

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



Thomas R. Kline
School of Law of Duquesne University

Saturday, May 16, 2026
UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse

DUQUESNE KLINE
SCHOOL OF LAW

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

KENNETH G. GORMLEY, J.D.



Dear Graduate,

Today is a special day for you and for your families as you receive your hard-earned diploma from Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit. On behalf of our entire University community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. You have worked with determination to reach this moment, and I am incredibly proud of all that you have accomplished.

From this University – with its 148-year tradition of excellence – you are prepared to go anywhere and achieve the highest levels of success. I look forward to watching you embark on bold new paths and transform the world in the years ahead. And today, I am honored to welcome you into a new place within our University family, as you officially join the ranks of more than 100,000 Duquesne alumni around the globe.

This year's commencement holds special meaning for me personally, as I transition into my new role as Duquesne's Chancellor after ten years as President. As I look back on the past years I have shared with you – witnessing your growth, your resilience, and your many achievements – I do so with deep pride and gratitude. And as I begin the Chancellor position and work alongside President-elect David Dausey – who will do a fabulous job – I look forward to continuing to support you, champion you, and celebrate all that you will accomplish as Duquesne graduates.

Congratulations – the entire Duquesne University family salutes your success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Gormley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline.

Ken Gormley

President, Duquesne University

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

APRIL M. BARTON, J.D.



Dear Graduates,

Today, as we gather for the 112th Commencement ceremony of Duquesne Kline School of Law, we celebrate both an ending and a beginning. Your Juris Doctor degree represents the culmination of years of dedicated study and the starting point for a remarkable professional journey. Throughout your time here, you have overcome significant challenges, engaged with complex ideas, and developed the skills essential to legal practice.

As Duquesne Kline lawyers, you now stand ready to enter a profession that will demand much but will offer a profound opportunity to shape our society. Carry forward the principles rooted in our Spiritan mission that have guided your education: integrity in character, diligence in practice, reverence for the dignity of all people, and an enduring commitment to justice.

I have watched with great pride as you have grown from students into professionals, each bringing unique strengths and perspectives to our community. The law is more than statutes and precedents; it is a vital instrument of justice that requires both skill and compassion to wield with purpose. Your education has prepared you not only to practice law, but to steward meaningful and lasting change in our world.

On behalf of our faculty, staff, and the nearly 10,000 alumni who have walked this path before you, I extend our warmest congratulations and profound gratitude. Thank you for entrusting us with your education, for challenging us to be better, and for the extraordinary promise you bring to a profession and a world that needs you deeply. May God bless your journey forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "April M. Barton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

April M. Barton

Dean, Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University

Thomas R. Kline School of Law Commencement

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

PRESIDING

Kenneth G. Gormley, J.D.
University President

PRELUDE

Fanfare to "La Péri" **Paul Dukas**
arr. Wayne Barrington

SCOTLAND THE BRAVE..... **Harry Lunder**

Sean McCarthy, bagpipe
Macdonald Pipe Band of Pittsburgh

OPENING OF CEREMONY **David J. Dausey, Ph.D., Ed.D.**
Executive Vice President and Provost

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance **Edward Elgar**
arr. Michael Green

WELCOME..... **April M. Barton, J.D.**
Dean

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER..... **John Stafford Smith**
lyrics: Francis Scott Key

led by Zoey Wolfe

INVOCATION **Rev. William Christy, C.S.Sp.**
Director of Campus Ministry and University Chaplain

REMARKS **Zayba Noor Chaudhry**
Class of 2026 Speaker

REMARKS AND AWARDS **April M. Barton, J.D.**

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS..... **Kenneth G. Gormley, J.D.**

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES..... **Ella Kwisnek, J.D., M.S.Ed.**
Associate Dean for Students and
Associate Professor of Legal Skills

Ann Marie L. Schiavone, J.D.
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and
Associate Professor of Law

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES..... **Kenneth G. Gormley, J.D.**

