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107th Commencement Ceremony / Sunday, May 29th, 2022

## **Processional**

Grand Marshals  
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## **National Anthem**

Katrina Woolverton '02

## **Welcome**

Charles P. Fairchild '09, Chair, Board of Trustees  
Darby Dickerson, President and Dean

## **Class of 2022 Address**

Laura R. Lascoe

## **Commencement Address**

Brian Panish '84  
Founding Partner  
Panish | Shea | Boyle | Ravipudi LLP

## **Conferring of Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree**

Charles P. Fairchild '09, Chair, Board of Trustees  
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Recipient: Michael E. Cahill

## **Conferring of Degrees—Master of Laws, Juris Doctor**

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## **Recessional**

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## Commencement Speaker

### Brian Panish '84

Founding Partner, Panish | Shea | Boyle | Ravipudi LLP



**R**ecognized among the country's leading trial attorneys, Brian J. Panish has obtained some of the most significant jury verdicts in United States history on behalf of plaintiffs. His courtroom victories include a \$4.9 billion verdict in the landmark products liability case *Anderson v. General Motors*, over 100 verdicts and settlements in excess of \$10 million, and six verdicts in excess of \$50 million in personal injury and wrongful death cases. Panish consistently serves in a leadership role in some of the largest personal injury cases in California and the country, including as Plaintiffs' Lead Trial Counsel in the Porter Ranch/Aliso Canyon Gas Blowout Litigation, recently resolved for \$1,800,000,000, as well as Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel

in both the Thomas Fire and Woolsey Fire litigations in Southern California. Most recently, Panish represents the husband and son of Halyna Hutchins, a cinematographer who was fatally shot on the movie set of *'Rust'* in October 2021.

Panish is a three-time recipient of the prestigious California Lawyer Attorney of the Year Award (2022, 2019, 2013) and was named among the 2022 Titans of the Plaintiffs Bar by *Law360*. Additional accolades and honors include being named among the 2021 LA 500 as well as named among the Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Attorneys by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*, recognizing the most influential leaders and impactful executives in Los Angeles, the 2021 Best Lawyers® Lawyer of the Year – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions, and a 2020 Plaintiffs Lawyer Trailblazer by *National Law Journal*.

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*"Brian Panish is one of the most renowned trial lawyers in the United States. He's also part of a three-generation Southwestern family. I'm looking forward to the wisdom he will share with our graduates."*

- Darby Dickerson, President and Dean

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He is currently serving as President of the prestigious Inner Circle of Advocates, an invitation-only group composed of 100 of the best plaintiffs' lawyers in the nation. He is also a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), and served as the 2011 President of the Los Angeles Chapter of ABOTA.

Panish received his law degree, with honors, from Southwestern Law School in 1984, as well as an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 2011, when he also delivered the commencement speech at graduation. In 2017, Southwestern established the Panish Civil Justice Program with a goal of providing top litigation training to students, creating a crossroads for the bench and bar, and strengthening the foundations of the American civil justice system. He received his B.S. from California State University, Fresno, where he was named The Fresno State Scholar-Athlete in 1980. In 2010, he was an alumnus at the school's Centennial Celebration in 2010.

Please visit [www.swlaw.edu/Panish](http://www.swlaw.edu/Panish) for his complete bio.

## Honorary Degree Recipient

### Michael E. Cahill

Member and Finance Committee Co-Chair, Southwestern Law School Board of Trustees; Executive Vice President and General Counsel (Retired), Trust Company of the West

**M**ichael E. Cahill has served on the Southwestern Law School Board of Trustees since 2004. During his 18-year tenure on the Board, he has served on several committees, including as a member of the Audit & Compliance Committee and the Executive Committee, and as Chair of the Finance Committee.

Cahill is a private investor and consultant. For 22 years, he served as Executive Vice President, Managing Director, and General Counsel for The TCW Group, Inc. TCW is a leading global-asset management firm based in Los Angeles that serves institutional and individual investors nationally and abroad with a broad range of publicly offered and private products across fixed income, equities, emerging markets, and alternative investments.

