Commencement

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National Anthem
Lindsay N. Roginski ’23

Welcome
Darby Dickerson, President and Dean
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Class of 2023 Address
Dylan Gunaratne ’23

Conferral of Honorary Doctor of Laws Degrees
Board Chair Leichtman ’77
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Recipients:
Susan Westerberg Prager
Gloria Rachel Bloom Allred

Commencement Address
Gloria Rachel Bloom Allred

Conferral of Degrees—Master of Laws, Juris Doctor
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Greetings from the Alumni Association
Alicia Matricardi ’06,
President, Alumni Association Board

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Gloria Allred is a founding partner of Allred, Maroko & Goldberg (AM&G), with offices in Los Angeles and New York. Her firm has been the leading women’s rights private law firm in the nation for 47 years, winning hundreds of millions of dollars for victims. Allred has won countless honors for her pioneering legal work on behalf of victims who have been discriminated against due to gender, race, age, physical handicap, sexual orientation, sexual harassment, or because they have AIDS. AM&G is also well-known for its work on behalf of victims of rape, child sexual abuse, and battered women. Allred also founded the Women’s Equal Rights Legal Defense and Education Fund. In 1986 at the White House, President Ronald Reagan presented Allred with the President’s Volunteer Action Award for Outstanding Volunteerism for her work on child support. Allred also received the President’s Award from the National Association of Women Lawyers.

President Barack Obama has introduced Allred as “one of the best attorneys in the country.” Allred has also been voted by her peers as one of the best lawyers in America. Allred is also a three-time Emmy nominee for her commentaries on KABC television in Los Angeles. Her nationally syndicated television show “We the People, with Gloria Allred” was also nominated in 2012 for a Daytime Emmy Award.

In January 2014, Allred received the Lifetime Achievement Award from The National Trial Lawyers for her trailblazing and pioneering role in combating injustices and winning new rights, especially for women and minorities. She was also honored at the 2016 International Women’s Forum World Leadership Conference with the IWF Women Who Make a Difference Award. In July 2018, she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Organization for Women for her enduring commitment to fighting injustices against women. In 2017, Netflix announced “Seeing Allred,” an original documentary about Allred and her battles for justice. “Seeing Allred” launched globally on Netflix in February 2018 and is still streaming on Netflix. In February 2018, Allred received the Lenore Kramer Award for Excellence from the Women’s Caucus of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association. Allred was honored to be inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame in September 2019 in Seneca Falls, New York. Also, in September 2019, California Rural Legal Assistance presented her with the Dolores Huerta Adelita Award, which honors women who are trailblazers in their communities.

In January 2021, Allred received the Lifetime Achievement Award from American Lawyer Magazine for her work as “a true trailblazer.” Allred was honored in November 2021 to be one of the rare recipients of the Praeses Elit Award by Trinity College Dublin Law Society for the advancements she has made for women’s rights and civil rights throughout her career. In October 2022, Allred was the grateful recipient of the LGBTQ+ Lawyers Association of Los Angeles Co-President’s Award, their highest honor given to an individual who exemplifies and advances the values and goals of the Association and who has made outstanding contributions to the LGBTQ+ legal and broader community. Allred is the author of “Fight Back and Win, My Thirty-Year Fight Against Injustice – and How You Can Win Your Own Battles.”
Honorary Degree Recipient

Susan Westerberg Prager
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A legal education trailblazer many times over, Susan Prager served as Southwestern’s 11th Dean and CEO from 2013 to 2021, the first woman in the history of the law school to serve in the post. Dean Prager led Southwestern through the difficult enrollment challenges faced by legal education across the U.S. beginning in 2013, making Southwestern stronger in the process. She also led Southwestern during the most unusual first 16 months of the pandemic in 2020–2021. She joined Southwestern following five years as Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), the nation’s principal representative of America’s law schools and the scholarly society of the law teaching profession. Dean Prager had previously held other leadership positions in higher education, including 16 years as Dean of UCLA School of Law, President of Occidental College, and Provost of Dartmouth College.

After law school, she practiced law in North Carolina and then returned to her alma mater as a member of the UCLA law faculty, teaching community property, family law, wills and trusts, California legal history, and historic preservation law.

After a decade on the UCLA law faculty, she was named UCLA’s Dean—one of only two women in that capacity in the country. While at UCLA, Dean Prager became the second woman elected President of the AALS. She also served on the Law School Admission Council and the Council of the ABA Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

Dean Prager was a Trustee of Stanford University for 14 years and a Vice President of the Board. She became the first female director of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company (Pacific Life), and her 36 years of service make her the longest-serving outside director in company history. Before law school, she worked for U.S. Senator Thomas Kuchel, U.S. Congressman Paul McCloskey, and California Assemblyman John Veneman.