CLOSING REMARKS **Thomas R. Kline, J.D.**
L'78, Founding Partner, Kline & Specter

ALMA MATER **Robert Traugh**
Words and Music on Page 6 arr. Benjamin Cornelius-Bates
lyrics: Kenneth G. Gormley, J.D.

led by Zoey Wolfe

BENEDICTION **Rev. William Christy, C.S.Sp.**

RECESSIONAL **The Macdonald Pipe Band of Pittsburgh**
(The audience is requested to remain at their seats during the recessional)

SCHOOL OF LAW MARSHALS

Jan M. Levine, J.D.
Professor of Law

Megan Montcalm, J.D.
Director of Academic Excellence and Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

SCHOOL OF LAW FACULTY HOODERS

Lauren Gailey, J.D.
Assistant Professor of Law

Ashley London, J.D.
Director of Bar Studies and Associate Professor of Law

Tara Willke, J.D.
*Associate Dean for Strategic Academic Programs
and Associate Professor of Law*

COMMENCEMENT COORDINATORS

Heather Shaw, M.A.
School of Law Registrar

Mary Serafini, B.S.B.A.
Assistant Registrar

MARY PAPPERT SCHOOL OF MUSIC MUSICIANS

^Omar Martinez-Rosete, trumpet

Caleb Drayer, trumpet

Zachary Frank, horn

Damon Webb, trombone

Olivia Nixon, tuba

Zoey Wolfe, soloist

^Mary Pappert School of Music Graduates, Class of 2026

Music by Robert Traugh | Words by Ken Gormley
Inspired by Rev. John F. Malloy, C.S.Sp.

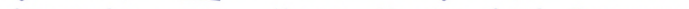
Al - ma Ma - ter, proud Du - quesne, guide, and friend of our youth - ful days.

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As we face new tests in times a-head, mar-ching al-ways by your light.

17 $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 84$



for - ward e - ver_ Al - ma Ma - ter; famed Du - quesne with your

23 *rit.*



Hail to thee! Hail to thee! All hail to thee! Du - quesne.

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

KENNETH G. GORMLEY, J.D.



Ken Gormley is President and Professor of Law at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. He previously served for seven years as Dean of the Thomas R. Kline School of Law at Duquesne University. He joined the faculty in 1994, after teaching at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and engaging in private practice. Gormley earned his B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1977, summa cum laude, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1980, serving as a teaching assistant to Professor Archibald Cox in Constitutional Law.

Gormley's work has earned him a national reputation as a highly-respected Constitutional scholar. In 1997, he published *Archibald Cox: Conscience of a Nation* (Perseus Books), the authorized biography of one of the leading lawyers and public servants of the 20th century. The Cox book was awarded the Bruce K. Gould Book Award for an outstanding publication relating to the law. In 2010, Gormley published *The Death of American Virtue: Clinton vs. Starr* (Crown), a New York Times bestseller chronicling the scandals that nearly destroyed the Clinton Presidency. The *Death of American Virtue* received a 2011 Silver-Gavel Award (Honorable Mention) from the American Bar Association as well as critical acclaim in publications including the New York Times Book Review (Editor's Choice), Washington Post Book World, Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, and dozens of others. Gormley's most recent non-fiction book, *Presidents and the Constitution: A Living History*, was published by NYU Press in 2016, and has likewise received national acclaim. That book came out in paperback in 2022, with a new chapter on the Trump presidency. In 2021, Gormley published his first novel, *The Heiress of Pittsburgh* (Sunbury Press) – part legal thriller and part love letter to his hometown – which earned praise from renowned authors including Scott Turow and John Edgar Wideman.

Gormley has testified in the United States Senate three times and is a regular commentator on constitutional issues. He has appeared on NBC's Today Show, NPR's Fresh Air, and hundreds of television and radio shows in the United States and worldwide.

