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Introduction of Commencement Speaker .......... Alicia Ouellette

Commencement Address ......................... Ambassador Bonnie Denise Jenkins

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Alicia Ouellette ’94 President & Dean

Alicia Ouellette is the 18th President and Dean of Albany Law School.

As a leader in legal education, Dean Ouellette has championed the value of law schools as drivers of change in communities, society, and the lives of students and graduates. As President and Dean, she has presided over Albany Law School’s execution of a new strategic plan, fulfillment of an institutional affiliation with the University at Albany, expansion into online graduate programs, and completion of a record-setting fundraising campaign, *We Rise Together: The Campaign for Albany Law School*.

Prior to her appointment as President and Dean, she served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Intellectual Life and a Professor of Law. Before joining the law school in 2001, Dean Ouellette was an Assistant Solicitor General in the New York State Attorney General’s Office and a law clerk to the Honorable Howard A. Levine at the New York Court of Appeals.


She has presented to distinguished audiences around the globe, including at the Yale School of Medicine and the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

In September 2020, Dean Ouellette was appointed to New York Governor’s COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Implementation Task Force.

Dean Ouellette has served in leadership positions for numerous professional and community organizations, including as chair of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section for Deans, secretary and a board member for the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU), secretary and a board member for the Burdett Birthing Center in Troy, N.Y., and a board member for the University at Albany’s Institute for Health and Human Rights.

An alumna of Hamilton College, Dean Ouellette graduated *magna cum laude* in 1994 from Albany Law School, where she was editor-in-chief of the *Albany Law Review*. 
Bonnie Denise Jenkins, Commencement Speaker

Ambassador Bonnie Denise Jenkins ’88 is the current Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, a position she assumed in July 2021. She is the first African American to ever serve as an Under Secretary of State at the U.S. Department of State. Previously, she served in the Obama Administration from 2009-2017 as Special Envoy and Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs in the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation. In that role, she coordinated American efforts on threat reduction globally and U.S. government programs in chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological (CBRN) security and was the State Department lead for the 2010 and 2016 Nuclear Security Summits. She was the U.S. Representative to the G7 Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction.

While at Albany Law, Jenkins enlisted in the Air Force Reserves. She served as a paralegal at bases in Massachusetts and Washington, D.C. until 1992 when she received a direct officer commission into the U.S. Naval Reserve. She rose to the rank of lieutenant commander and received numerous commendations before retiring in 2008.

After serving as a Legal Adviser to the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency – where she provided advice to U.S. ambassadors and delegations negotiating arms control and nonproliferation treaties – in 2009, President Barack Obama nominated Jenkins as coordinator of Threat Reduction Programs with the rank of ambassador. She was confirmed by the U.S. Senate and assumed her duties immediately in the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation.

From 2014–2017, in addition to leading U.S. interagency engagements on threat reduction programs, Jenkins led diplomatic efforts to promote the Global Health Security Agenda, a group of 70 countries, international organizations, non-government organizations, and private sector companies that builds countries’ capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease threats like Ebola, Zika and today, COVID-19. In partnership with the U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency and U.S. Africa Command she developed the “Threat Reduction in Africa” (TRIA) to ensure U.S. programs and activities in WMD security are coordinated accurately to meet the needs of countries where the
programs are engaged. Her efforts earned her the 2016 ISN nomination for the Secretary’s Award for Excellence in International Security Affairs.

In addition to her time in the military and government, Jenkins worked at the Ford Foundation as the Program Officer for U.S. Foreign and Security Policy, and Conflicts. She served as Counsel on the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission) and served as General Counsel to the U.S. Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

From 2017–2020, she was a Nonresident Senior Fellow at Brookings Institution. In 2017, she was a Senior Fellow at the Perry World House at the University of Pennsylvania. She was also a pre-doctoral fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. While at Harvard, she also served as an Advisor at the Bernard Koteen Office of Public Interest Advising at Harvard Law School.

