

school of law

Presentation of Diplomas at Veale Convocation, Recreation and Athletic Center

Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 9 a.m.

Presiding

Jessica Berg, JD, MPH
Michael Scharf, JD
Deans, School of Law

Marshals

Michael Benza, JD (LAW '92)
Avidan Cover, JD
Leilani Marshall, JD
Kathryn Mercer, JD
Sarah Polly, JD
Elizabeth H. Woyczynski, MS
(MGT '11)

Academic Processional

Opening Remarks

Michael Scharf, JD
Dean, School of Law

Alumni Association Welcome

Nicole E. Braden Lewis (LAW '01)
President, Law Alumni Association

Honors and Awards

Avidan Cover, JD
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Student Address

Gabriel Darren Kaufman (LAW '23)
President, Student Bar Association

Student Address

Oluwatomisin Orisadipe (LAW '23)
Honorary Speaker

Introduction of the Commencement Speaker

Jessica Berg, JD, MPH

Commencement Speaker

Michele L. Connell (LAW '03)

Presentation of Diplomas

Jessica Berg, JD, MPH
Michael Scharf, JD
Deans, School of Law

Avidan Cover, JD
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Jonathan Gordon, JD
Professor of Lawyering Skills
Director, SJD Program

Leilani Marshall, JD
Associate Dean of Students
Adjunct Professor

Jack Turner, JD (LAW '02)
Assistant Professor of Law and
Associate Director, Foreign Graduate
LLM Program

Closing Remarks

Jessica Berg, JD, MPH
Dean, School of Law

Academic Recessional

Postlude

All organ selections played by:
Peter Bennett, M.Mus, D.Phil
Professor of Music and University
Organist

Following the ceremony, the audience is requested to remain seated until the academic procession has withdrawn.

Degree of Doctor of Juridical Science

Degrees Conferred May 2023

Naser Bader Almaraghi
Yingying Guan
Hongjin Hao
Xue Liu
Pierpaolo Petrelli
Binnan Wang
Ruonan Wang
Xiao Wu

Degrees Conferred August 2022

Abdullah Ali Abdullah Alasmari
Liyang Che
Dean John Kelly
Bo Wang

Degrees Conferred January 2023

Turki Abdulkhareem Almatrudi
Zhengjie Duan
Jiaao Yu

Degree of Juris Doctor

Degrees Conferred May 2023

Natalie Denise Aguilar
Lucas Steven Allison
Noopur H. Amin
Maryam Assar
Ittaff Bala
William Jefferson Ballew
Elena C. Barone
David James Bauman Jr.
Brooke Catherine Behrmann
Sydney Kathleen Bell
Lauren Nicole Beninger
Francesca Marion Bergeret-Simpson
Chandrasekaran Mridul Bhardwaj
Veronika Igorevna Bondarenko
Matthew Clay Borcas
Panagiota Dimitriou Boulas
Thomas Michael Boyd Jr.
Kairra Nichelle Brazley
Kayla Charnae Briskey
Danielle Leigh Buchinsky
Owen Tyler Carpenter
Melissa Casella
Tristan Thomas Cavanaugh

Lucas Thoren Christensen
Luke Brandes Cipolla
Shelby Lane Conklin
Adrian Edmundo Corona
Bridget Anne Coyne
Thaddeus Richard Cwiklinski
Jacob van Heemskerck Duker DeBaltzo
Jeffrey Alan Deiuliis
Jacqueline Carlin Delahunty
Kennedy Elizabeth Dickson
Reece Garrett Disney
Natalie A. Eberts
Matthew S. Fennell
Elizabeth Marie Finazzo
Benjamin Joseph Foote-Huth
Melanie Patricia Fuenmayor
Emma Elizabeth Geesaman
James Joseph Genetin
Patrick Thomas Gibbons
Annie Rose Goldstein
Colden Roger Gosselin
Graham Charles Young Grant
Abigale Aline Groseclose
Samuel Leonidas Halpert Rodis
Katarina Elizabeth Johnston
Vegas Francisco Garcia Kastberg
Elizabeth Rose Katz
Gabriel Darren Kaufman
Rebecca Belle Kimmelfield
Margaret Kinkopf
Matthew Carl Janicki Koutsky
Angela Lynn Kovacs
Meghan Elizabeth Lanter
Margaret Mary Leever
Austin Frank Levan
Zheng Li
Bari Jae Love
Koary William Lutz
Elizabeth Anne Martinez
Matthew William McDonald
Richard James McGraw
Loreyn Rae McKenzie
Alexandra Gabrielle McLaughlin
King
Taylor Scott Mehalko
Owen M. Migdal
Ryan Marc Miller
Austin Milliren
Madeline Marie Mischler