Throughout her career, Dean Prager has strongly advocated intellectual, gender, cultural, and racial diversity and inclusion. She has been honored with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) Legal Services Award and the Madrina Award of the UCLA Latino Alumni Association. And the Santa Monica Bay Keeper Circle Award recognized her early support for environmental programs. The UCLA Law Alumni Association presented its first Lifetime Achievement Award to Susan Prager. She also received The Edward A. Dickson Award, the greater UCLA Alumni Association’s highest honor. Recent honors include the Ernestine Stahlhut Award from the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (2017) and the California Lawyers Association Bernard E. Witkin Medal for her career of extraordinary service to justice and legal scholarship in California (2022). Most recently, Southwestern created the Susan Prager Excellence in Teaching Award. The endowment provides a substantial monetary prize every year, in perpetuity, to a Southwestern Law School professor who makes a significant difference in the lives of students in the same way Dean Prager has done over the course of her nearly 50 remarkable years in higher education.
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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.

José Siderman-Fulbright Human Rights Fellow

Established by the family of José Siderman, the José Siderman-Fulbright Fellowship at Southwestern provides the opportunity for an Argentine law graduate to earn an LL.M. degree in Civil Liberties and Human Rights at the law school and spend the following summer as an intern at the ACLU or another civil rights organization.

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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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Full-Time Day Program

Students who choose Southwestern’s 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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Emma A. York-Spaeth
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B.A., West Virginia University

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Part-Time Evening Program

The evening program is a four-year comprehensive course of study designed for students who would like to pursue their J.D. degree on a part-time basis. The program’s schedule provides a way for students to attend law school while maintaining their full-time work responsibilities.

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Slater T. Brennan
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Brittanie N. Burns-Tucker
B.A., San Francisco State University

Eve Canton
B.A., Brooklyn College

Elena Cordonean
Bachelor’s Degree, State University of Moldova - Moldova

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B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

Karine Harutyunyan
B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

Kelvin D. Hoang
B.A., California State University, Long Beach

Bintu Juneja
B.S., California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Jennifer K. Karvunidis
B.S., University of Evansville

Jacob Lee
B.A., Occidental College

Jennifer L. Levy
B.S., California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

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B.A., California State University, Northridge

Teresa D. Martinez
B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Dean Matsuyama
B.A., University of California, Irvine

Michelle L. McNamara
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Kathleen Moskowitz
B.S., Arizona State University

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PLEAS and Part-Time Day Programs

PLEAS (Part-Time Legal Education Alternative at Southwestern) is one of the nation’s few part-time day programs 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. Students have 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.

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SCALE®—Two-Year J.D. Program

Established 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.

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Meshi Chitrit
B.A., University of California, Riverside

Haley Grace Clark T
B.A., University of the Ozarks

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B.S., Pace University

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J.D./M.B.A. Program

In partnership with The Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management of Claremont Graduate University, Southwestern established a concurrent-degree program for students who wish to earn a J.D. and Master’s of Business Administration (M.B.A.). To earn the M.B.A. degree, students apply 10 units earned at the law school to the 48 units required for the M.B.A. degree and complete the remaining 38 units at Drucker.

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Student Organizations

Moot Court Honors Program

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 orals, 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

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

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

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.
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 of a part-time 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.”

The 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.

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.

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.
Matthew Behboud
Antonino Patti
Dylan Gunaratne
Michael E. Seager

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.

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.

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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.

Sultan R. Alshawa
Denya A. Amador Ayala
Gor N. Asryan
Aram Bagrazyan
Matthew Behboud
James J. Bohan-Mendoza
Ryan D. Braun
Emilie M. Cabrera
Mario A. Castellanos
Anthony C. Chavez
Vivian Chen
Iniah C. Clark
Elizabeth Corbett
Elena Cordonean
Alejandra Cortez
Peter Demerdjian
Emma M. Detamore
Juliet M. Di Pietro
Austin E. Dragoo
Ida Farahmand
David B. Fisher
Damon M. Fournier
Drew E. Frey
Kaitlyn E. Fry
Jessica D. Garcia
Chase C. Gardella
Jacqueline R. Garner
Andrew R. Gianelli
Nicolas A. Gomez
Deena J. Goodman
Zachary E. Gorokhovsky
Dylan Gunaratne
Mierna Hagehassan
Borna Houman
Brian A. Infante
Samuel D. Johnson
Yeghia G. Kamarian
Jennifer K. Karvunidis
Khatchig Khatchadourian
Allyson Klein
Jennifer L. Levy
Martha D. Ludlum
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Nicolas R. Marchese
Herbert M. Martinez
Dean Matsuyama
Kelly K. Mayer
Claire C. McCall
Anush Minasyan
Max G. Moshkovich
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Sarah E. Paset
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Natasha A. Riches
April Rivera
Taurin J. Robinson
Tiffany I. Romo
Maya B. Rosen
Anthony Rubino
Desiree Ruiz Alfaro
Armando Sanchez
Shane M. Sandvig
Michael E. Seager
Arya Sharifan
Annie Shin
Paulina G. Silva
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Julia S. Unger
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Ashley C. Wold
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Ke Yang
Andrea Yeam
Meline Yedigaryan
Lilian Zohrab
Olivia O. Zorayan

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 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.