Jenkins is the Founder and from 2017-2021, was the Executive Director, and Board Chair of Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security (WCAPS), a leading advocacy organization supporting women of color in the security and peace-building sector. In June 2020, she founded Organizations in Solidarity, which supports a common vision of a world where all people are treated equally, fairly, and with respect.

She has been an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law School, in the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, the University of Virginia Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, and the George Washington Elliott School of International Affairs. She was also a Senior Fellow at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

In addition to her J.D. from Albany Law School, she has a Ph.D. in International Relations from the University of Virginia; an LL.M. in International and Comparative Law from the Georgetown University Law Center; an M.P.A. from the State University of New York at Albany; and a B.A. from Amherst College. She also attended The Hague Academy for International Law.

She is a member of the New York State Bar.
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Jay Gilani*

Timothy G. Goetzman
gamma cum laude

Jordan Marshall Gwynn°
cum laude
Associate Editor, Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology

Ibrahim F. Haddad
cum laude
Executive Editor, Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology

Terrence Han

William Patrick Hand*
summa cum laude
Associate Editor, Albany Law Review

Elizabeth M. Harmon
gamma cum laude

Brooke Angelene Harvey*

Olivia N. Harvey
cum laude
Edward M. Cameron, Jr. ‘21 Memorial Prize

Sindi Haxhia

Ryan C. Hayes°
gamma cum laude

Adam D. Herron
summa cum laude
Associate Editor, Albany Law Review

Lisa C. Hladik
summa cum laude
Securities Regulations Prize; Domenick L. Gabrielli Prize – First Prize; National Order of Barristers Award; Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor for New York Appeals, Albany Law Review; Jill Breedlove, 1987, mother; Stephen Hladik, 2003, father

Alexandra M. Hlinka

Zachary J. Hommel
cum laude

Ashley Hong

Dan Horwith
Associate Editor, Albany Government Law Review

Lindsey M. Johnson*
gamma cum laude
Lead Article Editor, Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology

Mark V. Jordan*

Connor McInerney Judd
gamma cum laude
Francis H. Anderson Negotiation Award; Domenick L. Gabrielli Prize – Second Prize; Donna Jo Morse Negotiations Competition (2020–2021); Managing Editor for Business & Production, Albany Government Law Review

Laura A. Jurewicz

Lauren Jurgens
Aaron Kane  
magna cum laude  

Nicholas Kitzrow  
magna cum laude  
Associate Editor, Albany Government Law Review

Matthew S. Kydala

Daniel J. Lange

Rebecca J. LaPoint  
summa cum laude  
Outstanding Clinical Student Award
Associate Editor, Albany Law Review

Raymond Francis Leggett IV*

Christian Scott Lichtenberger*  
cum laude  
Symposium Editor, Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology

Hannah L. Long

Danielle L. Lynch  
summa cum laude  
The Cornelius W. Wickersham, Jr. Award; Donna Jo Morse Client Counseling Competition (2021–2022); Siegel Scholarships; Executive Managing Editor, Albany Law Review

Maria Jose Macias*

Matthew L. Mahan II*  
Wallace Mahan, 1984, uncle

Allison E. Mahoney  
summa cum laude  
Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor for Notes & Comments, Albany Law Review

Christana Oladunni Majekodunmi°

Jacob Mantey  
cum laude  
Pro Bono Honors; Justice Center Prize
Eric Mantey, 2013, father

Joshua R. Marcil  
summa cum laude  
Associate Editor, Albany Law Review
Douglas Mills, 1992, uncle

Stephen Marks  
magna cum laude

Jestina (Jes) Mascaro  
summa cum laude  
Article Editor, Albany Government Law Review

Rachel S. Meyer  
magna cum laude  
Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor for Notes & Comments, Albany Law Review

Martin Hiram Michaels  
cum laude  
Matthew Herman, 1994, cousin; Benjamin Farber, 1999, cousin

James Miller  
cum laude

Ashney Mills°

Mina Naz Mirzaie°

The Jay H. Milstein Award

Anna R. Myers  
cum laude

Brendan Nashelsky  
magna cum laude  
Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor for Coordinating & Operations, Albany Law Review

