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Commencement Address

The Honorable Kim McLane Wardlaw

Conferring of Honorary Doctor of Laws Degrees

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The Honorable Kim McLane Wardlaw
The Honorable Philip S. Gutierrez
Professor Catherine Carpenter '76

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Commencement Speaker & Honorary Degree Recipient

The Honorable Kim McLane Wardlaw



Judge Kim McLane Wardlaw has served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit since August 3, 1998, and, before that, served as a U.S. District Court Judge for the Central District of California. She was nominated by President Clinton to each position and confirmed by unanimous consent of the U.S. Senate each time. Previously, Judge Wardlaw was a partner at O'Melveny and Myers, LLP, where she practiced complex litigation with an emphasis on intellectual property and media defense law. While in private practice, Judge Wardlaw engaged in numerous community, political, and governmental activities. She served as president of the

Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles and its Public Action Grant Foundation, and she was on the boards of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, the UCLA Center for Communication Policy, and the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles. She took leaves of absence from her law practice to join the Clinton-Gore Presidential Transition Team, where she worked in the United States Justice Department, and to serve as Mayor-elect Richard J. Riordan's Government Liaison during his mayoral transition.

Judge Wardlaw graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA with an A.B. in Communication Studies in 1976. She obtained her J.D. in 1979 from UCLA School of Law, where she was awarded the Order of the Coif and named the Outstanding Graduate of the Class of 1979. She externed during law school for the Honorable Joseph T. Sneed III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and, upon graduation, served as a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge William P. Gray.

Judge Wardlaw, of Mexican and Scotch-Irish ancestry, was the first Latina appointed to a U.S. federal appeals court. She has received numerous awards and honors, including the Maynard Toll Award for Distinguished Public Service, the UCLA School of Law Alumni of the Year for Public and Community Service, the WLALA Ernestine Stahlhut Award, and the Mexican American Bar Foundation Professional Achievement Award. She was also named a U.C. Regents Lecturer at UCLA School of Law. She served on the ABA Presidential Commission on Hispanic Rights and Responsibilities for two years, culminating in its 2013 report, "Latinos in the United States: Overcoming Legal Obstacles, Engaging in Civic Life." Currently, Judge Wardlaw serves on the ALI Copyright Advisory Board, the UCLA School of Law Board of Advisors, and the Center Theatre Group and Norton Simon Museum boards. She also serves on the Ninth Circuit Executive Committee and chairs the Ninth Circuit Standing Committee on Federal Public Defenders.

Honorary Degree Recipient

The Honorable Philip S. Gutierrez



Judge Philip S. Gutierrez attended the University of Notre Dame from 1977 to 1981. He then attended the UCLA School of Law from 1981 to 1984. After graduating from law school, he entered private practice. In 1988, he joined the law firm of Cotkin & Collins, where he became the managing partner of the Santa Ana offices. His practice concentrated on complex business litigation, professional malpractice liability, and insurance coverage issues.

In 1997, California Governor Pete Wilson appointed him to the Whittier Municipal Court. After the unification of the

Los Angeles court system in 2000, he served as a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge. During this time, Judge Gutierrez actively participated in various judicial committees and enjoyed several teaching assignments. In 2007, he was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve on the United States District Court for the Central District of California. He served the Central District as Chief Judge from June 2020 through March 2024. He served as the Distinguished Jurist-in-Residence at Southwestern Law School during 2023-2024.

Honorary Degree Recipient

Professor Catherine Carpenter '76



Professor Catherine Carpenter '76 is The Honorable Arleigh M. Woods and William T. Woods Chair and a Professor of Law at Southwestern Law School. Professor Carpenter retires this year after 44 years of teaching at Southwestern Law School.

Professor Carpenter earned her bachelor's degree cum laude in English from UCLA in 1973 and her Juris Doctor cum laude from Southwestern Law School in 1976. She was one of only 11 women in the full-time day class of more than 300 students.

In 1980, Professor Carpenter returned to Southwestern as a full-time faculty member and received tenure in 1984. In her 48 years as a legal educator, Professor Carpenter became a leading authority on law school curricula and accreditation. She served in several leadership positions within the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association (ABA).