Andreea Alexandra Mitrache
Ashley Elizabeth Mueller
Matthew John Mullins
Madeline Claire Myers
Victoria Leigh Neikam
Abigail Leah Ophir
Oluwatomisin I. Orisadipe
Vincent Jerome Palumbo
Mallory Kay Parker
Rebekah Grace Paul
Magda Jerlena Phillips
Benjamin Isaac Potel
Jiacheng Qi
Joan Kathleen Reardon
Kevin Joseph Roberts
George Todd Robie
Meritt Rey Salathe
Rebecca Giovanna Singer-Miller
Blake William Spiller
Zachary Sterling
Alexa Morgan Stovsky
Rachel Leigh Susany
Micaela Lauren Swim
Andrew Jordan Thompson
Zachary Glen Tomi
Theodor Truta-Moldovan
Cameron Alexander Vahlkamp
Noah Lincoln Veres
Zizhao Wang
Sydney Nicole Warinner
Jordan Dean Weeks
Brynne Michelle Willis
Gabriella Marie Wittbrod
David William Wu
Zhongling Wu
Zhidun Xi
Hannah Elizabeth Yeack
Jonathan P. Ziga

Degrees Conferred August 2022

Kyle Douglas Dunnell
Kaitlin S. Grant

Degrees Conferred January 2023

Sally Arah Enoch
Jacob Ryan Gialamas
Vincent Robert Jones
Hunter Steven Louderback
Law, Technology, and the Arts
Abby Brianna O'Leary
Michelle S. Robinson
Brian Todd Weber

Degree of Master of Compliance and Risk Management

Degree Conferred May 2023

Andreea Alexandra Mitrache

Degrees Conferred January 2023

Sally Arah Enoch
Jacob Ryan Gialamas
Hunter Steven Louderback
Ana Merdita
Ethan Edward Radatz
Michelle S. Robinson

Degree of Master of Laws

Degrees Conferred May 2023

Faisal M KH R Alenezi
U.S. and Global Legal Studies
Mohammed Alghamdi
International Business Law
Saud Khalid Alkhamali
U.S. and Global Legal Studies
Abdulaziz M H A A Allaqawi
U.S. and Global Legal Studies
Abdulrahman Sulaiman S Almutairi
U.S. and Global Legal Studies
Sawsan Khader Almzaian
U.S. and Global Legal Studies
Abdulaziz Abdulrahman Alnder
U.S. and Global Legal Studies
Ali Mushabbab S Alqahtani
International Business Law
Tahani Fahad A Alshammari
U.S. and Global Legal Studies
Nan Chen
U.S. and Global Legal Studies
Tatiana Dorofeeva
U.S. and Global Legal Studies
Xiaorui Han
International Business Law
Zhicheng Huang
U.S. and Global Legal Studies
Daniella Alves de Siqueira Freitas Kliger
U.S. and Global Legal Studies
Sergei Vladimirovich Korotkov
U.S. and Global Legal Studies
Yanyu Liu
International Business Law
Zihan Ma
International Business Law
Colin Bruce McEwen

(continued)

Degree of Master of Laws**Supichaya Praneetpolkrung**

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Abdus Sattar

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Liyang Sheng

International Business Law

Jiayi Sun

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Evander Tan**Xing Wang**

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Yue Wu

International Business Law

Yuxin Wu

International Business Law

Jingyi Xie

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Lei Xu

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Abeer Ibrahim A Zalah

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Yubin Zhang

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Degrees Conferred August 2022**Abdullah J H M Alghees**

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Abdulrahman Mohammed S**Alkhudir**

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Alau Moreira da Silva

International Business Law

Degrees Conferred January 2023**Hassan Ali Al-Ali**

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Omar Abdulaziz A Albahdal

International Business Law

Fahad Bandar Aldehani

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Bader Mohammed A Alhumud

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Abdullah Safar Almutib

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Abdullah Ali S Alshomrani

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Abdulrahman Saleh A Alyahya

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Abdulkarim Mohammed**Baybah**

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Jiaming Dong

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Meng-Yuan Ho

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Zhihan Jiang

International Business Law

Andres Octavio Jimenez Robles

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Moustansir Lokhandwala

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Wassila Seddar

U.S. and Global Legal Studies

Haoyan Shi

International Business Law

Ruipeng Zhang

International Business Law

honors, prizes & awards

Awards

Teacher of the Year Award

in grateful appreciation for their outstanding teaching and dedication

Michael Benza

LLM Teacher of the Year Award

in grateful appreciation for their outstanding teaching and dedication to LLM students