Gormley formerly served as President of the Allegheny County Bar Association, the first academic to hold that position in the organization's 137-year history. From 1998–2001, Gormley served as Mayor of Forest Hills, Pennsylvania. He lives there with his wife Laura. They have four children and six grandchildren.

CLOSING REMARKS

THOMAS R. KLINE, J.D.



A founding partner of Kline & Specter, P.C., along with Shanin Specter, Tom Kline is one of America's most respected and influential lawyers. His many groundbreaking cases have helped shape the law and have resulted in corporate, institutional and governmental change and justice for his clients.

Mr. Kline has been selected every year as the attorney ranked first among 50,000 active Pennsylvania lawyers by Super Lawyers since its inception in 2004. Forbes has included Mr. Kline as one of the top 100 lawyers among over 1.3 million active lawyers in America. He is the past president of the Inner Circle of Advocates, which The Washington Post described as "a select group of 100 of the nation's most celebrated trial lawyers."

Mr. Kline achieved many landmark jury verdicts in product liability and medical malpractice dating back to the 1980's with seven-eight-nine and ten figure jury verdicts in each of five decades. He achieved jury verdicts of \$8 billion and \$2.25 billion in individual plaintiff's trials involving injuries caused by defective prescription medication and a dangerous pesticide.

Mr. Kline's work in the Penn State/Sandusky scandal and in the Piazza fraternity hazing tragedy gained national attention and is exemplary of the impact of his public advocacy. In the multi-billion national Vioxx litigation, Mr. Kline was described by The Wall Street Journal as "a key player." He was the Chair of the Plaintiffs' Management Committee of the Amtrak 188 MDL Derailment litigation resulting in a global resolution of \$265 million.

A graduate and recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award of Albright College, Mr. Kline earned his M.A. from Lehigh University and his J.D. from Duquesne Kline School of Law of Duquesne University where he has received the Distinguished Student and Distinguished Alumnus awards. Mr. Kline clerked for Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Thomas W. Pomeroy.

The Thomas R. Kline School of Law at Drexel University was named in 2014, also establishing the Thomas R. Kline Institute for Trial Advocacy. In 2017, the Thomas R. Kline Center for Judicial Education was established at Duquesne University School of Law. In 2022, Duquesne University named its law school the Thomas R. Kline School of Law.

Mr. Kline has been described as the consummate trial lawyer of his generation.

RYAN PATRICK MURPHY

President, Student Bar Association | Class of 2026



Ryan was honored to serve as the Student Bar Association President for the 2025-2026 academic year at the Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University. During his time at Duquesne, he was an active member of the Student Bar Association, Lambda Law Society, and a Law School Ambassador. He also participated in the Law School's study abroad program in Ireland during the Summer of 2024.

Ryan earned a B.A. in Political Science and History with a minor in Economics from the University of Pittsburgh. While completing his undergraduate studies, Ryan served as an elected board member of Pitt's student government, focusing on initiatives related to civic engagement and community relations.

Outside of law school, Ryan enjoys watching movies, running, and participating in pop culture trivia competitions. Following the Pennsylvania Bar Examination, Ryan intends to practice law in the Pittsburgh area.

ZAYBA NOOR CHAUHDRY

Class Speaker | Class of 2026



Zayba Chauhdry graduated from St. Bonaventure University with a Bachelor of Arts in History, along with double minors in Biology and Political Science.

At Duquesne Kline School of Law, Zayba has been actively involved in both leadership and service. She is a member of the *Duquesne Kline Law Review Journal*, has served as a Student Ambassador, and contributed as a member of the Student Bar Association. In addition, she played an instrumental role in reestablishing the Asian and Pacific Islander Law Society, serving as its President during her 2L year.

With a strong interest in health law, Zayba spent her 1L summer as a Summer Associate at UPMC and her 2L summer at Houston Harbaugh, a Pittsburgh based law firm. Upon passing the bar exam, she will return to Houston Harbaugh as an Associate Attorney in the Corporate and Health Law practice groups.