Before that, Cahill was Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Act III Communications, a diversified media and entertainment company owned by TV producer Norman Lear. Act III's businesses included film and television production, television broadcasting, movie theaters, and trade publishing.

Before joining Act III, Cahill was an attorney in private law practice with O'Melveny & Myers focusing on corporate, securities, finance, and mergers and acquisitions, representing public companies in insurance, aerospace, consumer products, entertainment, banking and finance, as well as private and start-up businesses. Cahill started his law career as a litigation attorney in San Diego with Shenass, Robbins, Shenass & Shaw, representing clients in California and federal courts as well as the U.S. Supreme Court.

Cahill sits on the boards of two registered public investment funds offered by KKR in the fixed income area. He is on the Advisory board of the Homeboy Ventures and Jobs Fund. Cahill has held board positions on various civic, community, investment, and professional organizations. He has been asked to speak on various topics, including venture capital, international joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, and investment management.

Cahill holds an LL.M. from Harvard University, a J.D. from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, and a B.A. from Bishops University, Quebec.





## Student Speaker

### Laura R. Lascoe

**L**aura holds a Bachelor of Musical Performance - Clarinet, with a Minor in Holocaust History from Chapman University and a degree from the University of Hawaii - KCC in the Culinary Arts; she also is a Certified Iyengar Yoga Teacher. She used her multi-faceted experiences to start a boutique digital marketing business, Banyan Media. Her business savvy and wide-ranging interests led her to law school.

Laura has been active in the Southwestern community as the SCALE SBA Vice President, the SBA Election Committee Chair, a SCALE Peer Mentor, member of the SCALE Peer Mentor Advisory Board, and the Competitions Chair for the Trial Advocacy Honors Program. Laura has immersed herself at Southwestern and is excited to start her legal career in Washington, D.C.

Laura says, "Congratulations to all who are graduating this year! Our time in law school has been very unique. We have endured and moved through law school in unprecedented times. We have shown our grit and determination to not let a pandemic get in our way of receiving a J.D. I am honored to be this year's 2022 Commencement Student Speaker. I hope that my speech is relatable and memorable for all."

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## General LL.M. Program

Southwestern's General LL.M. Program is designed for students who have already earned a law degree in the United States or abroad and would like to continue their legal studies in a particular area according to their individual goals. To earn the LL.M. degree, students complete 24 units of post-J.D. coursework on a full- or part-time basis. Students work closely with their Southwestern faculty advisor to develop a detailed course of study tailored to their own interests from a comprehensive selection of more than 150 electives and core courses.

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## LL.M. Program in Entertainment and Media Law

Drawing on the resources and activities of the Donald E. Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute, Southwestern established the first LL.M. degree in Entertainment and Media Law at an American law school. To qualify for the specialized LL.M. degree, students must already possess a J.D. degree and complete a minimum of 24 units of post-J.D. coursework on a full- or part-time basis. By virtue of Southwestern's extremely broad range of nearly 60 entertainment and media law courses, students can select a general group of courses or pursue a more focused entertainment or media law curriculum.

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# Candidates for the Degree of Juris Doctor

## Full-Time Day Program

Students who choose Southwestern's traditional full-time day program complete their J.D. degree in three academic years of full-time study. During this time, they pursue a broad-based legal education with opportunities to focus on a particular area of the law. All first-year students participate in the designated curriculum. Second- and third-year students combine required courses with a wide range of electives to tailor a program suited to their interests and goals. Students take the designated curriculum of 15 units each semester during their first year and a course load of 10 to 16 units each semester thereafter. Students must complete 87 units to graduate.

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# Candidates for the Degree of Juris Doctor

## PLEAS and Part-Time Day Program

**P**LEAS (Part-Time Legal Education Alternative at Southwestern) is one of only a very few part-time day programs in the country designed to accommodate students with child- or elder-care responsibilities. Established in 1981, the four-year PLEAS schedule is typically arranged to enable parents and guardians to attend law school while their children are in school. A select number of other students are granted a similar schedule. Part-time day students attend classes with traditional full-time students, taking a designated curriculum during the first two years of study. There are many opportunities for elective courses and externships during the final two years. Students take 8 to 11 units each semester and attend two summer sessions. Students must complete 87 units to graduate.