Alex V. Noon

Samantha E. Omolaiye

Tyler Otterbein
Katarina Rae Parise Martinez  
*cum laude*  
Associate Board Member, Anthony V. Cardona ’70 Moot Court Program (2020-2021); 3L Representative, Student Bar Association (2021–2022)

Ruchi Patel  
*magna cum laude*  
Patricia E. Salkin, Esq. ’88 Government Law Center Prize; Donna Jo Morse Client Counseling Competition (2020–2021); National Order of Barristers Award; Associate Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*

Ann K. Phillips  
*cum laude*  
Stephen Bobarakis, 1989, cousin

Juliana Elizabeth Piemonte  
*cum laude*  

Erik R. Piorkowski  
*magna cum laude*  
Phyllis Erikson, 1980, grandmother; Fred Erikson, 1999, uncle

Benjamin J. Place*  

Thomas Posella III

Amanda Nicole Potter  
*cum laude*  
Stone Family Prize Fund in Business and Entrepreneurship; Director of Finance, Anthony V. Cardona ’70 Moot Court Program (2021-2022); Editor-in-Chief, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*

Thane John Preite  
*magna cum laude*  
Associate Editor, *Albany Government Law Review*

Elizabeth W. Rein  
*cum laude*  
Managing Editor for Production, Research and Writing, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*

Emily E. Roach

Caroline Adele Rodriguez  
*magna cum laude*  
The Honorable Leslie E. Stein ’81 Commencement Prize; Associate Editor, *Albany Government Law Review*

Michael J. Rowley  
*summa cum laude*  
Martin H. Belsky Graduation Prize; Associate Editor, *Albany Government Law Review*  
Edward Rowley, 1976, uncle

Dominique Ryan*  
*cum laude*  
Associate Editor, *Albany Government Law Review*

Jessica Saelee  
*cum laude*  

Jennifer N. Sargood*  

Jason Scagline  
*magna cum laude*  
Article Editor, *Albany Government Law Review*

Daniel C. Schmidt  
*magna cum laude*
Nichole Elizabeth Scholl  
*summa cum laude*  
Donna Jo Morse Memorial Award;  
National Order of Barristers Award;  
Donna Jo Morse Client Counseling and Negotiations Competition Chair,  
Anthony V. Cardona ’70 Moot Court Program (2020-2021);  
Director of Competitions, Anthony v. Cardona ’70 Moot Court Program (2021-2022)  
Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*  
Jennifer M. Scholl, 2020, sister

Matthew S. Seeber**  
American Bar Association State and Local Government Law Section Prize

Jeffrey Shapiro

Samuel Shulman

Kianna Sinclair

Matthew T. Skinner  
*magna cum laude*  
Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor for Submissions, *Albany Law Review*

Hailey Smith  
Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor for State Constitutional Commentary,  
*Albany Law Review*; Executive President, Student Bar Association (2021–2022), 2L President, Student Bar Association (2020–2021), 1L Representative, Student Bar Association (2019–2020)

Racine J. Smith  
Lead Article Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*

Rebecca J. Smyth*  
*summa cum laude*

Kelly A. Sprague*  
*magna cum laude*  
Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*

Louis Dwayne Stober III

Molly Taylor Strauss  
*magna cum laude*  
Patricia E. Salkin, Esq. ’88  
Government Law Center Prize;  

Ekong B. Takor

Michael R. Tancredi

Graham Antonik Thompson  
*magna cum laude*  
Joan Antonik, 1990, mother

David I. Umansky  
*cum laude*  
Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor for Symposium, *Albany Law Review*

Michael A. Urban

Dominique Theresa Vaccaro*  
*cum laude*  
J.D./M.A. Criminal Justice – University at Albany

Alyssa Van Nort  
*cum laude*

Bethany Van Pelt*  
*cum laude*

Christina Frances Vitolo  
*summa cum laude*  
Siegel Scholarships; John B. Lurie ’20 Memorial Prize; Executive Editor for Miscarriages of Justice,  
*Albany Law Review*