Julia Liston

Dennis J. Jenks Memorial Award for Administrator of the Year

in grateful appreciation for their outstanding service and dedication

Keith Dye

Student of the Year Award

to the graduating student who, in the judgment of classmates, best exemplifies outstanding scholarship and excellence in extracurricular activities

Gabriel Darren Kaufman

Martin Luther King Jr. Award

to a student who, in the judgment of classmates, follows in character and conduct the spirit of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Iltaff Bala

Dean's Community Service Award

to the graduating student whose commitment to enriching the lives of others in Greater Cleveland serves as an example to those within and outside the legal profession

Thaddeus Richard Cwiklinski

Dean's Community Service Award

to a student organization whose commitment to enriching the lives of others in Greater Cleveland serves as an example to those within and outside the legal profession

Black Law Students Association

School of Law Leadership Award

to those students, who, in the judgment of classmates, have demonstrated leadership in making significant contributions to student organizations and fostering community within the school

Gabriel Darren Kaufman

School of Law Pro Bono Recognition

to those students who have served the community by completing a minimum of 50 qualifying pro bono hours

Brooke Catherine Behrmann
Meghan Elizabeth Lanter
Matthew John Mullins
Alexa Morgan Stovsky
Sydney Nicole Warinner

Jacob Hecht Pro Bono Graduating Student of the Year Award

to the student who completes the greatest number of qualifying pro bono hours

Sydney Nicole Warinner

Stanley I. and Hope S. Adelstein Environmental Law Summer Grant

to students who dedicate a summer to environmental law

Madeline Marie Mischler

Samuel Archie Award

to the student in the Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center who demonstrates excellence in client relations

Kairra Nichelle Brazley
Sally Arah Enoch
Katarina Elizabeth Johnston

Saul S. Biskind Summer Fellowships

to students who dedicate a summer to public interest law

Adrian Edmundo Corona
Ashley Elizabeth Mueller
Rebecca Giovanna Singer-Miller

Harry A. and Sarah Blachman Award

to the student who prepares the best essay on improving the local, state or national government

Kennedy Elizabeth Dickson

Patricia Burgess Public Law Prize

for outstanding academic performance in the field of public law

Kennedy Elizabeth Dickson

Case Global Service Award

to students who have contributed significantly to international law programs

Maryam Assar
Brooke Catherine Behrmann
Lucas Thoren Christensen
Gabriel Darren Kaufman
Sergei Vladimirovich Korotkov
Matthew Carl Janicki Koutsky
Zachary Glen Tomi
Sydney Nicole Warinner

Richard A. and Brandon S. Collier Award

for outstanding achievement in the law-medicine curriculum

Victoria Leigh Neikam

Jack Cronquist Award

to the student in the Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center who demonstrates outstanding performance and commitment to clients

Lauren Nicole Beninger
Matthew Clay Borcas

Diane Ethics Award

to the graduating student who has demonstrated, in academic, professional and extracurricular activities, the best understanding of the ethics and ideals of the legal profession

Thomas Michael Boyd Jr.

Paul J. Hergenroeder Award

to the top student or students in trial tactics

Thaddeus Richard

Cwiklinski

Meghan Elizabeth Lanter

The John Wragg Kellogg Prize

to the minority student who, at the end of the first year, demonstrated the greatest achievement

Bari Jae Love

Sidney H. Moss Award

to the students who earned the highest grades in evidence

James Joseph Genetin

Zashin & Rich Employment and Labor Prize

to a student with significant achievement in employment law

Andrew Jordan Thompson

Zashin & Rich Family Law Prize

to the student who demonstrates outstanding performance in advanced domestic relations or family law

Elena C. Barone

Matthew Clay Borcas

Sydney Nicole Warinner

Norma and Larry Zukerman Prize

to the student with the best essay in the field of criminal law

Jordan Dean Weeks

Clinical Legal Education Association's (CLEA) Outstanding Student Award

for excellence in a clinical course

Kennedy Elizabeth

Dickson

Federal Bar Association Award

presented by the Northern District of Ohio Chapter to the students who earned the highest grade in each section of Constitutional Law I

Panagiota Dimitriou

Boulas

Kennedy Elizabeth

Dickson

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award

to the outstanding student(s) in the trial advocacy program

Veronika Igorevna

Bondarenko

Littler Mendelson Labor Law Award

to the students who have excelled in the study of labor and employment law

Angela Lynn Kovacs

The Outstanding Woman Law Graduate Award

presented by the National Association of Women Lawyers to a woman graduate who has achieved academic distinction and promises contributions to society and to the profession

