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Commencement Speaker & Honorary Degree Recipient

James J. Sandman is Distinguished Lecturer and Senior Consultant to the Future of the Profession at University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. He is also President Emeritus of the Legal Services Corporation, the nation’s largest funder of civil legal aid for low-income individuals.

Jim served as president of the Legal Services Corporation from 2011 to 2020. He practiced law with Arnold & Porter LLP for 30 years and served as the firm’s managing partner for a decade. He has also served as general counsel for the District of Columbia Public Schools. He is currently Chair of the American Bar Association’s Task Force on Legal Issues Arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and Vice Chair of the District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Law Institute, the District of Columbia Public Charter School Board, and the boards of Albany Law School, the Pro Bono Institute, Washington Performing Arts, and the College of Saint Rose. He is a past President of the 110,000-member District of Columbia Bar.

Jim was named one of the “90 Greatest Washington Lawyers of the Last 30 Years” by the Legal Times in 2008. The University of Pennsylvania Law School has honored him with its Alumni Award of Merit and its Howard Lesnick Pro Bono Award. He has also received the American Bar Association’s Presidential Citation, the Distinguished Life Fellow Award from the American Bar Foundation, Legal Services NYC’s Visionary Leadership Award, the District of Columbia Bar’s Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Award, the Wiley A. Branton Award from the Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, the Washington Council of Lawyers’ Presidents’ Award, the Council for Court’s Excellence’s Justice Potter Steward Award, and the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland’s Louis Stokes Paragon Award. He has given commencement addresses at Rutgers Law School, Villanova University Law School, the University of the District of Columbia Law School, and the College of Saint Rose.

He is a summa cum laude graduate of Boston College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and received his law degree cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as executive editor of the law review and was elected to the Order of the Coif. He began his legal career as a law clerk to Judge Max Rosenn of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

He is the son of the late Edgar Sandman ’46 and a supporter of the family’s Edgar and Margaret Sandman Fellowship at Albany Law School.
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 launch 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 Andrew Cuomo’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*. 
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Cameron-Danaher Prize; John B. Lurie ’20 Memorial Prize; Siegel Scholarships; Thomson Reuters Award; Executive Editor for New York Appeals, *Albany Law Review*

James P. Martin

Katherine Martinez  
1L Class Representative, Student Bar Association (2017-2018)
Daniel Joseph Martucci  
Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor for Coordinating & Operations, *Albany Law Review*; 1L Class Representative, Student Bar Association (2017-2018)

Lauren Paige McCluskey  
*cum laude*  

Christopher R. McGill  
*cum laude*

Elijah McWhinney

Adrienne M. Meicht  
*cum laude*  

Lauren Melandro  
*magna cum laude*  
Note and Comment Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*

Fabrice K. Michel  
J.D./M.B.A. Master of Business Administration - The College of Saint Rose

Brenton Bernard Michonet

Eamon Millar**

Lauren N. Mordacq  
*cum laude*  
The Steven V. DeBraccio ’13 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award; Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor for Symposium, *Albany Law Review*

Kieran Thomas Murphy  
*summa cum laude*  
Robert A. Barker Award; Capital District Trial Lawyers Association Prize; National Order of Barristers Award; Student Service Award (2018); Executive Director, Anthony V. Cardona ’70 Moot Court Program (2019-2020); Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*; 2L Class President, Student Bar Association (2018-2019); 3L Class President, Student Bar Association (2019-2020)

Leah M. Nelson  
*Jerry Nelson ’87, uncle*

Paige K. Nestler  
*Shannon D. Frazier 2000, aunt*

Omar Andrew Nimri  
*cum laude*

Benjamin F. Northrup

Cory O’Brien

Jay Thomas Oddi  
*summa cum laude*  
Cardozo Prize; Siegel Scholarships; Editor-in-Chief, *Albany Law Review*

Ashley L. Oeser

Kirsten E. (Kris) Paap  
*magna cum laude*

Amanda J. Paladino*  
*cum laude*

Brian J. Palamar  
*magna cum laude*  
Friedman Prize; National Order of Barristers Award; Dominick L. Gabrielli National Family Law Competition Chair, Anthony V. Cardona ’70 Moot Court Program (2019-2020); Symposium Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*; 3L Class Representative, Student Bar Association (2019-2020)
Joshua M. Pearlman
Hon. John L. Murad, ’57 great grand-uncle; Louis T. Brindisi ’61, grandfather; Renee James ’87, cousin; Anthony Brindisi ’04, uncle; Elizabeth Murad ’19, cousin