Natalie Carr Vogel  
*magna cum laude*  
Note and Comment Editor,  
*Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*
Elizabeth R. Walsh
*cum laude
Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*
Hon. Richard F. Reilly, 1959, grandfather

Matthew Walsh
*cum laude

Mathilde Maude Warren*
*cum laude

Natalie M. Weaver
*cum laude

Daniel L. Weisbard*

Benjamin I. Westerman

Brittany A. White

Emily E. Williams
Kate Stoneman Student Award

Mark Hartley Winton*

KellyRose Yaeger

Viktoria Yudchits
*summa cum laude
The Honorable Leslie E. Stein ’81 Commencement Prize; Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*

Brielle N. Zarelli
Pro Bono Honors

Zoe H. Zatz

*Denotes December 2021 Graduation
**July 2022 Graduation
***August 2022 Graduation
****December 2022 Graduation
*Veteran
°Denotes Pro Bono Scholar

**The Justinian Society**
Members of the class receiving their Juris Doctor degrees *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, or *cum laude* become members of the honorary legal society of Justinian. Academic honors designation is based on grade point average as of the conclusion of the fall 2021 semester.

**Cord Distinctions:**
White: *summa cum laude*
Gold: *magna cum laude*
Silver: *cum laude*
Red/White/Blue: *veteran*
Prizes, Honors, and Awards

American Bar Association State and Local Government Law Section Prize –
A prize awarded to the graduating senior with the highest standing in Land Use law. Matthew S. Seeber

Francis H. Anderson Negotiation Award – an award, established in honor of Professor Emeritus Francis H. Anderson, presented to the two students who displayed competence in their capacity as conciliators and negotiators by winning the annual Donna Jo Morse Negotiations Competition. Kristen M. Abele and Connor M. Judd

Robert A. Barker Award – An award given in honor of Professor Emeritus Robert A. Barker, former Associate Dean, to the graduate chosen by the Moot Court Board for outstanding service to the Moot Court Program. Teagan C. Dolan

Martin H. Belsky Graduation Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established by the friends and colleagues of Martin H. Belsky, former dean, to the graduate who has demonstrated the greatest commitment to public interest law during law school. Michael J. Rowley

Edward M. Cameron, Jr. ’21 Memorial Prize – A prize, established by the Lyric Foundation in memory of former foundation president and former Albany Law School trustee, Edward M. Cameron, Jr. ’21, to the highest-ranking graduate who has made a significant contribution in the area of public interest law. Olivia N. Harvey

Cameron-Danaher Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established by the families of Frederick W. Cameron, Class of 1882, former trustee and faculty member, and Franklin M. Danaher, a member of the State Board of Law Examiners for many years, to the graduate having the highest standing in the subjects of Civil Procedure and Evidence. Brittany Campbell

Capital District Trial Lawyers Association Prize – A prize awarded by the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association to honor students who compete in trial team competitions with other law schools nationwide. Prize recipients are selected by faculty and coaches based on students’ dedication to trial practice and on the trial skills they demonstrate in competition. Teagan C. Dolan, Jenna M. DiBenedetto

Cardozo Prize – A prize awarded by a fund established by the late Benjamin N. Cardozo, former Justice of the United States Supreme Court and member of the Law School faculty, to the graduating member of the Law Review Board who, in the judgment of the Law Review faculty advisor, has made the most significant contribution to the Albany Law Review during the academic year. Tori L. Deyo

Domenick L. Gabrielli Prize – Prizes awarded to the winners of the Gabrielli Appellate Moot Court Competition from a fund set up in honor of Domenick L. Gabrielli ’36, former judge of the New York State Court of Appeals. Nora E. Baker and Lisa C. Hladik – first prize; Kristen M. Abele and Connor M. Judd – Second Prize
Donna Jo Morse Memorial Award – The criteria for this prize was established by Professor Donna Morse shortly before her death. Her wish was that the student who did the most to help other students be recognized. Therefore, this prize is awarded to the student who has demonstrated an incredible amount of dedication to the Moot Court Program. *Gabrielle N. Bruno and Nichole E. Scholl*

