunston Nelson (LLM)
Laura E. Pappas (LLM)*

ORDER OF THE COIF

Steeped in the history of serjeants-at-law in medieval England, the American Order of the Coif dates back to 1902 and is the preeminent honor society for recognition of high academic attainment in the study of law. Membership in Coif is limited to those students in the top 10 percent of the graduating class. Congratulations to the students who have attained this high honor.

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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 display in the law school.

VALEDICTORIAN AWARD

For the highest cumulative grade point average overall.

Kathryn Marie Pettit

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

Kathryn Marie Pettit

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

Grant William Margulieux

MASTER OF LAWS: DEAN'S TAX SCHOLAR AWARD

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

Phillip W. Hilliard

MASTER OF LAWS: DEAN'S COMPARATIVE LAW AWARD

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

Hector Jacinto Gonzalez

JUDGE GERALD BROWN PROGRESS AWARD

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

Chase Drew Canevari

IRVIN J. KAHN AWARD

For the outstanding student in real property courses.

Kimberly Ferrari Vallot

PAUL, PLEVIN, SULLIVAN & CONNAUGHTON, LLP AWARD

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

Julia F. Drury

VIRGINIA C. NELSON GRADUATION PRIZE IN ADVANCED ADVOCACY

For the outstanding graduating student in advanced advocacy courses.

Hyla R. Schneir

SERVICE AWARDS

USD ENHANCEMENT AWARD

For the outstanding graduates who exemplify leadership and have improved and enriched the USD law community.

Blaine Robert Mullican
Madison Lyn Orcutt
Jessica Sujin Park
Maryam M. Atty
Natalie J. Annunziata
Anastasia A. Zaharoff

ALEC L. CORY PRO BONO AWARD

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

Erin Catherine Cole

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.

<i>Jennifer Marie Aardema</i>	<i>Alexandrea H. Hanna</i>	<i>Jessica Carol O'Malley</i>
<i>Katie Marie Abajian</i>	<i>William Maxwell Heineken</i>	<i>Madison Lyn Orcutt</i>
<i>Kezia Ruth Adler</i>	<i>Amanda H. Herron</i>	<i>Jessica Sujin Park</i>
<i>Diane Sunyoung Ahn</i>	<i>Marie Kathryn McDonald Hulen</i>	<i>Natassia Peterson</i>
<i>Kaitlin Marie Amos</i>	<i>Brandon K. John</i>	<i>Allana Lin Lew Platt</i>
<i>Jack Pierce Branscome</i>	<i>Sara Beth Keys</i>	<i>Kaitlin Marie Radvansky</i>
<i>Taylor Celia Brewer</i>	<i>Elaine Haymar Kong</i>	<i>Sarah Elizabeth Roa</i>
<i>Rayne Akhira Brown</i>	<i>David Evan Lloyd</i>	<i>Madeline Janette Rojer</i>
<i>Meghan Victoria Brown</i>	<i>Matthew Kaveh Majd</i>	<i>Mariela Rosas Romo</i>
<i>Chase Drew Canevari</i>	<i>Taha Majeed</i>	<i>Daniel Louis Rosen</i>
<i>Rolaine Marie Cruz Castro</i>	<i>Bradley C. Manering</i>	<i>Christopher C. Ryan</i>
<i>Shirley Alise Chestnut</i>	<i>Alexander M. Mann</i>	<i>Hyla Rachel Schneir</i>
<i>Erin Catherine Cole</i>	<i>Gaaret Ray Marinelli</i>	<i>Yasmeen Mary Seiba</i>
<i>Meghan Alisa Crumm</i>	<i>Taylor Patrick Murrinan</i>	<i>Neda Shahrestani</i>
<i>Alaina Michelle Dye</i>	<i>Chandler Cole Martin</i>	<i>Madison Eva Standon</i>
<i>Therese Marie Ellis</i>	<i>Leor Mekahel</i>	<i>Jack Otto Tamplin</i>
<i>Sabrina Faramarzi</i>	<i>Stephanie Anne Mendivil</i>	<i>Stephanie Xuan Tran</i>
<i>Daniel R. Findley</i>	<i>Blaine Robert Mullican</i>	<i>Jessica Lin Vaughn</i>
<i>Hannah Jane Fowl</i>	<i>Arin D. Nahapatian</i>	<i>Taylor LaReine Wendland</i>
<i>Marcus Shaun Friedman</i>	<i>Taylor N. Needham</i>	<i>Dylan Deanna Wilson</i>
<i>Scott Robert Gattenio</i>	<i>Tatiana Masad Nicola</i>	<i>Thomas Hoi-Fai Yau</i>
<i>Rachel George Geagea</i>	<i>Jake Mamoru Nishizu</i>	<i>Samantha Allison Young</i>
<i>Lawrence John Tsang-Lee Geist</i>	<i>Katherine Louise Noe</i>	<i>Elmira Yousufi</i>

CLINIC AWARDS

OUTSTANDING APPELLATE CLINIC INTERN

John Paul Zens

OUTSTANDING CIVIL CLINIC INTERN

Taha Majeed

OUTSTANDING EDUCATION & DISABILITY CLINIC INTERN

Taylor N. Needham

OUTSTANDING ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLINIC INTERN

Julia Nicole Hanson

OUTSTANDING FEDERAL TAX CLINIC INTERN

Cortney Jessica Harrington

OUTSTANDING IMMIGRATION CLINIC INTERN

Thomas Hoi-Fai Yau

OUTSTANDING STATE INCOME TAX CLINIC INTERN

Rosalinda Torres

OUTSTANDING STATE SALES & USE TAX CLINIC INTERN

Sabrina Faramarzi

OUTSTANDING VETERANS CLINIC INTERN

Chandler Cole Martin

OUTSTANDING WORKERS' RIGHTS CLINIC INTERN

Julia F. Drury

OUTSTANDING WOMEN'S CLINIC INTERN

Agassi Bagramyan

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.

Marcus Shaun Friedman

CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW'S OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTOR TO *THE CALIFORNIA REGULATORY LAW REPORTER*

For contributions to the journal that monitors the activities California's major regulatory agencies.

Stephanie Anne Mendivil

Madison Lyn Orcutt

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.

Jennifer Marie Aardema

Katie Marie Abajian

Kezia Ruth Adler

Alyson Elizabeth Hayden

COMMUNITY DEFENDERS AWARD

For commitment to constitutional protections in indigent criminal defense.

Jake Mamoru Nishizu

Brandon K. John

Kezia Ruth Adler

Taylor Patrick Marrinan

Madeline Janette Rojer

Jack Otto Tamplin

ORDER OF BARRISTERS

For demonstrated excellence in appellate and/or trial advocacy.

Natalie J. Annunziata

Alberto Julian Corona

Tiana Camille Garbett

Brandon K. John

Hannah L. Karraker

Bradley C. Manering

Kevin Joseph Oberlies

Alexandria Pritchett

Elmira Yousufi

Statue of Justice

Maryam M. Atty

MICHAEL T. THORSNES TRIAL ADVOCACY AWARD

For the outstanding National Mock Trial team member.

Tatiana Masad Nicola