Nolan D. Pitkin*

Krista Kurtz Porter

Kayla Marie Potter
The Jay H. Milstein Award; 2L Class Representative 2018-2019; 3L Class Representative 2019-2020; Student Trustee 2019-2020

Joseph Power

Debra L. Reif
3L Class Representative 2019-2020

Stephanie Reighart
cum laude
Selma Mintz Memorial Prize

Megan Ross
The Moscowitz Health Law Clinic Prize

Ashley M. Rothe
summa cum laude
Domenick L. Gabrielli Prize – Second Prize; Siegel Scholarships; The Wann Family Prize for Excellence in Business Law and Litigation; White-Rosbrook Prize; Executive Managing Editor, *Albany Law Review*

Georgia A. Sackey
magna cum laude

Jennifer M. Scholl

Emma M. Schwab

Janine Smith
Associate Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*

Victoria Anne Soracco
cum laude

Gloria J. Sprague
magna cum laude
Article Editor, *Albany Government Law Review*

Jennifer Lynn Springer

LTC Paul E. Stote USA,(Ret.)*
magna cum laude

Kimberly A. Sullivan

Elizabeth Sweeney
magna cum laude
Domenick L. Gabrielli Prize – Second Prize; National Order of Barristers Award; Dominick L. Gabrielli National Family Law Competition Chair, Anthony V. Cardona ’70 Moot Court Program (2019-2020); Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*

Nicholas J. Tesiny*
Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*

Nick Testani
summa cum laude
Lou Testani ’19, brother

Stephan Tomaro
cum laude
Francis H. Anderson Negotiation Award (2018-2019); Donna Jo Morse Negotiations Competition (2018-2019)

Amanda M. Tucciarone
Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor for Miscarriages of Justice, *Albany Law Review*
Meghan P. Tuma  
*magna cum laude*  
Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*

Jessica M. Ventura

Kelly D. Vidur*  
*cum laude*  
American Bar Association State and Local Government Law Section Prize

Samuel A. Waterbury  
*cum laude*  
John Dugan Prize; Associate Editor, *Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology*

Morgan Weber  
*cum laude*  
*William M. Weber ’83, father*

Candace White  
*magna cum laude*  
Edward M. Cameron, Jr. ’21 Memorial Prize; Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor for State Constitutional Commentary, *Albany Law Review*

Julia Anne White

Kristopher P. Wilson

Richard G. Wiorkowski Jr.*

Benjamin John Wisher  
*summa cum laude*  
John B. Lurie ’20 Memorial Prize; Matthew Bender Prize; The Eugene M. Karp, ’56 Prize in Trust & Estates; Jacob L. Rubenstein Prize; Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*

Christopher R. Wolfring  
*magna cum laude*  
Senior Editor, *Albany Government Law Review*

Alexander H. Wynkoop  
*magna cum laude*  

Autumn J. Young  
*magna cum laude*  
Siegel Scholarships; Executive Editor for Communications, *Albany Law Review*; Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*

Catrina Young

Donna Jo Morse Client Counseling Competition; Kate Stoneman Student Award; New York State Bar Association Representatives at Large, Student Bar Association (2018-2019); Executive Vice President, Student Bar Association (2018-2019); Executive President, Student Bar Association (2020)

Nicole Zagreda  
*cum laude*  
Pro Bono Honors; Edward M. Cameron, Jr. ’21 Memorial Prize

Zena Zimmerglass

Francis H. Anderson Negotiation Award (2018-2019); Donna Jo Morse Negotiations Competition (2018-2019); National Order of Barristers Award; Stone Family Prize Fund in Business and Entrepreneurship

* Denotes December 2019  
** Denotes July 2020  
*** Denotes December 2020  
**** Denotes May 2021  
★ Denotes Veteran
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.

Cord Distinctions:
White: summa cum laude
Gold: magna cum laude
Silver: cum laude
Red/White/Blue: Veteran

The Class of 2020 Legacy Fund

The Class of 2020 Legacy Fund is a three-year program that educates students about the importance of philanthropic support to Albany Law School and provides networking opportunities with members of the Board of Trustees and the National Alumni Association, as well as the law school’s alumni, faculty, staff, and friends.

