

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

CLASS OF 2019

AWARDS

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS AWARD

This award is given to the student who best exemplifies the positive attributes of a matrimonial lawyer: academic excellence; competence as a practitioner; commitment to the practice and development of family law, including assisting the indigent and improving the quality of the administration of justice in the field of family law; and meeting the highest standards for ethical behavior.

2019 Awardee ANN FRANCIS BOOTH

ALI-CLE SCHOLARSHIP AND LEADERSHIP AWARD

The American Law Institute- Continuing Legal Education (ALI-CLE) Award is awarded to the law student in the graduating class who best represents a combination of scholarship and leadership, the qualities embodied by the parent organization, the American Law Institute.

2019 Awardee VINCENT M. LeDONNE

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

The Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA) Outstanding Student Award is presented every year to a graduating student who has excelled in clinical work during her/his time at Duquesne University School of Law.

2019 Awardee BRAZITTE A. POOLE

COURTCALL AWARD

This award is given in recognition for outstanding performance in advocacy. One student shall be selected by the faculty advisors from each of the trial and appellate advocacy programs. To be eligible for the award, the student shall have participated with distinction in an extra-mural competition. Special consideration for this award shall include consideration of ethical integrity and team work by the awardees.

2019 Awardees DOMINIC ANTHONY CARROLA
and KAITLYNNE M. KLINE

AARON J. DELUCA ADVOCACY AWARD

Aaron J. DeLuca, Law Class of 1995, was a passionate advocate of victims of mesothelioma, a fatal form of cancer caused by exposure to asbestos. Throughout his legal career and as a law student, Aaron tenaciously rooted for the underdog. He was a great trial lawyer, but also a lawyer of great principle. Aaron's friends and classmates have established this award to be given to a graduating law student who represents his values.

2019 Awardee JOHN D. CHMILL

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD

This citation is made to the graduating senior who, in the judgment of the faculty committee, has displayed general scholastic excellence and who has performed a meritorious service to the School of Law.

2019 Awardee TAYLOR MORGAN WANTZ

KANDY REIDBORD EHRENWERTH AWARD

This award honors the student who best exemplifies what was important to Kandy Reidbord Ehrenwerth, a 1974 graduate of Duquesne University School of Law who passed away in 1992. The awardee is one who reflects a keen sense of ethics, a devotion to the law, a concern for the underprivileged and a general commitment to the social issues affecting society.

2019 Awardee ALYSSA LOUISE LAZAR

GERALD K. GIBSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded by the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association, this award is given to up to two students who have displayed special aptitude in Bankruptcy.

2019 Awardee DOMINIC ANTHONY CARROLA

ABRAHAM AND ANNA HELMAN MEMORIAL PRIZE

This prize is presented to certain *Juris* editors in recognition of their contributions to the publication.

2019 Awardees NATALIA ANN HOLIDAY,
JENNIFER PATRICE CARTER,
and KURT D. VALENTINE

**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS/
STUDENT ADVOCACY AWARD**

This award is given to a student who demonstrates an overall ability in trial advocacy by high achievement in trial practice, evidence, and pleading and procedure courses.

2019 Awardee PATRICIA LEIGH SHOENBERGER

JUSTICE LOUIS L. MANDERINO HONOR SOCIETY

Presented for distinguished achievement in interschool moot court competition or outstanding contributions to the Duquesne moot court programs.

2019 Awardees ADAM TYLER DUH,
TAYLOR MARIE FREY, MORGAN ALEXANDER GRAY,
ASHLYN MATHOSLAH GRIM, CHELSIE RAE HORNE,
VINCENT M. LeDONNE, MICHELE NICOLE MELLICK,
MAURA K. PERRI, ALFRED JONATHAN VOGT,
TAYLOR MORGAN WANTZ, ADAM J. WEISS
and AMY HIRSHBERG McCROSSEN

THE HONORABLE MARK E. MASCARA AWARD

This award is given to the graduating student who most embodies the spirit of Judge Mascara: a joy for life, a love of family, and a dedication to the profession.

2019 Awardee BRIANA C. SPINA

LAW SCHOOL MISSION AWARD

This award is given to the student who embodies the following elements of the School of Law’s mission, specifically, a special sensitivity to ethical and moral concerns and applying legal skills to actual problem solving for the good of individual clients, for the betterment of society, and in the furtherance of justice.

2019 Awardee KAITLYNNE M. KLINE

**DR. JOHN AND LIZ MURRAY AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

This award is presented to a graduating student who has an article published in the Duquesne Law Review that is deemed by the faculty advisors to the Law Review to be the most outstanding work of scholarship published in the Law Review in the past year.