Professor Carpenter was elected to the prestigious American Law Institute in 2012, where she served as a member of the Advisory Committee that redrafted the Model Penal Code's laws on sexual assault. Over the last three decades, due to her work with the ABA and other academic bodies, *National Jurist* magazine designated her as "One of the 25 Most Influential People in Legal Education" four times.

Professor Carpenter's scholarship focuses on issues about sex crimes and sex offense registration laws. Her scholarship has been cited by seven state supreme courts, the American Law Institute in its commentary to the revised Model Penal Code, and countless attorneys and law professors. She is a scholar-activist currently serving as the Executive Director of Access to Restorative Justice, a fund housed at Southwestern whose mission is reintegrating marginalized community members. She is also President of the Alliance for Constitutional Sex Offenses, a national organization committed to protecting the Constitution by restoring registrants' rights.

Professor Carpenter has served Southwestern as Dean of Students and Associate Dean under Dean Leigh H. Taylor and as Vice Dean for Dean Susan Prager. She currently serves as Co-Director of the Evening Program, Co-Director of the Honors Moot Court Program, and Director of the Criminal Law Concentration.

Her service to Southwestern has been recognized by her students, peers, and fellow alums. She received the Excellence in Teaching Award three times, was elected Grand Marshal six times, and was named Alumna of the Year in 2013.

Professor Carpenter proudly calls Southwestern home. She attended and graduated with her husband, Marty, and her daughter, Erica Jansson, graduated from the evening program in 2021.

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Kathryn S. Kalland

B.A., Hamline University
B.B.A., Hamline University

Marissa N. Katz

B.M., University of Miami

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B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

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B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Emilia L. Lillo

B.A., Monash University - Australia

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Rachel E. Lustig

B.S., Chapman University

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B.B.A., The University of Central Oklahoma

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B.A., Sarah Lawrence College

Mehrab Mehrabian

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B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara

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B.A., University of North Florida

Michael A. Segal

B.S., Tulane University

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B.S., University of San Francisco

Renick I. Slazinski

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B.F.A., Howard University
M.F.A., California Institute of the Arts

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B.S., California Lutheran University
M.A., California Lutheran University

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B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

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Student Organizations

Moot Court Honors Program ^M

The Moot Court Honors Program provides students with the opportunity to develop oral and written advocacy skills through competitions in appellate advocacy. Students who excel during the annual Moot Court Intramural Competition are invited to interview for Southwestern's nationally recognized Moot Court Honors Program. Those selected represent Southwestern in regional and national interscholastic competitions as oralists, brief writers, or board advisors. Members of the Moot Court Board of Governors are selected based upon scholarship and participation in previous competitions. Southwestern's moot court teams regularly win major regional and national awards for brief writing, oral appellate advocacy, and overall team excellence and have earned a reputation as one of the most active and successful moot court programs in the country.

Negotiation Honors Program ^N

The Negotiation Honors Program provides students with the opportunity to develop and demonstrate core lawyering skills in the context of negotiating. Members of the program take part in competitions that allow them to apply the skills of legal research, writing, advocacy, and client counseling through negotiation exercises, expanding their experience in all aspects of legal practice. Top-performing students in the annual Negotiation Intramural Competition are eligible to interview for the Negotiation Honors Program. The Negotiation Board of Governors, made up of experienced team members, coordinates both the intramural competition finals and team preparation for interscholastic competition.

Trial Advocacy Honors Program ^T

The Trial Advocacy Honors Program provides students with the opportunity to develop oral advocacy skills through the annual Trial Advocacy Intramural Competition, the JEBS (Joseph Esposito/Bill Seki) Competition, and interscholastic competitions in which Southwestern students compete against students across the nation. The program prepares students to be effective courtroom advocates who are able to conduct direct- and cross-examinations and present compelling opening statements and closing arguments. Students who excel in the Intramural rounds are eligible to apply for positions in the Trial Advocacy Honors Program and represent Southwestern in regional and national trial competitions. The Trial Advocacy Board of Governors, made up of experienced team members, coordinates both the intramural competition finals and team preparation for interscholastic competitions.