Anthony C. Chavez
Dylan Gunaratne

Anthony Rubino
Desiree Ruiz Alfaro
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.

Jenai A. Alford
Denya A. Amador Ayala
Dena Amini
Jonathan Aminpour
Jonah Anderson
Gor N. Asryan
Andrew A. Baeza
Anita Baghoomian
Aram Bagrazyan
Shelby Banks
Jennifer K. Barnes
Nicholas Barrios
Christina Belmonte
Nima J. Bencohen
Morgan C. Bennett
Rita Blikian
Mno M. Bogosyan
Ryan D. Braun
Slater T. Brennan
Emilie M. Cabrera
Mario A. Castellanos
Diana Cazares
Anthony C. Chavez
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Alana M. Chester
Haley Grace Clark
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Mierna Hagehassan
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Khatchig Khatchadourian
Allyson Klein
Oren Kohen
Rachael Krishnan
Akinlolu E. Kuyeji
Tiffany Lam
Jacob Lee
Tara M. Lee
Jennifer L. Levy
Tsen-Yin Lin
Collier T. Litel
Keith A. Lollis
Andrew E. Lutfala
Christen L. MacLeod
Milene R. Malekmehr
Nicolas R. Marchese
Katelyn A. Marshall
Herbert M. Martinez
Anthony J. Martirosyan
Kelly K. Mayer
Kenneth J. M’Balé
Claire C. McCall
Elizabet Y. McKinney
Michelle L. McNamara
Andrew J. Meily
Vivian M. Meza
Rebecca Mikhail
Anush Minasyan
Alec Mitchell
Camelia Mayoli Moher
Louis A. Montenegro
Max G. Moshkovich
Vianney Ariadne Munoz
Neil S. Nabavi
Ani Nalbandian
Victoria Nalbandian
Hannah G. Nava-Holstein
Isamar A. Negrete
Buitrago
Carter J. Nott
Liana Ohanian
Lily Pahlavani
Erica Park
Sarah E. Paset
Amrita Sanjiv Patil
Antonino Patti
Mordehai Peretz
Tina Petrosian
Sandy Pham
Raquel Piloyan
Betzy E. Portillo
Shayan Rahbar Vafaee
Angel Z. Ransby
Mandonna Razi
Benjamin Refoua
April Rivera
Taurin J. Robinson
Maya B. Rosen
Constanze A. Rowe
Anthony Rubino
Armando Sanchez
Daniela Sanchez
Shane M. Sandvig
Ithzel Santana
Jacob L. Schwartz
Arya Shirifan
Madison S. Shepard
Annie Shin
Jessica N. Smith
John S. Solan
Elliott T. Solandt
Ajeth S. Srikanthan
Imani T. Stafford
Alexis C. Stoker
Carlos Suarez Hernandez
Akash A. Swami
Ethan K. Taase
Nathaniel Tafoya
Dellya F. Talas
Araxi A. Tashchyan
Stephanie M. Thackeray
Abimelec M. Vargas Reyes
Aleksandra Vysotskaia
Jenna H. Whelan
Stuart M. Williams
Ashley C. Wold
Kalin A. Woodward
Chandler J. Wren
Grigory G. Yagubyan
Yaniv Yasmeh
Lauren A. Ybarra
Andrea Yeam
Emma A. York-Spaeth
Zain A. Zaidi
Ellen Zakharian
Brandon T. Zenevitch
Yiting Zhang
Marvel J. Zhigalin
Lilian Zohrab
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.

Angelica Gonzalez

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.

Jesse Arianna M. Gonzales

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.

Herbert M. Martinez

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.

Christina Belmonte
Aaron A. Bowers
Meshi Chitrit
Emily M. Karsik
Katelyn A. Marshall
Vivian M. Meza
Camelia Mayoli Moher
Hannah G. Nava-Holstein

Anna M. Pasano
Stephanie Rendon
Jennifer S. Rivera
Armando Sanchez
Carlos Suarez Hernandez
Abimelec M. Vargas Reyes
Kalin A. Woodward

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.

Jennifer K. Karvundis
Herbert M. Martinez
Vivian M. Meza

Tina Petrosian
Betzy E. Portillo
Julissa E. Salgueiro
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.

Jonah Anderson
Aaron A. Bowers
Diana Cazares
Meshi Chitrit
Austin E. Dragoo
Lauren Espina
Nathalie N. Garcia
Angelica Gonzalez
Mierna Hagehassan
Emily M. Karsik
Jennifer K. Karvunidis
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Camelia Mayoli Moher
Vianney Ariadne Munoz
Lorenzo Orozco, Jr.
Cansu Pinar Ozhabes
Tina Petrosian
Betzy E. Portillo
Julissa E. Salgueiro
Stephanie M. Thackeray

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.

Angelica Gonzalez
Vivian M. Meza
Vianney Ariadne Munoz
Lorenzo Orozco, Jr.
Tina Petrosian
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 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 (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; 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 2022 and unofficial lists of names of candidates for May and July 2023 graduation. Degree conferral for anticipated May and July 2023 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.