**Elina S. Andjunyan <sup>PL</sup>**  
B.A., University of Nevada, Las Vegas

**Coralee M. Carrell**  
B.A., California State University, San Bernardino

**Alexandra Boyd Gargiulo**  
B.A., Dominican University of California

**Lucy E. Hernandez <sup>\*\*\*</sup>**  
B.A., University of Southern California  
M.F.A., Antioch University

**Zhuoting Liao <sup>PL</sup>**  
B.A., California State University, San Bernardino  
M.B.A., California State University, Fullerton

**Jesse Lucas <sup>PL</sup>**  
B.S., California State University, Los Angeles

**Shawn Michael McKendry <sup>M1\*</sup>**  
B.S., National University

**Magdalena A. Mirisch-Krueger <sup>1PL</sup>**  
B.A., Warsaw School of Economics - Poland

**Iryna Naumova <sup>\*</sup>**  
B.A., American Jewish University

**Brian S. Pocrass <sup>\*</sup>**  
B.A., University of Southern California  
B.S., University of Southern California

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# Candidates for the Degree of Juris Doctor

## SCALE®—Two-Year J.D. Program

**E**stablished in 1975, SCALE is the first two-calendar-year accelerated J.D. course of instruction in the nation. SCALE students learn fundamental legal principles and develop core lawyering skills through an integrated curriculum that utilizes hypothetical problems as a teaching method while encompassing all essential subject matter taught in traditional required courses. Hands-on experience is provided in class and through externships in professional legal settings. SCALE's intensive workload relies on total immersion and is designed to begin acclimating students to the rigors of law practice.

### Mohamad H. Abdallah

B.A., Michigan State University

### Anora Abramova <sup>T</sup>

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

### Taylor S. Ajlouny

B.B.A., University of San Francisco

### Miya Briyona Allen

B.A., California State University, Northridge

### Teni Amadian

B.S., California State University, Northridge

### Sabrina Akasha Ames

B.S., Southern Utah University

### Nupur Apte <sup>T</sup>

B.A., The Australian National University - Australia

### Martin P. Avanesian

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

### Michael A. Azara

B.S., Michigan State University

### Charlotte Bray <sup>M</sup>

B.A., California State University, Long Beach

### Alexandra Chavez <sup>T S</sup>

B.A., California State University, Northridge

### James H. Clark

B.A., University of Arizona

### Julissa M. Colindres

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara

### Christopher R. Cornell

B.A., Abilene Christian University

### Mikaela M. Davenport

B.A., University of Maryland

### Chelsea E. Dean

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

### Natalie Elias

B.A., California State University, Fullerton

### Lindsay N. Gavigan

B.A., California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

### Mahnam Ghorbani <sup>T</sup>

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

### Katherine S. Giegoldt

B.S., California State University, Northridge

### Christopher R. Jensen

B.A., California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

### Katherine Q. Johnson

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara

### Perry C. Jones

B.A., George Mason University

### David J. Kim <sup>L</sup>

B.S., University of California, San Diego

### Hayanna Kim

B.A., Syracuse University

### Vivian H. Kim <sup>I</sup>

B.B.A., Loyola Marymount University

### Jeffrey Y. Kozono <sup>L ♦</sup>

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

### Robert Kwan

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara

### Laura R. Lascoe <sup>T S</sup>

B.M., Chapman University

### Jeffrey A. Laufer

B.A., California State University, Northridge

### Hui Liu

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

### Shireen L. Mahdavi

B.S., University of California, Irvine

### Patricia A. Mamac

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*FD – Full-Time Day Program*

*SC – SCALE Program*

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**Elen Martirosyan**

B.A., University of California, Irvine

**Jordan R. Meppen** \*

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

**Daniel Naftalovich**

B.S., Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

**Eteri Nalbandyan**

B.A., California State University, Northridge

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M.B.A., University of Kansas**Adam M. O'Shea**