Southwestern Law Review ^L

The *Southwestern Law Review* is a student-edited journal that publishes scholarly articles and commentary on California and federal law from prominent jurists, law professors, practitioners, and students on the *Law Review* staff. Each student member of the *Law Review* has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and writing skills. Students ranked in the top ten percent of the first-year day and SCALE classes and second-year evening and PLEAS classes, as well as students who excel in the annual Summer Write-on Competition, are invited to participate. Members of the *Law Review* Executive Board are selected based upon scholarship, editing skills, legal research skills, extensive personal interviews, and overall contribution to the *Law Review*. Recent volumes of the *Southwestern Law Review* have examined environmental law, the First Amendment, labor law, family law, public-interest law, health law, copyright, criminal procedure, the right to privacy, sexual harassment, and the federal and state statutes of limitation.

***Southwestern Journal of International Law*¹**

The *Southwestern Journal of International Law* publishes scholarly notes and articles contributed by students and members of the legal community on issues that complement Southwestern's extensive course offerings and faculty expertise in international and comparative law. Participation in the *Journal* allows students to develop their legal writing and research skills along with their substantive knowledge of topics covered by the *Journal*. Any Southwestern student in good academic standing who has completed at least the first-year day or SCALE program or at least the second-year evening or PLEAS program may compete in the summer Write-on Competition to earn a place on the *Journal* staff. Members who are recognized for outstanding contributions to the *Journal* are selected to serve on the Editorial Board during the subsequent year. Symposia, with proceedings later published in the *Journal*, have included "In the Shadow of Territorial Conflict Symposium: Legacies of Soviet-Era Media Control and Speech Norms," "Fake News and Weaponized Defamation: Global Perspectives," and "Freedom of Information Laws on the Global Stage: Past Present and Future."

***Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law*¹**

The *Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law* is a semi-annual publication produced by Southwestern's Donald E. Biederman Entertainment, Media, and Sports Law Institute in cooperation with the Forums on Communications Law and the Entertainment and Sports Industries of the American Bar Association. The Board of Editors is composed of Biederman Institute faculty and members of the Forums' committees. Students who are interested in entertainment, media, and sports law are selected to work with the Board on research, technical editing, and other tasks. The first of its kind, the *Journal* promotes scholarship focused on the international dimension of media and entertainment law and addresses all aspects of international and comparative law in these areas, including topics related to content, regulation, intellectual property, distribution, publishing, internet and technology, and transactions.

***Student Bar Association*^s**

The Southwestern Student Bar Association (SBA), to which all students automatically belong, has been recognized several times as "the most outstanding student bar association" in the region and nation by the American Bar Association/Law Student Division and other entities. The SBA Board of Directors is composed of elected executive officers, the American Bar Association/Law Student Division representative, class representatives, and directors of appointed committees. The SBA sponsors programs and events to promote student interests, provides a variety of extracurricular experiences for students, and encourages community service. Among the activities recently presented by the SBA and student organizations are the SBA Safe Spaces Series, PILC Trivia Bowl, Midnight Club and Sunrise Club, Hoover Toy Drive, and Bison Week festivities.

***Law Commentator*^c**

The *Law Commentator* is a student-run news magazine produced by and for the Southwestern student body in print and online formats. The student editors develop editorial and news policies and determine coverage. Features of the publication include articles and commentary by students, faculty, and administrators on-campus programs and events, student accomplishments, alumni profiles, legal issues in the news, and media and entertainment developments.

Awards and Scholarships

Latin degrees cannot be determined until all grades have been completed and GPAs have been calculated.

Dean's Academic Leadership Award

The Dean's Academic Leadership Award was established by the Board of Trustees to provide scholarships to the highest-ranking upper-division students.

Noah Peres Genatossio
Lisa Michelle Ow

Brianna P. Rodriguez

Dean's List

The top ten percent of each class (SCALE, day program, or part-time), based on annual GPA, determines who is on the Dean's List at the end of each academic year.