Natalie A. Eberts

The Marvin and Sue Sicherman Excellence in Bankruptcy Award

presented by the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association to a student who has demonstrated scholarship, commitment and aptitude for a career in bankruptcy law

George Todd Robie

The Raymond R. November LLEAP 1 Award

given to a graduating student who received the highest grade in LLEAP 1

Matthew Clay Borcas

The Raymond R. November LLEAP 2 Award

given to a graduating student who received the highest grade in LLEAP 2

Matthew Clay Borcas

Health Matrix—Journal Of Law-Medicine Outstanding Note

Owen Tyler Carpenter

Law Review—Outstanding Note

Matthew Clay Borcas

National Order of Scribes

for outstanding legal writing throughout law school

Matthew Clay Borcas

Kennedy Elizabeth

Dickson

James Joseph Genetin

Bari Jae Love

Andrew Jordan Thompson

Mock Trial and Moot Court Awards**Order of Barristers**

The Order of Barristers is a national honor society whose purpose is to encourage excellence in oral advocacy and in brief writing. Members are selected for excellence in advocacy and for their total contribution to the law school's moot court and advocacy programs.

Veronika Igorevna

Bondarenko

Matthew Clay Borcas

Tristan Thomas

Cavanaugh

Katarina Elizabeth

Johnson

Meghan Elizabeth

Lanter

Elizabeth Anne

Martinez

Jordan Dean Weeks

William E. Davis Prizes

National Mock Trial Tournament Team Night – First Place

Veronika Igorevna

Bondarenko (2022)

Andrew Jordan Thompson (2022)

Andrew Jordan Thompson (2023)

Second Place

Meghan Elizabeth Lanter

(2022)

Meghan Elizabeth Lanter

(2023)

William H. Wallace Award

for excellence in litigation skills

Andrew Jordan Thompson

Dean Dunmore Moot Court Competition

Dean's Brief-Writing Award

Matthew Clay Borcas

A. E. Bernsteen Award

for the best oral advocate
Vincent Robert Jones

Dean Dunmore Tournament Award

Matthew Clay Borcas

Dean Dunmore Tournament Champion

Andrew Jordan Thompson

Dean Dunmore Tournament Runner-Up

Matthew Clay Borcas

Editorial Boards

Law Review

Editor-in-Chief

Meritt Rey Salathe

Managing Editor

James Joseph Genetin

Publisher

Andrew Jordan Thompson

Executive Articles Editors

Matthew Clay Borcas
Natalie A. Eberts

Executive Online Editor

Abigale Aline Groseclose

Executive Symposium Editor

Kennedy Elizabeth
Dickson

Executive Notes & Comments Editor

Sydney Nicole Warinner

Operations Editor

Thomas Michael Boyd Jr.

Contributing Editors

Annie Rose Goldstein
Madeline Marie Mischler

Senior Editors

Lucas Thoren Christensen
Benjamin Joseph Foote-
Huth
Emma Elizabeth
Geesaman
Abigail Leah Ophir
Joan Kathleen Reardon

Health Matrix: Journal of Law-Medicine

Editor-in-Chief

Victoria Leigh Neikam

Managing & Publications Editor

Katarina Elizabeth
Johnston

Executive Articles Editor

Melanie Patricia
Fuenmayor

Copy Editor

Gabriella Marie Wittbrod

Publications Editor

Rebecca Giovanna
Singer-Miller

Executive Notes Editors

Owen Tyler Carpenter
Jacqueline Carlin
Delahunty
Colden Roger Gosselin
Mallory Kay Parker

Journal of International Law

Managing Editor

Maryam Assar

Executive Articles Editors

Sydney Kathleen Bell
Noah Lincoln Veres

Executive Notes Editors

Thaddeus Richard
Cwiklinks
Matthew S. Fennell
Zachary Glen Tomi

Production Editor

Ashley Elizabeth Mueller

Symposium Editor

Gabriel Darren Kaufman

Senior Editor

Vincent Jerome Palumbo
Jonathan P. Ziga

Canada-United States Law Journal

Editor

Tristan Thomas
Cavanaugh

Journal of Law, Technology & the Internet

Editor-in-Chief

Noopur H. Amin

Managing Editor

Jordan Dean Weeks

Senior Editors

Brooke Catherine
Behrmann
Rebecca Belle Kimmelfield
Ryan Marc Miller
Kevin Joseph Roberts