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173rd Commencement

Friday, the seventeenth day of May, two thousand and twenty-four, at ten o'clock in the morning

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- Introduction .......................... Dan S. Grossman
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- Land Acknowledgment .............. Tara Halterman, Class of 2024
- National Anthem .................... Alexia Wilson, Class of 2024
- Call To Order ........................ Dan S. Grossman
- Welcoming Remarks .................. Cinnamon P. Carlarne
  President and Dean
- Introduction of Commencement Speaker .......... Cinnamon P. Carlarne
- Commencement Address .............. Honorable Elizabeth A. Garry
- Presentation of Candidates .......... Rosemary Queenan
  Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
- Conferring of Degrees .............. Dan S. Grossman
- Calling of Names .................... Rosemary Queenan
- Presentation of Doctoral Hoods .......... Professor Fermín Miguel Méndez
  Professor Ciji Dodds
- Friend of the Class Award .......... Natalie Turney, Class President
- Senior Class Gift Presentation
- National Alumni Association President’s Welcome .......... Mark O. Chieco, President
- Closing Remarks ........................ Cinnamon P. Carlarne
- Recessional ............................ Majestic Brass
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Cinnamon P. Carlarne, President & Dean

Cinnamon Piñon Carlarne is the 19th President and Dean of Albany Law School. Most recently, she was the Associate Dean for Faculty & Intellectual Life at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Carlarne is a leading international expert in environmental and climate change law policy with a deep commitment to environmental equity and social justice. Her scholarship focuses on the evolution of domestic and international environmental governance, focusing on questions of domestic and international climate change law. In addition to dozens of scholarly articles addressing environmental and climate change jurisprudence, her work includes a book on comparative climate change law and policy with Oxford University Press; a Foundation Press text on climate law with Dan Farber; the Oxford Handbook of International Climate Change Law; an extensive series of book chapters, editorials and essays exploring questions of domestic and international environmental law; and a textbook on Oceans and Human Health and Well-being. She is on the editorial board for Transnational Environmental Law (Cambridge University Press), the academic board for Climate Law (IOS Press), and was the Co-Chair of the American Society of International Law’s Initiative on Climate Change and International Law.

She joined the faculty at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 2011 and was named the Robert J. Lynn Chair in Law in 2022. She served as the Associate Dean for Faculty & Intellectual Life for two years. She was the Keeley Visiting Fellow at Wadham College, Oxford in 2019.

Carlarne chaired The Ohio State University Research Committee, served on the Executive Steering Committee for The Ohio State University Sustainability Institute, and The Ohio State University Scholarship Nomination Committee. She also served on University Taskforces on sustainability and faculty matters and was deeply involved in numerous other research, climate, and sustainability initiatives. Prior to joining the Moritz faculty, Carlarne was an assistant professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law from 2008-11. She was the Harold Woods Research Fellow in Environmental Law at Wadham College, Oxford from 2006-08.

Prior to her career in higher education, she was an associate attorney in the Energy, Land Use, and Environment section at the Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld Law Firm in Washington, D.C.

Carlarne earned a Bachelor of Arts degree as a University Scholar from Baylor University before going on to earn a law degree from the University of California at Berkeley. She also holds a Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) and a master’s degree in environmental change and management from the University of Oxford, where she was a Marshall Scholar.

Honorable Elizabeth A. Garry ’90

Honorable Elizabeth A. Garry ’90, Presiding Justice, State of New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department, Justice Garry is the 16th Presiding Justice for New York State’s Supreme Court Appellate Division Third Judicial Department.

Justice Garry has decades of experience and service throughout the state’s judicial system. She is the current Commissioner and past Co-Chair of the Richard C. Failla LGBTQ Commission of the New York Courts and has served on various boards and professional associations, including:

- International Association of LGBTQ Judges, Director, 2015-present
- New York State Bar Association Committee on LGBTQ People and the Law, 2011-present
- Albany Law School, National Alumni Association Board, 2011-2019
- Del-Chen-O Chapter of Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York, Founding Member

Justice Garry has been recognized with many honors and awards throughout her career including: President’s Award (International Association of LGBTQ+ Judges), Ruth Bader Ginsburg Vanguard Award Program Recognition (New York State Bar Association Trial Lawyers Section), Capital District Women’s Bar Association LGBT Committee Award, Marilyn R. Menge Award (Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York), and the Felix J. Aulisi Award (NYS Trial Lawyers Association).

An active member of the Albany Law School alumni community, Garry was a member of the National Alumni Association, and received the Kate Stoneman award, one of Albany Law’s highest honors, in 2012. She received the law school’s Humanitarian Achievement Award in 2019.

She regularly participates in law school events, notably the inaugural LGBT Law Day in 2015. In 2017, she was a panelist for “The State of LGBT Rights” and “Running with Pride,” a discussion on running for elected office and identifying as LGBTQ+.

She was appointed to join the Third Department in 2009. Her appointment was a historic one, making her the first openly gay presiding justice in New York. She was elected to the Albany Law School Board of Trustees in 2022.

Garry graduated Cum Laude from Albany Law School after she received her undergraduate degree from Alfred University. She served as Confidential Law Clerk to the Hon. Irad S. Ingraham, Justice of the Supreme Court before joining the Joyce Law Firm in Central New York prior to joining the judiciary.
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Conor Rourke, cousin, 2019

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Mary Ann Cody, cousin, 1983

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Rudolph Frank Napodano,  
great grandfather, 1925

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Rocco J. Padula, uncle, 1997

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National Order of Barristers Award – Certificates are awarded to the graduates who have made outstanding contributions to the Moot Court Program. Joseph A. Anais, Cameron L. Bishop, Priscilla C. Capuano, Noah D. Coates, Abraham V. Frangie, Justine M. Case-Fitzgerald, Jonathan G. Klobus, Allegra J. Padula, Katherine M. Pedlow, Jessica Rutland Stepule

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. Megan M. Tylenda

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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. Christopher M. Redwing

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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. Justin Q. Davis

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. Stephanie R. Andrews, Justine M. Case-Fitzgerald, Noah S. Chase, Noah D. Coates, Kyle E. Durkee, Simon J. Goslin, Edwin C. Graham, Brandon Khalil, Will Matthews, Allegra J. Padula, Sarah G. Panariello, Cara E. Quimby, Max A. Sevor, Megan M. Tylenda, Alexander C. Wieder, Marie-Therese F. Witte, Alexis Young

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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. Anna L. Breitegger and Brianna E. Wagner

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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. Cameron L. Bishop
The following will be awarded based on grade point averages as of the conclusion of the spring 2024 semester:

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.

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.

Patrick B. McNamara Prize – A prize awarded from a fund established in memory of Patrick B. McNamara, Class of 1978, to the student having the highest grade in the Labor Law field.

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.

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

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.

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.

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Online graduate school prizes, honors and awards

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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 (now the Edward P. Swyer 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.