Ashley M. Akhavan
Richard E. Amidon
Monica E. Boston
Staci K. Burk
Nelson A. Campbell
Kari J. Cruz Van Sinden
Eric Davis
Bianca de la Vega
Franklin F. Franco
Avetik Galstyan
Noah Peres Genatossio
Alexander J. Gorski

Christopher Hanson
Ashley Kim
Haik Kolsuzyan
Mingyu Kong
Tara Kooklanfar
Amber Y. Mandt
Ryan R. Masserman
Lisa Michelle Ow
Diana Marie Perez
Marie E. Randazzo
Brianna P. Rodriguez
Nadia J. Salcedo

Juan Fernando Samayoa
Philip L. Schuler
Kimia Shariat
Ethan M. Sharim
Jeremy Adam Fox Sultan
John Kenneth Villanueva
Quentin D. Warren
Samantha R. Williger

Dean's Fellows

Upper-division students in the top of their class are invited to serve as Dean's Fellows. Selection is based upon their expertise and experience with particular courses and professors. Dean's Fellows work with students on overall preparation and comprehension of coursework and help students develop effective study strategies to maximize their opportunities for academic success.

Bryon Anthony Alvarez
Richard E. Amidon
Lucas Blackwell
Zareh Bursalyan
Joshua D. Cahn
Nelson A. Campbell
Cindy J. Cardoza
Krystina L. Cavazos
Harold Jasper V. Caylao
Margaret M. Chibidakis
Lindsay Cronin
Kari J. Cruz Van Sinden
Vanessa D. de la Torre
Bianca de la Vega
Levon A. Devoian
Matthew J. Duffy
Julia Nazenin Eghbal

Delys Y. Fang
Franklin F. Franco
Avetik Galstyan
Jonathan H. Good
Emin E. Gorjian
Christopher Hanson
Kathryn S. Kalland
Ashley Kim
Sarah Jane M. Longalong
Ashley Lopez
Karla V. Luviano
Amber Y. Mandt
Mazar Mokhtar
Jamie C. Osganian
Lisa Michelle Ow
Laura Price
Marie E. Randazzo

Brianna P. Rodriguez
Lucia Salamanca
Nadia J. Salcedo
Juan Fernando Samayoa
Philip L. Schuler
Michael A. Segal
Avishai Shamtoub
Kimia Shariat
Jeremy Adam Fox Sultan
John Kenneth Villanueva
Quentin D. Warren
Yasmin A. Wilber
Samantha R. Williger
Jorge A. Zelaya
Jacob C. Zimel
Aram M. Zohrabian

Dean's Merit Award

The Dean's Merit Award was established by the Board of Trustees to provide scholarships to upper-division students who have demonstrated academic excellence and are in the top thirty percent of their class.

Ashley M. Akhavan	Avetik Galstyan	Ana E. Olivor Zavala
Bryon Anthony Alvarez	Noah Peres Genatossio	Jamie C. Osganian
Richard E. Amidon	Adria E. Gonzalez	Lisa Michelle Ow
Adam R. Arnold	Robert P. Gonzalez	Diana Marie Perez
Karin G. Bachar	Jonathan H. Good	Manon C. Peri
Lucas Blackwell	Emin E. Gorjian	Marlon Steven Poroj
Monica E. Boston	Alexander J. Gorski	Marie E. Randazzo
Staci K. Burk	Matthew Gundy	Brianna P. Rodriguez
Zareh Bursalyan	Karine Hafuta	Joshua S. Rubinton
Joshua D. Cahn	Christopher Hanson	Lucia Salamanca
Nelson A. Campbell	Ashley C. Herbert-Cabrera	Nadia J. Salcedo
Cindy J. Cardoza	Jesus S. Hernandez	Juan Fernando Samayoa
Sharon Castaneda	Monica Lizette Hernandez	Philip L. Schuler
Krystina L. Cavazos	Joyce Kim Jeong	Rana M. Shalhoub
Harold Jasper V. Caylao	Kathryn S. Kalland	Avishai Shamtoub
Ashley Christina Cervantes	Armand Keosian	Kimia Shariat
Margaret M. Chibidakis	Ashley Kim	Ethan M. Sharim
Matthew Chong	Haik Kolsuzyan	McKenna M. Stephens
Cinthia Chou Chan	Mingyu Kong	Jeremy Adam Fox Sultan
Lindsay Cronin	Tara Kooklanfar	Neda Tahoor
Kari J. Cruz Van Sinden	Lauren E. Kubiske	Olena Topor
Eric Davis	Sarah Jane M. Longalong	Lola J. Trifunovic
Vanessa D. de la Torre	Karla V. Luviano	David A. Vaystubb
Bianca de la Vega	Michelle Maleky	John Kenneth Villanueva
Miranda M. DePalma	Amber Y. Mandt	Dana L. Ward
Levon A. Devoian	Armine A. Margaryan	Quentin D. Warren
Natalie Diaz	Leslie M. Martinez	Yasmin A. Wilber
Nhutruc Do	Ryan R. Masserman	Samantha R. Williger
Matthew J. Duffy	Mazar Mokhtar	Jorge A. Zelaya
Julia Nazenin Eghbal	Eben E. Nahouray	Jacob C. Zimel
Alexandra J. Enns	Alexzia L. Negrón	Aram M. Zohrabian
Delys Y. Fang	Nathan J. Nemani	
Franklin F. Franco	Nicole Ofir	