Funds raised are directed to a project voted by the class as an area of priority. Previous projects include scholarship support for current students and renovations to law school facilities.

Class of 2020 Legacy Fund Committee
Jay Kindlon
Daniel Martucci
Kieran Murphy
Benjamin Northrup
Joshua Pearlman
Kayla Potter
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. Kelly D. Vidur

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 Competitions. Stephen K. Tomaro and Zena Zimmerglass (2018-2019)

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. Kieran T. Murphy

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. Allison R. Cullens and Kayla B. DeCelle

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., Class of 1921, to the highest-ranking graduate who has made a significant contribution in the area of public interest law. Alexandria L. Girimonte, Candace White and Nicole Zagreda

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. Emma E. Marshall

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. Hannah H. Hage and Kieran T. Murphy

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. Jay T. Oddi
The Steven V. DeBraccio ’13 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award – Established by recent graduate, Steven V. DeBraccio, co-salutatorian of the Class of 2013, six-time Teaching Assistant, and Managing Editor of the *Albany Law Review*, this award honors the commitment of the graduating student who has served as the most outstanding teaching assistant throughout his or her law school career. Selected by members of the student body, the award is the first of its kind to recognize the contribution teaching assistants play in the academic success of our students. *Lauren N. Mordacq*

**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.  
*Kyle T. Ishman and Jay B. Kindlon* – First Prize  
*Ashley M. Rothe and Elizabeth Sweeny* – 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. *Anisha Ghosh*

**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. *Jordan R. Fruchter*

**The Edward F. Layden, ’53 and Kathryn I. Layden Moot Court Award** – A prize awarded in memory of Edward F. Layden, 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. *Jay B. Kindlon*

**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. *Emma Marshall and Benjamin Wisher*

**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.  
*Kayla M. Potter*
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. Megan J. Ross

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. Charlene M. Joseph and Catrina Young (2018-2019)

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. Stephen K. Tomaro and Zena Zimmerglass (2018-2019)

National Order of Barristers Award – Certificates are awarded to the graduates who have made outstanding contributions to the Moot Court Program. Elizabeth K. Doerr, Anisha Ghosh, Kyle T. Ishman, Charlene M. Joseph, Jay B. Kindlon, Kieran T. Murphy, Brian J. Palamar, Elizabeth Sweeny, Zena Zimmerglass

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. Marcos A. Grael

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

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. David R. Dickinson
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. **Gianna E. Fernandez**

Patricia E. Salkin, ’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. **Nicholas T. Fletcher**

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. **Jay B. Kindlon**

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. **Daniel J. Christian, Samuel D. Chubb, Marcos A. Grael, Emily A. Gray, Catherine A. Graziose, Andrew C. Hersey, Kristen Ippolito, Emma E. Marshall, Daniel J. Martucci, Lauren N. Mordacq, Jay T. Oddi, Ashley M. Rothe, Amanda M. Tucciarone, Candace T. White, Autumn J. Young**

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. **Zena Zimmerglass**

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. **Catrina Young**

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. **Kieran Murphy (2018)**

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. **Jordan R. Fruchter**

Thomson Reuters Award – Prizes awarded annually to the students having the highest standing in the field of Evidence. **Jordan R. Fruchter and Emma E. Marshall**
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. 

*Jordan R. Fruchter*

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. *Jay B. Kindlon*

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. *Jay B. Kindlon* and *Benjamin J. Wisher*

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. *Jordan R. Fruchter*

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. *Andrew E. Clark, Nicholas W. Favreau, Jordan R. Fruchter, Jacob M. Koch and Samuel A. Waterbury*

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. *Brian J. Palamar*

The Eugene M. Karp, ’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. *Jay B. Kindlon* and *Benjamin J. Wisher*

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. *Brooke M. Fane* and *Marissa C. Gordon*

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. *Stephanie M. Reighart*
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. Catherine A. Grazioso

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. Kristen Ippolito and Benjamin J. Wisher

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. Ashley M. Rothe

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. Jay B. Kindlon

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. Jay B. Kindlon and Ashley M. Rothe
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.