B.A., Chapman University

**Andrew S. Packer**

B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz

**Billy R. Paredes**

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

**Christopher E. Phelps**

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara

**Simone E. Poyourow** <sup>M</sup> \*

B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz

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M.A., Kingston University London - United Kingdom**Vahan Saakian**

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

**Daniel A. Sabet**

B.S., University of Southern California

**Julian K. Samaan**

B.A., California State University, Long Beach

**Marissa A. Sandoval** <sup>J</sup>

B.A., University of Southern California

**Jafet S. Santiago**

B.A., University of Southern California

**Angélica A. Segura**

B.A., Middlebury College

**Haemi Shin** <sup>J</sup>

B.A., University of California, San Diego

**Keely J. Simmonds**

B.A., Saint John's College

**Michelle R. Slater**

B.A., University of San Francisco

**Kristin A. Strange** <sup>M</sup> <sup>L</sup>

B.A., California State University, Long Beach

**Bryse K. Thornwell** <sup>L</sup>

B.S., Syracuse University

**Alexandra Tunaru**

B.A., California State University, Fullerton

**Alex J. Welfringer** <sup>T</sup> <sup>L</sup> <sup>S</sup>B.A., Point Loma Nazarene University  
M.B.A., Point Loma Nazarene University**Tasher N. Willet**

B.S., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

## J.D./M.B.A. and J.D./E.M.B.A. Concurrent Degree Programs

In partnership with The Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management of Claremont Graduate University, Southwestern established concurrent-degree programs for students who wish to combine a J.D. and Master's of Business Administration (M.B.A.) or a J.D. and Executive Master's of Business Administration (E.M.B.A.). To earn the J.D./M.B.A. degree, students apply 16 units earned at the law school to the 60 units required for the M.B.A. degree and complete the remaining 44 units at Drucker. To earn the J.D./E.M.B.A. degree, an option for students with extensive management experience, students apply 10 units completed at the law school to the 48 units required for the E.M.B.A. degree and complete the remaining 38 units at Drucker.

**Aaron Kohanoff** <sup>B</sup> <sup>S</sup> <sup>C</sup>B.S., University of Southern California  
M.B.A., Drucker School of Management**Mordechai E. Zilberstein** <sup>L</sup> <sup>B</sup> <sup>FD</sup> <sup>\*\*</sup>B.A., University of California, Los Angeles  
M.B.A., Drucker School of Management

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## Student Organizations

### Moot Court Honors Program <sup>M</sup>

**T**he 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 <sup>N</sup>

**T**he 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 <sup>T</sup>

**T**he 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* <sup>L</sup>

**T**he *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*<sup>1</sup>**

**T**he *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 on 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. Recent symposia, with proceedings later published in the *Journal*, have included "2021: International Law Ten Years From Now," "The Future of the Exclusionary Rule: American and International Perspectives," "Arctic Sovereignty: Cold Facts, Hot Issues," "Abandoning the Inquisitor: Latin America's Criminal Procedure Revolution," "Antitrust and Intellectual Property in Global Context," and "CAFTA and Commercial Law Reform in the Americas."

## ***Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law*<sup>1</sup>**

**T**he *Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law* is a semi-annual publication produced by Southwestern's Donald E. Biederman Entertainment and Media 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 and media 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*<sup>5</sup>**

**T**he 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*<sup>6</sup>**

**T**he *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

**T**he Dean's Academic Leadership Award was established by the Board of Trustees to provide scholarships to the highest-ranking upper-division students.