Writing Fellows

Upper-division students with strong writing skills are invited to serve as fellows for the Writing Center. Selection is based on their academic performance, a writing sample, and ability to teach students. Writing Fellows work with students on the writing process, basic writing style, organization, grammar, and punctuation. They focus on strengthening students' writing and rewriting skills in the context of their writing classes and externships to prepare them to excel in the legal workplace.

Laura Iriabho-Okugbe
Joyce Kim Jeong
Enrique X. Lopez Salazar

Rachel Stern
Jake Wynne Valente

Wildman/Schumacher Scholarship

The Wildman/Schumacher Scholarship program was established in 1983 in memory of Paul W. Wildman, who served Southwestern for 28 years as a student, faculty member, dean, and president, and Southwestern's founder, John J. Schumacher, who championed legal education opportunities for students from a wide range of backgrounds and actively encouraged the enrollment of women and students of color long before other institutions did so.

Ghadah Abdalkarim	Noah Peres Genatossio	Amber Y. Mandt
Alin Abrahamian	Miles Gerami	Armine A. Margaryan
Ashley M. Akhavan	Evelyn Ghazarian	Carie E. Martin
Nadia Alam	Ryan R. Gidney	Leslie M. Martinez
Nathalie N. Alvarez	Robert E. Gissubel	Brenda Martinez Jaurrieta
Richard E. Amidon	Sierra Karla Gonzales	Roxana Martinez Lopez
Nathanelle Anavim	Adria E. Gonzalez	Brian S. Masjedian
Jordan Y. Ariel	Robert P. Gonzalez	Ryan R. Masserman
Adam R. Arnold	Emin E. Gorjian	Michelle E. Medley
Karin G. Bachar	Alexander J. Gorski	Michael Emanuel Minasian
Mohamed Bholat	Matthew Gundy	Marissa L. Minnick
Colleen M. Blackburn	Amalia D. Guran	German Monroy
Katherine L. Brewer	Karine Hafuta	Tara Murphy
Hannah M. Brock	Omar Hamed	Eben E. Nahouray
Staci K. Burk	Christopher Hanson	Andres Navarro
Joshua D. Cahn	Hunter A. Harper	Nathan J. Nemani
Nelson A. Campbell	Joseph E. Harper	Tiffany A. Nguyen
Michael P. Campos	Audrey V. Hartman	Justin Noah
Cindy J. Cardoza	Lora Haytaian	Nicole Ofir
Sharon Castaneda	Ashley C. Herbert-	Oswaldo A. Oliva
Krystina L. Cavazos	Cabrera	Michelle L. Olivarez
Ashley Christina	Jesus S. Hernandez	Ana E. Olivor Zavala
Cervantes	Monica Lizette	Jamie C. Osganian
Matthew Chong	Hernandez	Jeremy M. Otchis
Nicholas Chow	Kimberly Herrejon-	Tia J. Owens
Cristina A. Cirrincione	Sanchez	Carmen Paola Palao
Lindsay Cronin	Karen A. Herrera	Manon C. Peri
Dylan S. Crowell	Lauren V. Hughes-Leslie	Marlon Steven Poroj
Kari J. Cruz Van Sinden	Laura Iriabho-Okugbe	Laura Price
Brigitta Shae Cymerint	Joyce Kim Jeong	Jose A. Pulido
Omar E. Dardon	Lora J. Jones	Adilene Ramirez