As a first-generation law student, Zayba is deeply honored to serve as commencement speaker. She is especially grateful to God, her family, and her friends, whose love and support have meant everything to her, as well as to the Duquesne Kline Law community for playing such an important part in this journey.

THE JURIS DOCTOR OF LAW DEGREE CANDIDATES*

ALEXANDER ROBERT ANDREOZZI

B.S.B.A., Thiel College, 2023

SAVANNAH ANTOINETTE ANTOLIC

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MATTHEW J. ANTONELLI

B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 2020

ALPARSLAN ASAN

B.S., University of Washington, 2013

Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, 2019

ZACHARY CARTER ATKINS

B.A., Union College, 2020

WILLIAM MICHAEL BAGLIO

B.S., The Pennsylvania State University, 2023

JULIE HANNAH BARANOSKI

B.S.B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 2023

LUKE HENRY BAUGHMAN

B.S., The Pennsylvania State University, 2022

BRYAN E. BENHART

B.A., Allegheny College, 2014

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DANIEL PATRICK BOOTH

B.A., Waynesburg University, 2021

CHASE THADDEUS BOSS

B.A., Villanova University, 2022

CHRISTIAN BRIGHTBILL

B.S., University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2020

ARIANA BROWN

B.A., St. Mary's University, 2022

NOAH L. BURGER

B.S., University of Rochester, 2023

B.A., University of Rochester, 2023

TARA AILEEN BURKE

B.S., Miami University, 2023

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MADISON RACHAEL BUTLER
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IRIS BYERS
B.A., West Virginia University, 2023

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B.S., Texas Christian University, 2021

ALEXANDRIA PAIGE CARTER
B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 2023

ZAYBA NOOR CHAUHDRY
B.A., Saint Bonaventure University, 2022

JACOB CLITES
B.S., University of Pittsburgh, 2023

MIA ANNE COLLIS
B.A., The Pennsylvania State University, 2023 (Political Science)
B.A., The Pennsylvania State University, 2023 (Media Studies)

ALLISON NICOLE CONLEY
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M.Ed., Virginia Commonwealth University, 2018

BRAXTON CRAWFORD
B.S., The Citadel, 2021

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B.A., Saint Francis University, 2022

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B.A., Davis & Elkins College, 2022

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M.B.A., Waynesburg University, 2019

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B.A., The University of New Mexico, 2018

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B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2022

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B.A., George Mason University, 2023

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B.A., Washington & Jefferson College, 2023

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B.S., The Pennsylvania State University, 2023

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B.A., University of Vermont, 2022

RYLAN GERMAN
B.S., The Pennsylvania State University, 2022

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B.A., Commonwealth University – Bloomsburg, 2023

NICHOLAS GONZALEZ
B.A., University of Central Florida, 2022

KELSIE GORMAN
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B.A., The Pennsylvania State University, 2023

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B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 2023

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B.A., Rhodes College, 2005

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B.A., The University of Montana, 2011

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B.S., University of Pittsburgh, 2022

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B.A., Duquesne University, 2023

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B.S.B.A., Temple University, 2020

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B.A., College of William and Mary, 2023

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B.A., Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 2022

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M.A., Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2022

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B.S., United States Coast Guard Academy, 2015

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B.A., Duquesne University, 2023

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B.S., University of Pittsburgh, 2023

EMILY JOY LIESCH
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B.A., Williams College, 2023
M.B.A., Duquesne University, 2026

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B.A., Temple University, 2022

JOHN WILLIAM O'BRIEN
B.A., Robert Morris University, 2022

TEAGAN JO OCHAYA
B.A., The University of Akron, 2022
M.B.A., The University of Akron, 2023

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B.A., John Carroll University, 2022

**CERTIFICATION FOR COMPLETION OF THE BAR TRACK
CONCENTRATION WITHIN THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS
FOR FOREIGN ATTORNEYS CANDIDATE**