Sara Levine

Kimberly C. Morosi

Alex J. Welfringer

### Dean's List

**T**he 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.

Arman Avagyan

Nanor Babian

Brynn Mia Bodair

Coralee M. Carrell

Meghry S. Chopurian

Alexandra Christensen

Ariel F. Coto

Ashley E. Crews

Andres E. De La Cruz

Pauline Demerjian

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Laura M. Hartman

Perry C. Jones

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David J. Kim

Elisha B. Kohanbash

Natasha Komadina

Jeffrey Y. Kozono

Uyen P. Le

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Bryse K. Thornwell

Alex J. Welfringer

Chelsea Zaragoza

Jeffrey Zhang

Camila Zhao Yingying

Mordechai E. Zilberstein

### Dean's Fellows

**U**pper-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.

Anora Abramova

Sabrina Akasha Ames

Brynn Mia Bodair

Charlotte Bray

Malak Cherkaoui Jaouad

Alexandra Christensen

Ariel F. Coto

Andres E. De La Cruz

Pauline Demerjian

Arturo Garcia

Bryan M. Gleason

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Stephanie Mei-Wah Scamman

Lyla H. Stone

Kristin A. Strange

Bryse K. Thornwell

Sophia C. Tu

Emily Turi

Martha M. Vasquez Hernandez

Alex J. Welfringer

Mordechai E. Zilberstein

## 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.

Arman Avagyan  
Nanor Babian  
David Anthony Beirne  
Kyle Besa  
Charlotte Bray  
Alexandra Chavez  
Malak Cherkaoui Jaouad  
One S. Choi  
Alexandra Christensen  
Ariel F. Coto  
Ashley E. Crews  
Kevin P. Culpepper  
Andres E. De La Cruz  
Pauline Demerjian  
Zehara H. Eden  
Amanda Luisa Fazio  
Arturo Garcia  
Alexandra B. Gargiulo  
Allegra A. Garside  
Alexander Gasparian  
Tannaz Ghayadi  
Bryan M. Gleason  
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Chloe P. Graham  
Kelsi D. Grau  
Shahrazad F. Haddad  
Jacob H. Halajian  
Sheila Hanley  
Laura M. Hartman  
Amira F. Heath  
Kimberly Hernandez  
Asher Y. Hoffman

Alexandra N. Isenberg  
Hovanes Kalpakchian  
Jinni Kang  
Willow L. Karfiol  
Mouna Kezbar  
Alexander S. Khalil  
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Uyen P. Le  
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Jacqueline G. Lendvai  
Zhuoting Liao  
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Jomari Carlo R. Lucero  
Leslie V. Luis-Mendez  
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Stephanie Mei-Wah Scamman  
Patrick Shahverdian  
Lyla H. Stone  
Kirsten E. Stowe  
Sarguis Terterian  
Bryse K. Thornwell  
Sophia C. Tu  
Emily Turi  
Carlos L. Valenzuela  
Martha M. Vasquez Hernandez  
Dulce N. Velasquez  
Zachary D. Wagner  
Jordan T. Webster  
Tasher N. Willet  
Chelsea Zaragoza  
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## Biederman Scholars

The Donald E. Biederman Entertainment and Media 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 externships, practicum placements in entertainment and media law firms, and other mentoring opportunities. To be considered as a Biederman Scholar, students must be in the top ten percent of their class and have a demonstrated interest in entertainment or media law. Candidates are selected by the Biederman faculty and approved by the Institute's Executive Board.

Brynn Mia Bodair  
Zehara H. Eden  
Perry C. Jones

Stephanie Mei-Wah Scamman  
Bryse K. Thornwell

## 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.

Mohamad H. Abdallah  
 Feven G. Abraham  
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 Tala Achi  
 Angelique O. Ajala  
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 Justin M. Aminpour  
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 Kyle Besa  
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 Amanda Luisa Fazio  
 Rachel S. Feigelson  
 Savannah R. Feldman  
 Jesse A. Fernandez  
 Daniel S. Fields  
 Amanda C. Francisco  
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 Nicole Khachikian  
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 Solair T. Kharadjian  
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 Lauren M. Krug  
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 Sara Levine  
 Hui Liu  
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 Nanduo Lu  
 Jesse Lucas  
 Shireen L. Mahdavi  
 Patricia A. Mamac  
 Lilit Markosyan  
 Evan T. Martin  
 Jaquelin M. Martinez  
 Vahe Martirosian  
 Elen Martirosyan  
 Selena L. Matavosian  
 Cindy Medrano  
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 Rafael Muñoz Hernandez  
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 Nolan A. Nardecchia  
 Alexander J. Navi  
 Anaeis Naylous