Eric Davis	Kathryn S. Kalland	Freddy Ramirez
Stephen Daniel De La	Rosemary Karapetyan	Lauren Marie Ramirez
Guerra	Marietta N. Katz	Sarah M. Rasmussen
Vanessa D. de la Torre	Tamar Kazanjian	Greg M. Raygoza
Bianca de la Vega	Mariana Khudoyan	Brianna P. Rodriguez
Ariana De Los Reyes	Ashley Kim	Monica Rokhman
Miranda M. DePalma	Joshua S. Kim	Seamus R. Rosenberg
Nicole T. Derderian	Mohammad A. Kobaissi	Joshua S. Rubinton
Christopher A. Diaz	Danielle C. Koehler	Shayda Y. Saeedi
Natalie Diaz	Daniel G. Kohanbash	Robert E. Safar
Alexandra H. Dimas	Haik Kolsuzyan	Lucia Salamanca
Nhutruc Do	Mingyu Kong	Nadia J. Salcedo
Michelle J. Dor	Tara Kooklanfar	Misa H. Sapalicio
Elisabeth S. Drabkin	Anna M. Kozma	Michelle B. Schaubert
Matthew J. Duffy	Danielle M. Langella	Philip L. Schuler
Maryam Eapen	Rhianna Lee	Michael A. Segal
Sarah A. Edmiston	Xander Lee	Katelyn C. Segrest
Julia Nazenin Eghbal	Audrey R. Levy	Morgan T. Shafia
Shawn K. Emein	Sarah Jane M. Longalong	Avishai Shamtoub
Alexandra J. Enns	Enrique X. Lopez Salazar	Ethan M. Sharim
Alexander C. Federick	Rachel E. Lustig	Priscilla Shing
Daniella Raquel	Karla V. Luviano	Brandon Aria Shooshani
Fernandez	Zeynabou R. Ly	Renick I. Slazinski
Franklin F. Franco	Caleb Mack	Dustin D. Solorzano-Kaats
Briana Garcia Cabrera	Terra Magee	McKenna M. Stephens

Rachel Stern
Sara M. Stogsdill
Jeremy Adam Fox Sultan
William M. Sydney
Neda Tahoor
Brittany-Mawuena O.
Teiko
Allison N. Toliver
Olena Topor
Lola J. Trifunovic

Serli Vartanian
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John Kenneth Villanueva
Dana L. Ward
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Hanif J. Waters
Victoria R. Wells
K'Yanna D. Wesley
Yasmin A. Wilber
Samantha R. Williger

Joshua Yadegar
Jenea M. Yedlin-Joshua
Anna T. Yeghiazaryan
Kristine Zakarian
Jorge A. Zelaya
Delilah Lana Zied
Jacob C. Zimel
Narek Zograbian
Aram M. Zohrabian
Colin J. Zwagerman

Biederman Scholars

The Donald E. Biederman Entertainment, Media, and Sports Law Institute of Southwestern established the Biederman Scholars program in an effort to recognize academic excellence and expand opportunities for promising future entertainment lawyers. Students selected as Biederman Scholars are eligible for special entertainment and media law educational, networking, and other mentoring opportunities. To be considered as a Biederman Scholar, students must be in the top twenty percent of their class, have excelled in Copyright, and have a demonstrated interest in entertainment, media, sports, or music law. Candidates are selected by the Biederman faculty and Associate Dean of the Biederman Institute.