BANI GUPTA

LL.B., THUE UNIVERSITY OF BURDWAN, 2019

2026 RECOGNITIONS AND EXCELLENCE AWARDS*

ALEXANDER ROBERT ANDREOZZI	Best Brief, First Year CALI Award in Legal Research & Writing II, 2024
ALPARSLAN ASAN	CALI Award in Patent Drafting, 2025
WILLIAM MICHAEL BAGLIO	CALI Award in Criminal Procedure: The Police Function, 2025 CALI Award in Advanced Legal Writing: Legal Drafting, 2025
IZAYAH D. BOJANAC	CALI Award in Contracts I, 2023
AMELIA ELIZABETH BURKEL	Raymond F. Sekula Award
ZAYBA NOOR CHAUHDRY	Outstanding Oral Argument, First Year
JACOB CLITES	CALI Award in Civil Procedure II, 2024 CALI Award in Sales, 2025
ALLISON NICOLE CONLEY	CALI Award in Civil Procedure II, 2024 CALI Award in Contracts II, 2024 CALI Award in Property II, 2025
ANDREW Q. CRUSCIEL	CALI Award in Business Associations, 2024
DANIEL ALLEN DAVENPORT	Outstanding Oral Argument, First Year
MADISON MAE ERVIN	Best Brief, First Year Outstanding Oral Argument, First Year CALI Award in Civil Procedure & Drafting I, 2022 CALI Award in Civil Procedure II, 2023 CALI Award in Contracts II, 2023 CALI Award in Legal Research & Writing II, 2023 CALI Award in Constitutional Law II, 2024 CALI Award in Gender and the Law, 2024 CALI Award in Sales, 2025 CALI Award in Pretrial Civil Litigation Simulation, 2025
JESSICA REGINA FABIAN	CALI Award in Property II, 2024 CALI Award in Wrongful Convictions, 2025
ANGELINA YOLANDA FALCONE	Outstanding Oral Argument, First Year
ERICA E. FAULK	Outstanding Oral Argument, First Year CALI Award in Election Law, 2025
ALEXANDRA LINNA FRIEND	CALI Award in Comparative Constitutional Law, 2025