**Justice Center Prize** – A prize awarded to a student in the Clinic who has exhibited the most interest in and has contributed significantly to individuals represented by the clinic during the academic year. *Jacob Mantey*

The Edward F. Layden, Esq. ’53 and Kathryn I. Layden Moot Court Award – A prize awarded in memory of Edward F. Layden, Esq. class of 1953, a distinguished alumnus of Albany Law School who was valedictorian of his graduating class and a Moot Court winner, to a third-year student involved in Albany Law School’s Moot Court Program in the areas of Appellate, Negotiations, or Client Counseling, who expresses a high level of performance in competitions as either a participant or coach and is dedicated to improving and promoting the Moot Court Program. *Nora E. Baker*

John B. Lurie ’20 Memorial Prize – A prize, dedicated to the memory of John B. Lurie, Class of 1920, and established by the estate of Lurie’s wife, Ada B. Lurie, awarded to a third-year student who has demonstrated academic merit and professional promise. *Elise M. Coombs and Christina F. Vitolo*

The Jay H. Milstein Award – A prize awarded from a fund established by family and friends in memory of Jay H. Milstein, Class of 1949, to a graduating student who demonstrates leadership, professionalism, ethical judgment, strong problem-solving skills, and advocacy through participation in Albany Law School’s Field Placement Clinic. Preference is given to a student from Albany County. *Mina N. Mirzaie*

The Moscowitz Health Law Clinic Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established in honor of the marriage of Martha Kronholm Moscowitz ’08 and Frank Moscowitz to recognize and reward talented students in the Health Law Clinic at Albany Law School’s Clinic & Justice Center. *Andrea M. Gagliardi*

Donna Jo Morse Client Counseling Competition – This competition is dedicated to the legacy and memory of the late Donna Morse, a 1991 graduate of Albany Law School. Donna later returned to the school to teach the Introduction to Lawyering course to first-year students. She also served as faculty advisor for the law school’s American Bar Association Negotiation Team from 1991 to 1995. During that time she successfully guided the Albany Law School Negotiation Team to five regional championships. These competitions are held in honor of her contribution as a teacher, mentor and friend to the Law School community. *Robert G. Blackstock, Ruchi S. Patel (2020-2021); Tori L. Deyo and Danielle Lynch (2021-2022)*
Donna Jo Morse Negotiations Competition – This competition is dedicated to the legacy and memory of the late Donna Morse, a 1991 graduate of Albany Law School. Donna later returned to the school to teach the Introduction to Lawyering course to first-year students. She also served as faculty advisor for the law school’s American Bar Association Negotiation Team from 1991 to 1995. During that time she successfully guided the Albany Law School Negotiation Team to five regional championships. These competitions are held in honor of her contribution as a teacher, mentor and friend to the Law School community. Kristen M. Abele and Connor M. Judd (2020-2021); Maggie R. Holmes and Hilana T. Said (2021-2022)

National Order of Barristers Award – Certificates are awarded to the graduates who have made outstanding contributions to the Moot Court Program.

Outstanding Clinical Student Award – An award given by the Clinical Legal Education Association to a student nominated by the law school clinical faculty, in recognition of excellence in clinical fieldwork, high quality of representation provided to clients, and outstanding participation in clinical seminar.
Rebecca J. LaPoint

Frank M. Patterson Prize – A prize, from a fund established by Frank M. Patterson, awarded to the students having the highest standing in Contracts.
Halley R. Balkovich

Gary M. Peck ’79 Memorial Prize – Awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated a personal commitment to Environmental Law and issues, and exhibits the highest principles of integrity, honesty and professionalism.
Kathleen Y. Anderson

Isabelle Redman Prize – A prize, created to honor Isabelle A. Redman, Class of 1999. This prize will be given to the graduating student who has demonstrated the qualities personified by Ms. Redman: courage, perseverance, and graciousness in confronting extraordinary challenges. Sarah B. Dixon-Morgan