Nelson A. Campbell
Krystina L. Cavazos
Franklin F. Franco
Ashley Kim
Haik Kolsuzyan
Tara Kooklanfar

Marie E. Randazzo
Juan Fernando Samayoa
Kimia Shariat
Jeremy Adam Fox Sultan
Quentin D. Warren
Samantha R. Williger

George and Katrina Woolverton Public-Service Award

Established in 2010 through the generosity of Southwestern alumni George '75 and Katrina '02 Woolverton, the George and Katrina Woolverton Public-Service Award is given to one graduating student in recognition of demonstrated and extraordinary dedication to public-interest law activities while at Southwestern.

Carie E. Martin

Woolverton Family Public-Interest Award

The Woolverton Family Public-Interest Award honors one graduating student in recognition of exceptional dedication to public-interest law activities while at Southwestern.

Bianca de la Vega

Harvey L. and Lillian Silbert Public-Interest Fellowship Program

The Harvey L. and Lillian Silbert Public-Interest Fellowship Program was established in 2000 by the Harvey L. and Lillian Silbert Foundation. This program permits students who are selected as Silbert Fellows to receive grants that will enable them to work and gain legal experience at nonprofit public interest organizations. The Silbert Foundation's generous gift not only assists numerous legal service providers but also benefits Southwestern students by providing them an opportunity to gain practical legal experience and exposure to public-interest work.

Bianca de la Vega
Greg M. Raygoza

Yasmin A. Wilber

Public-Interest Law Summer Grant Program

The Public-Interest Law Committee's Summer Grant Program was established in 1990 with the mission of providing financial support to students seeking full-time summer clerkships with a nonprofit legal services organization providing no-cost legal assistance to underserved, marginalized communities. This program makes it possible for students to acquire the practical experience necessary to address the needs of indigent communities. Recipients are selected annually based on the merit of their proposed summer clerk positions, participation in on-campus public-interest activities, community work, and commitment to pro bono or public-interest career practice.

Karin G. Bachar
Bianca de la Vega
Ariana De Los Reyes
Natalie Diaz
Maryam Eapen
Sierra Karla Gonzales
Monica Lizette Hernandez
Karen A. Herrera
Lora J. Jones

Taylor Nary Keo
Ashley Kim
Katherine A. Koeller
La Shannon D. Lewis
Karla Muñoz
Diana Marie Perez
Adilene Ramirez
Hugo Stern

Public-Interest Law Service Award

Southwestern's Public-Interest Law Service Award honors selected graduating students who demonstrated significant dedication to public-interest law activities while at Southwestern.

Bryon Anthony Alvarez
Natalie Diaz
Karen A. Herrera
Mingyu Kong
Brenda Martinez Jaurrieta
Ester Leslie Mendez

Mazar Mokhtar
Karla Muñoz
Jericca-Anne C. Salazar
Nadia J. Salcedo
Hugo Stern

Public-Service Program

Southwestern's Public-Service Program was established in 2009 to encourage students to perform 25 hours of service each year as part of the legal profession's responsibility to ensure equal access to justice for all communities. In partnership with civil legal aid, nonprofit services organizations, and government agencies, students provide direct legal services, litigation and policy advocacy, and community legal education in a wide variety of settings and contexts. Students who perform a minimum of 75 hours of public-service throughout their law school experience receive special recognition at commencement and have the notation "Public-Service Distinction" placed on their law school transcript.

Bryon Anthony Alvarez
Bianca de la Vega
Natalie Diaz
Alejandro Gonzalez
Mary Hellman
Karen A. Herrera
Sarah Jane M. Longalong
Natalie Manoukian
Carie E. Martin

Brenda Martinez Jaurrieta
Ester Leslie Mendez
Mazar Mokhtar
Karla Muñoz
Diana Marie Perez
Jericca-Anne C. Salazar
Nadia J. Salcedo
Rachel Stern

Judge Harry Pregerson Public-Service Fellows

Made possible by a grant from the Rodan Family Foundation in honor of the esteemed 9th Circuit Judge, the Judge Harry Pregerson (JHP) Public-Service Fellows are selected students who demonstrate exceptional dedication to public-service, and who are most likely to dedicate their legal careers to working on behalf of underserved communities and causes. Through funded summer fellowships, specialized training, leadership development, and facilitated interaction with practitioners, academics, and like-minded students, JHP Public-Service Fellows also serve as an integral part of creating service-minded culture, community, and leadership at Southwestern.