Danielle L. Niemann  
 Julia D. Norman  
 Etan M. Nozar  
 Tatiana M. Owens  
 Andrew S. Packer  
 Jennifer Padilla  
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 Sara Rashti  
 Megan S. Rodef  
 Elaine M. Rosenfeld  
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 Allen G. Salgado  
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 Julian K. Samaan  
 Marissa A. Sandoval  
 Jafet S. Santiago  
 Stephanie Mei-Wah Scamman  
 Angélica A. Segura  
 Patrick Shahverdian  
 Haemi Shin  
 Talin Simonian  
 Michelle R. Slater  
 Kayla K. Smith  
 Kirsten E. Stowe  
 Oran Subanakyot  
 Yidu Sun  
 Sevak Tatevosyan  
 Esther K. Teixeira  
 Cristina A. Terrazas  
 Bryse K. Thornwell  
 Adam L. Tobal  
 Emily Turi  
 Victoria Van Tuyt  
 Martha M. Vasquez Hernandez  
 Mia Vitte  
 Tiffany M. Wagner  
 Kaiyuan Wang  
 Jordan T. Webster  
 Tasher N. Willet  
 Frances G. Wood  
 Francisco R. Yeverino  
 Jeffrey Zhang  
 Camila Zhao Yingying  
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## 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.

Dorna Khazeni

## 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.

Jeffrey A. Martin

## 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 non-profit 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.

Emily S. Goldberg

Martha M. Vasquez Hernandez

## 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.

Feven G. Abraham  
Cheryl A. Cruz  
Savannah R. Feldman  
Laura M. Hartman  
Jeffrey A. Martin

Jovana T. Morales  
Breanna M. Ramirez  
Kristin A. Strange  
Alexandra Tunaru

## 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.

Angelique O. Ajala  
Emily S. Goldberg  
Vivian H. Kim  
Fabiola Martinez  
Jovana T. Morales

Tatiana M. Owens  
Markisha M. Roches  
Eleni I. Rodriguez  
Cristina A. Terrazas  
Alex J. Welfringer

## 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.

Angelique O. Ajala  
Charlotte Bray  
Daniel T. Cox  
Mikaela M. Davenport  
Andres E. De La Cruz  
Amanda C. Francisco  
Kyla Autmn Garcia  
Willow L. Karfiol  
Dorna Khazeni  
Vivian H. Kim  
Laura R. Lascoe  
Tingyu Tiffany Lo  
Abigail M. Lombardo  
Jeffrey A. Martin

Fabiola Martinez  
Cindy Medrano  
Jovana T. Morales  
Tatiana M. Owens  
Christopher E. Phelps  
Alixandra M. Powers  
Diana Ramirez Vielman  
Markisha M. Roches  
Eleni I. Rodriguez  
Michelle R. Slater  
Cristina A. Terrazas  
Alex J. Welfringer  
Frances G. Wood  
Chelsea Zaragoza

## 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.

Jacqueline A. Flores Reyes  
Dorna Khazeni  
Jeffrey A. Martin

Tatiana M. Owens  
Eleni I. Rodriguez





# The History of Academic Dress

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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. Prior to 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 which 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 for the Master of Laws degree have full, rounded sleeves marked with three purple velvet bars to indicate the completion of a master's program. The gowns for the Juris Doctor degree have full, rounded sleeves marked with three black velvet bars to indicate the completion of a doctoral program. 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 (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; 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 cording, honoring their connection with Southwestern alumni, faculty, or staff members. Military Veterans are wearing red, white, and blue chords. Students with concentrations are distinguished as follows: Civil Litigation and Advocacy—gold; Criminal Law and Advocacy—teal; Entertainment and Media Law—purple; Labor and Employment Law—white; Public Interest Law—burgundy; and Technology Law and Entrepreneurship—royal blue.

# Congratulations, Graduates!



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*This program contains official lists of names of graduates who received degrees in December 2021 and unofficial lists of names of candidates for May and July 2022 graduation. Degree conferral for anticipated May and July 2022 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.*