Thomson Reuters Award – Prizes awarded annually to the students having the highest standing in the field of Evidence. Brittney Campbell

Patricia E. Salkin, Esq. ’88 Government Law Center Prize – A prize awarded to one or two graduates who have participated in Government Law Center programs and who have demonstrated a commitment to law and public policy with a potential for distinction in these areas. Ruchi Patel and Molly T. Strauss

Securities Regulations Prize – A prize, established by Joseph Dormer Stephen III, Class of 1996, awarded to the student having the highest standing in Securities Regulations. Lisa C. Hladik
The Honorable Leslie E. Stein ’81 Commencement Prize, established by the dedicated law clerks of Judge Stein to commemorate her retirement from the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, is awarded to a graduate who has demonstrated a strong academic record and a commitment to helping others navigate family law issues. The award honors Judge Stein, a graduate of Albany Law School, who has exemplified judicial compassion, collegiality, and excellence throughout her tenure on the bench at each level of the New York State court system. 

*Caroline A. Rodriguez and Viktoria Yudchits*

Siegel Scholarships – Prizes awarded by the family from a fund established by the late Distinguished Professor Emeritus David D. Siegel to members of the *Albany Law Review* editorial board for excellent service and academic leadership. *Halley R. Balkovich, Michael J. Collins, Tori L. Deyo, Elise M. Coombs, Albert Gawer, Michele Di Franco, Lisa C. Hladik, Danielle L. Lynch, Allison E. Mahoney, Rachel S. Meyer, Brendan Nashelsky, Matthew T. Skinner, Hailey Smith, David I. Umansky, Christina F. Vitolo*

Stone Family Prize Fund in Business and Entrepreneurship – A prize awarded from a fund established by Christine Stone ’81 to a graduate who has distinguished him or herself through outstanding efforts in the Community Development Clinic. *Amanda N. Potter*

Kate Stoneman Student Award – A prize awarded from a fund established by Miriam M. Netter, Class of 1972 and founding member of Kate Stoneman Day, to the graduating senior who exemplifies the pioneering spirit of Kate Stoneman, Class of 1898, first female graduate of Albany Law School and first female member of the New York State Bar. *Kristen A. Davis and Emily E. Williams*

Student Service Award – A prize awarded from a fund established by members of the Class of 1990 to a student at the end of the second academic year in recognition of unselfish commitment to the Law School community. *Sarah B. Dixon–Morgan (2021)*

The Honorable David A. Wanger Class of 1920 Memorial Award – A prize awarded from a fund established by the family of Judge David Wanger, Class of 1920, to the second-year student who has shown outstanding ability in moot court and advocacy programs. *Elise M. Coombs*

The Cornelius W. Wickersham, Jr. Award – Presented to the highest-ranking student in the field of Constitutional Law at law schools within the Second Circuit. *Danielle L. Lynch*
The following will be awarded based on grade point averages as of the conclusion of the spring 2022 semester:

**Maurice Supiro Prize** – A prize awarded from a fund established by Mildred Supiro, in memory of her brother, Maurice Supiro, Class of 1919, to the valedictorian of the graduating class.

**Trustees’ First Prize** – A prize awarded by the Board of Trustees to the graduate maintaining the highest average for the three-year course of study.

**Trustees’ Second Prize** – A prize awarded by the Board of Trustees to the graduate maintaining the second highest average for the three-year course of study.

**Matthew Bender Prize** – A prize of a set of Drafting New York Wills and a copy of LexisNexis AnswerGuide New York Surrogates Court, 2015 Edition, awarded by LexisNexis Matthew Bender, a leading provider of analytical legal research, to the two graduates having the highest standing in the field of Trusts and Estates.

**Herbert E. Cohen Prize** – A prize awarded from a fund established under the will of Herbert E. Cohen, Class of 1957, to the graduate demonstrating the greatest potential for excellence in the area of Corporate Law and Taxation.