JHP Public-Service Fellows undergo a competitive committee review process comprised of Southwestern faculty, staff, and alumni who select JHP Public-Service Fellows on the basis of merit, potential for leadership, and demonstrated commitment or significant achievements in the fields of public-service.

Bryon Anthony Alvarez
Carie E. Martin

Mazar Mokhtar
Nadia J. Salcedo

The History of Academic Dress

VINTAGE SOUTHWESTERN CLASS PHOTO



The traditional academic attire that we see as a colorful part of commencement exercises had its beginnings in the Middle Ages when the university first developed as an institution of higher learning.

The most important centers of intellectual life in the 10th century were the monasteries—centers least affected by the disorders of the time. The relative stability of the monastic life left monks free to develop systematic graded education for the first time in the history of Western society. The first students were monks and priests, and the costumes they wore were more for protection from the weather than as distinctive regalia for the scholarly way of life. Caps were a necessity in the cold, drafty buildings and capes and hoods were also worn for warmth. In later centuries, as the British universities passed from the control of the monasteries, the costumes took on brighter colors, and the hood was singled out as the item to be made distinctive for various degrees by color, trimming, and lining.

The use of caps, gowns, and hoods has been continuous in the United States since colonial times—the tradition having been transplanted from Oxford and Cambridge to the New World. However, the dress code was modified and the vivid colors so prevalent in Great Britain were eliminated. Before 1895, faculty academic costumes varied widely from university to university. Since few people knew the distinguishing marks or colors for the various degrees, the dress code was standardized for all American universities. At the same time, students began a movement that would spread throughout the country to make academic regalia an integral part of the commencement ceremony. A desire to make the festivities more impressive and interesting as well as to add grace and dignity to the ceremony led the students in this successful endeavor.

Southwestern students participating in today's commencement ceremony are wearing regalia for the degrees of Master of Laws and Juris Doctor. The gowns have full, rounded sleeves marked with three purple velvet bars. The academic hoods for both degrees bear purple and white edging identifying Southwestern Law School as the institution conferring the degree. The purple tassel signifies a legal studies degree.

Students who have been on the Dean's List (the top ten percent of each class at the end of each academic year) or participated in academic co-curricular honors or extracurricular service programs are wearing stoles in distinguishing colors as follows: Dean's List—scarlet with white lettering; Dean's Fellow—light green with white lettering; Writing Fellow—light purple with white lettering; Moot Court Honors Program—white with purple lettering; Negotiation Honors Program—green with white lettering; Trial Advocacy Honors Program—purple with white lettering; *Law Review*—gold with purple lettering; *Journal of International Law*—purple with gold lettering; *Journal of Media and Entertainment Law*—silver with purple lettering; *Los Angeles Public-Interest Law Journal*—maroon with silver lettering; Student Bar Association—navy blue with gold lettering; *Law Commentator*—light blue with white lettering; and the Public-Service Program—blue with white lettering. Southwestern Torch Bearers are wearing silver cords, honoring their connection with Southwestern alumni, faculty, or staff members. Military Veterans are wearing red, white, and blue cords. Students with concentrations are distinguished as follows: Civil Litigation and Advocacy—gold; Criminal Law and Advocacy—teal; Critical Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies—forest green; Entertainment and Media Law—purple; Labor and Employment Law—white; Public Interest Law—burgundy; and Technology Law and Entrepreneurship—royal blue.

Congratulations, Graduates!



This program contains official lists of names of graduates who received degrees in December 2023 and unofficial lists of names of candidates for May, July, and December 2024 graduation. Degree conferral for anticipated May, July, and December 2024 graduates is not official until final grades for the student's final semester or term have been entered and graduation requirements have been verified. Southwestern's official registry for conferral of degrees is the Registrar's Office.