**Spring 2026 CALI awards were not available at the time of printing.*

BAILEY JUSTINE GANOE	CALI Award in Cyber Law and Policy, 2024
NICHOLAS JOHN GEORGELIS	Best Brief, First Year Outstanding Oral Argument, First Year CALI Award in Legal Research & Writing II, 2024
KATHRYN CHRISTINE GINGOLASKI	The Shalom Moot Court Award CALI Award in Advanced Legal Reasoning, 2024
NICHOLAS GONZALEZ	CALI Award in Advanced Legal Reasoning, 2024 CALI Award in Core/Applied Competencies I, 2025
KELSIE GORMAN	CALI Award in Contracts I, 2023 CALI Award in Contracts II, 2024
AMANDA JANE GRIFFITH	Justice Louis L. Manderino Honor Society CALI Award in Family Law, 2024
DREW GUDENBURR	Justice Louis L. Manderino Honor Society CALI Award in Faith and Democracy, 2024
ANA GABRIELA GUERRERO	CALI Award in Advanced Legal Reasoning, 2024 CALI Award in Immigration Law, 2024
DEANNA HALL	Justice Louis L. Manderino Honor Society
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LINDSAY HENRY	CALI Award in Legal Research & Writing I, 2023 CALI Award in Criminal Law, 2024 CALI Award in Property II, 2024 CALI Award in Constitutional Law II, 2025
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CALI Award in Criminal Law, 2024
CALI Award in Business Associations, 2024
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2025
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CALI Award in Property I, 2023
CALI Award in Legal Research & Writing II, 2024
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NICOLETTE ERIKA MUNACO	The AAML Eric D. Turner Award Outstanding Oral Argument, First Year CALI Award in Copyright Law, 2025
RYAN PATRICK MURPHY	Best Brief, First Year CALI Award in Legal Research & Writing I, 2023 CALI Award in Civil Procedure II, 2024 CALI Award in Legal Research & Writing II, 2024
CLAY JAMES MYERS	Justice Louis L. Manderino Honor Society
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PEYTON NORTON	The Clinical Legal Education Association Outstanding Student Award Outstanding Oral Argument, First Year Justice Louis L. Manderino Honor Society The Shalom Moot Court Award
CASSANDRA L. NOVAKIS	Dr. John E. Murray, Jr., Philanthropy Award Dr. John and Liz Murray Award for Excellence in Student Scholarship CALI Award in Advanced Legal Writing: Legal Drafting, 2025 CALI Award in Core/Applied Competencies I, 2025
JOHN WILLIAM O'BRIEN	Outstanding Oral Argument, First Year
ANTHONY OLIVO	CALI Award in Governance, Compliance & Risk Management, 2025
BIANCA MARIE ORTALANO	Outstanding Oral Argument, First Year CALI Award in Sales, 2025
ABIGAIL LYNN PALOTAS	CALI Award in Torts I, 2023 CALI Award in Trial Advocacy I- Trial Team, 2024
ISABEL M. PAPARIELLA	Justice Louis L. Manderino Honor Society CALI Award in Advanced Criminal Practice & Procedure Simulation, 2025
SANTINO NATALE PARIS	CALI Award in Accounting for Lawyers, 2025
SHELBY LYNN PELESKY	J. Alfred Wilner Award CALI Award in Property I, 2023 CALI Award in Criminal Procedure: The Police Function, 2024 CALI Award in Human Trafficking, 2025
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EMILY GRACE TYLER	The Clinical Legal Education Association Outstanding Externship Student Award CALI Award in Legal Research & Writing I, 2023 CALI Award in Torts II, 2024 CALI Award in National Security Law, 2025
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MARY ANN WESSELL	CALI Award in Advanced Legal Reasoning, 2023
KAITLYN WHITEHURST WILL	CALI Award in Advanced Legal Reasoning, 2023 CALI Award in Accounting for Lawyers, 2024 CALI Award in Trade Secret Law, 2024 CALI Award in Family Law, 2024
DAYEN PETER WILSON	Professor Louis Del Duca Memorial Award
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JACOB CURRAN ZIMMERMAN	Outstanding Oral Argument, First Year CALI Award in Trial Advocacy, 2025

2026 RECOGNITIONS AND EXCELLENCE AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

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. The student should be hard-working and shows potential, but not necessarily at the top of the class academically. The student may be in the trial advocacy program but other students may be considered as well.

THE AAML ERIC D. TURNER 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. This award is sponsored by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY LAW JOURNAL PRIZE

The American Bankruptcy Law Journal Student Prize consists of a free one-year subscription to the Journal. The prize is given to the student who earns the highest grade in Bankruptcy or a student who demonstrates excellence in class work or projects.

THE BANKRUPTCY JUDGES' MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARD

Awarded by the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association to a student who has displayed special aptitude in Bankruptcy.

CALI EXCELLENCE FOR THE FUTURE AWARD

The CALI (Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) Excellence for the Future award is given to the highest scoring student in each law school class at participating law schools.

THE CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING EXTERNSHIP STUDENT AWARD

Criteria for the Externship Award include excellence in the externship course as determined by the quality of the student's performance in assisting or representing individual or organizational clients or in undertaking advocacy or policy reform projects; excellence in the seminar component of the externship as determined by the quality of the student's thoughtfulness and self-reflection in exploring the legal, ethical, strategic, and other pertinent issues raised in the particular clinic or externship; and the nature and extent of the student's contributions to the clinical community at the law school, legal community, or broader community.

THE CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

This award is presented every year to a graduating student who has excelled in clinical work during her/his time at Duquesne Kline School of Law.

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.

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.

DUQUESNE KLINE SCHOLARSHIP AND LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is presented to the law student in the graduating class who best represents a combination of scholarship and leadership.

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.

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.”