2019 Awardee BRAZITTE A. POOLE

DR. JOHN E. MURRAY, JR., PHILANTHROPY AWARD

The award is given to a member of the graduating class who dedicates a substantial portion of his or her time to raising awareness of, and or funds for, a charitable cause or a vulnerable group in society.

2019 Awardee STEPHANIE JO NOVAK

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS AWARD

The award is given to the outstanding law graduate who has demonstrated academic achievement; exhibited motivation; contributed to the advancement of women in society; promoted issues and concerns of women in the legal profession; and earned the respect of the respective law school.

2019 Awardee KRISTYN ROSE GIARRATANO

LYNETTE NORTON MEMORIAL AWARD

The award is presented to a law student, who has demonstrated academic excellence, skills in oral advocacy through moot court programs, and a keen sense of ethics and professionalism.

2019 Awardees BRAZITTE A. POOL
and SAMANTHA LOUISE KOVALYAK

THE ORDER OF BARRISTERS

This honor society recognizes outstanding achievement in moot court.

2019 Members ERIN KATHLEEN CORCORAN,
TRAVIS ANDREW GORDON, ASHLYN MATHOSLAH GRIM,
KAITLYNNE M. KLINE, SAMANTHA LOUISE KOVALYAK,
ALYSSA LOUISE LAZAR, AARON MICHAEL McDONOUGH,
and BRAZITTE A. POOLE

PITTSBURGH TAX CLUB AWARD

A memorial award for the graduating student who has achieved the highest distinction in the field of taxation.

2019 Awardee PATRICIA LEIGH SHOENBERGER

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JOHN J. SCIULLO PEER EXCELLENCY AWARD

The recipient of this award must demonstrate qualities proving that he or she is worthy of the admiration and respect of fellow students. Criteria include: integrity, peer admiration, dedication, leadership within the School of Law and the community, determination, effort given to receive a law degree, diligence, courtesy, community service, and academic performance.

2019 Awardee TIFFANY ELIZABETH HALL

THE ROBERT SCOTT MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given to a minority student who is a member of the graduating class and who is committed to equal justice and to promoting diversity in the legal profession.

2019 Awardee ANNA OMOREGIE

RAYMOND F. SEKULA AWARD

This award is given to the graduating student who most exemplifies the qualities of Dean Raymond F. Sekula – passion for the study of law, diligence, and a desire to serve others (and the community) through excellence in the practice of law.

2019 Awardee NATALIA ANN HOLLIDAY

SHALOM MOOT COURT AWARDS

These awards are bestowed on graduating students who excel in trial and appellate moot court competitions. Awardees are selected by faculty moot court coaches.

2019 Awardees. COURTNEY CATHERINE BRENNAN,
DOMINIC ANTHONY CARROLA,
ERIN KATHLEEN CORCORAN, ADAM TYLER DUH,
TRAVIS ANDREW GORDON, ASHLYN MATHOSLAH GRIM,
ALYSSA LOUISE LAZAR, AARON MICHAEL McDONOUGH,
BRAZITTE A. POOLE, CELENA ANN SIDUN
and BRIDGET MARIE SYNAN

STUDENT ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is given to a member of the graduating class who, during his/her tenure at the School of Law, served as an officer of a student organization and demonstrated leadership by substantially improving a student organization.

2019 Awardee MICHELE NICOLE MELLICK

KATIE ELISABETH WESTBROOK AWARD

This award was established by the faculty of the School of Law to recognize outstanding academic achievement with a particular focus on trial advocacy. The faculty has determined that the central consideration in making this award shall be that the individual(s) chosen must have a clear passion for advocacy and the practice of law.

2019 Awardees KAITLYNNE M. KLINE
and SAMANTHA LOUISE KOVALYAK

SUSAN H. WILKIE AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW

The Susan H. Wilkie Award for Professional Responsibility and Ethics in the Practice of Law is presented to the graduating student who has demonstrated excellence in the required course of Professional Responsibility.

2019 Awardee CHELSIE RAE HORNE
and STEPHANIE JO NOVAK

J. ALFRED WILNER AWARD

This award is made to a graduate of the evening division who, in the opinion of the faculty, has displayed general scholastic excellence, has contributed to his own as well as the school's advancement during his/her time as a student, and who has manifested a sense of professional responsibility commensurate with the best traditions of our profession.

2019 Awardee MARISSA ASHLEY STEWART

VALEDICTORIAN

Day Division RICHARD BIELAWA

Evening Division. BRETT SCHELLER