**John Dugan Prize** – A prize awarded to a student who has demonstrated academic excellence in one of the fields of particular interest to Mr. Dugan: Tax Law, Tax Policy, and Government Finance

**Friedman Prize** – A prize awarded from a fund established by Irving and Lillian S. Friedman, Class of 1958, to the graduate who attains the highest average in the subject of Family Law.

**The Eugene M. Karp, Esq. ’56 Prize in Trust & Estates** – A prize awarded from a fund established by the Karp family in memory of Eugene M. Karp, Esq., Class of 1956, a distinguished alumnus of Albany Law School and prominent member of the legal community, to the graduate having the highest standing in the subject of Trusts & Estates.

**MatLaw™ Prize** – An annual award, provided by MatLaw™, Inc., given for outstanding achievement in family law to the graduates having the highest standing in the courses of Family Law and Matrimonial Law and Practice.

**Selma Mintz Memorial Prize** – A prize awarded from a fund established by Dr. Stephen J. and Nancy Mintz Sills, Class of 1976, in memory of a most supportive mother, awarded to a student who graduates with honors while raising a family.

**Joseph Rosch Prize** – A prize awarded from a fund established by Emil Peters, Class of 1932, and his wife, Winifred Rosch Peters, in honor of her father, Joseph Rosch, former Justice of the New York State Supreme Court and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, to the graduate having the highest standing in the subject of Administrative Law.
Jacob L. Rubenstein Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established by the will of Ida D. Rubenstein in memory of Jacob L. Rubenstein, Class of 1914, awarded to the graduate having the highest standing in Procedure subjects.

The Wann Family Prize for Excellence in Business Law and Litigation – A prize awarded from a fund established by Nancy Wann ’06 and the Wann Family Foundation to the graduate having the highest grade point average within the litigation concentration after the first semester of the third year.

John C. Welsh Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established by members of the faculty and staff in recognition of the many services given to Albany Law School by Professor John C. Welsh, Class of 1955, to the graduate having the highest standing in the subjects of Property and Trusts and Estates.

White-Rosbrook Prize – A prize awarded by the Board of Trustees in memory of Frank White and Alden Rosbrook, former teachers at Albany Law School and authors in the field of corporation law, to the graduates having the highest standing in Business Organizations.
Albany Law School is the nation’s oldest independent school of law. Founded in 1851, Albany Law has played an important role in the development of legal education in the United States.

In mid-19th century America, the standard preparation for the bar was a legal clerkship. The school’s founders—Amos Dean, Ira Harris and Amasa Parker, all successful lawyers active in public affairs—felt that this approach fell short in preparing new lawyers. The trio set out to replace it with a structured educational program that encompassed both thorough knowledge of the principles of law, and experience in applying them. Their philosophy of legal education caught hold and Albany Law School flourished. This combination of theory and practice continues to be a hallmark of an Albany Law education today.

The school’s early history is marked with a range of noteworthy milestones and accomplishments. In 1873, it affiliated with Albany Medical College and Union College to form Union University. Later on Albany College of Pharmacy, now Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, joined. Each institution has its own governing board and is responsible for its own programs.

Albany Law School has attracted and produced many historically-distinguished alumni, including:

- David Brewer, U.S. Supreme Court Justice
- James Campbell Matthews, New York State’s first Black judge
- Robert H. Jackson, U.S. Supreme Court Justice
- William McKinley, 25th President of the United States
- Kozu Senzaburo, first Asian graduate
- Kate Stoneman, first woman admitted to the New York Bar
- Alinton Telle, first Native American graduate; National Secretary, Choctaw Nation

In 1875, Albany Law published the nation’s first student-edited law review, the Albany Law School Journal. An innovative lecture series on legal ethics began just after the turn of the century.

Throughout the 20th century, Albany Law School expanded and diversified the faculty, curriculum and student body. It added important programs such as the Albany Law School Clinic & Justice Center, in which students and faculty provide legal support for low-income citizens, and the Government Law Center, a highly respected resource for law- and policymakers in Albany and elsewhere around the country. Most recently it added a Center for Excellence in Law Teaching.