J. ALFRED WILNER AWARD

This award is made to the 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 or her time as a student, and who has manifested a sense of professional responsibility commensurate with the best traditions of our profession.

THE JEFFREY A. MANNING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TRIAL ADVOCACY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

The award shall be presented annually at the time of graduation. The recipient must have demonstrated excellence in the area of trial advocacy, with an emphasis on supreme oratory skills, mastery of evidentiary argument, and giftedness in the art of cross-examination. The awardee also must exemplify outstanding moral fiber, consummate professionalism, impeccable personal integrity, strong peer support and mentoring, and a deep reverence for the profession of law and public service.

JOHN J. SCIULLO PEER EXCELLENCY AWARD

This award was established to honor Dean Emeritus and Professor John J. Sciullo, who passed away in 2000. The award is given to a graduating student for his or her outstanding contributions to the school or for overcoming challenges in obtaining a law degree. 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.

JUSTICE LOUIS L. MANDERINO HONOR SOCIETY

Recipients have distinguished achievement in interschool Moot Court Competition or outstanding contributions to the Duquesne Kline Moot Court Programs.

KANDY REIDBORD EHRENWERTH AWARD

This award honors the student who best exemplifies what was important to Kandy Reidbord Ehrenwerth, who passed away in August 1992 and was a 1974 graduate of Duquesne Kline School of Law. 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.

KATIE ELISABETH WESTBROOK AWARD

The Katie Elisabeth Westbrook 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.

KLINE CENTER FELLOWS AWARD

The Thomas R. Kline Center for Judicial Education, which creates and sponsors continuing judicial education programming for Pennsylvania judges, created the Kline Center Fellows Program in 2023-2024 to model and instill values of excellence, professionalism, and respect for the judiciary and the court system. Each year, a small number of Kline Center Fellows, selected based on academic performance and professionalism, participate in a series of enrichment opportunities linked to the judiciary. This award is given in recognition of the promise of each Kline Center Fellow to continue as a role model of excellence, professionalism, and courtesy in practice before the judiciary.

LAW SCHOOL MISSION AWARD

This award is given to the student who embodies the following elements of the Law School 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.”

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.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS AWARD

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

THE ORDER OF BARRISTERS

This is a national honor society whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills through effective law school oral advocacy programs. The Order provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their law schools.

PITTSBURGH TAX CLUB AWARD

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

PRESIDENT KEN & LAURA GORMLEY DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD

This special Award is made to the graduating student(s) who, in the judgment of the faculty, have displayed general scholastic excellence and who have performed meritorious service to the Law School. The Award is named by the University Board of Directors in recognition of President Ken Gormley – long-serving faculty member, Constitutional scholar, Dean of the Law School, and President of the University – and his wife, Laura.

PROFESSOR LOUIS DEL DUCA MEMORIAL AWARD

The award is presented annually to one graduating student at each of Pennsylvania's nine ABA- accredited law schools who has demonstrated academic excellence in courses related to business law, including courses covering corporate, commercial, securities, finance, banking, bankruptcy, and related business law topics. The award is named in memory of Professor Del Duca, who was internationally recognized as a leading scholar in commercial and comparative law, and his contributions to the Business Law Section and the Pennsylvania Bar Association are legendary.

RAYMOND F. SEKULA AWARD

This award is given by a group of former students in appreciation of the longstanding, exemplary teaching and service of Dean Raymond F. Sekula. This award will be given to the graduating student who most exemplifies the qualities of Dean Sekula – passion for the study of law, diligence, and a desire to serve others (and the community) through excellence in the practice of law.

THE ROBERT SCOTT MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given to a graduating student who is a member of a School of Law affinity group and who is committed to promoting equal justice.

THE SHALOM MOOT COURT AWARDS

These awards are bestowed on graduating students who excel in trial and appellate moot court competitions.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP AWARD

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

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

This award is presented to the graduating student(s) who have demonstrated excellence in the required course of Professional Responsibility.

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