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The Honorable Alison J. Nathan, BA, JD
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CONFERRING OF THE MEDALLION AWARD

The Medallion Award is conferred by Villanova University in recognition of the outstanding achievements of the recipient.

THE HONORABLE ALISON J. NATHAN, BA, JD

Presented by Vice Dean Michael Risch

Judge Alison J. Nathan was sworn in as a United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit in March 2022. Previously, she served ten years as a United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York. While on the district court, she served as chair of the SDNY Security Committee and served on the SDNY Grievance Committee.

Prior to taking the district court bench, Judge Nathan worked in state government as special counsel to the solicitor general of New York from 2010 to 2011. From 2009 to 2010, she served in the federal government in the White House Counsel's Office as an associate White House counsel and special assistant to the president.

Judge Nathan also worked in legal academia. From 2006 to 2008, she was a visiting assistant professor of law at Fordham University Law School, where she taught civil procedure. She was a Fritz Alexander Fellow at New York University School of Law from 2008 to 2009. She continues to teach as an adjunct professor at NYU School of Law and Cornell Law School.

Previously, Judge Nathan was in private practice. From 2002 to 2006, she was an associate at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, LLP in Washington, DC and New York. She was a member of the firm's appellate and Supreme Court litigation practice.


Judge Nathan received her JD, magna cum laude, from Cornell Law School in 2000 and her BA from Cornell University in 1994.
HONOR GRADUATES

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THE ORDER OF THE COIF

The Order of the Coif is the national honor society devoted to the encouragement of high standards of legal scholarship with chapters in leading law schools throughout the country. Graduates in the top ten percent of the class are eligible for election to the Order of the Coif.

The Order takes its name from the word used to designate the cap which all members of the Order were required to wear. This cap or coif was originally of white linen or silk, forming a close-fitting hood, seen today in old engravings, pictures and effigies of distinguished Judges and Serjeants. Serjeants were an order of the highest rank of barrister at the English or Irish bar. By the ancient privileges of the Serjeants, this coif was not to be taken off, even in the royal presence. When wigs came into fashion the coif was changed, no longer worn as a complete hood, but merely as a circular piece of white linen fastened to the top of the wig.

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Keane Catherine Brazda
Casey Elizabeth Brogan
Patrick Brogan
Ian Bussard
Mark B. Centrella
Lauren Anne Di Lella
Danielle Marie DiGrazia
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THE DOROTHY DAY AWARD FOR PRO BONO SERVICE

The Dorothy Day Award for Pro Bono Service acknowledges students who have volunteered at the inception of their careers to take on the added responsibility of pro bono service. Pro bono service to the poor is a central aspect of the Law School’s mission as a Catholic and Augustinian institution. Pro bono service is defined as unpaid, not-for-credit legal work for the poor or disenfranchised, performed at a public interest/non-profit agency or with a private attorney working on a pro bono case. The award is named for Dorothy Day (1895–1980), Catholic journalist and peace and justice activist who co-founded the Catholic Worker and established Houses of Hospitality to help feed, clothe and comfort the poor. The Dorothy Day Award for Pro Bono Service recognizes students who have served a minimum number of hours of pro bono service over their three years in law school.

Victor Oluwaseun Adeniran
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Tanisha Michelle Brown
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Humna Rub
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Lauren Rose Stebbins
Julia Ann Stribula
Arika Troxell
Brooke Tyler
Elizabeth Sadie Walker
THE AWARD OF PRIZES

ALI–CLE SCHOLARSHIP AND LEADERSHIP AWARD
This award is presented to the graduating student who best represents a combination of scholarship and leadership. 
Daniel Meriwether Goldfield

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS (AAML) ERIC D. TURNER AWARD
The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Eric D. Turner Award is presented by the Pennsylvania Chapter of AAML and is awarded to the graduating students who, in the opinion of the Law School's faculty, best exemplify the positive attributes of a family lawyer. 
James Gallagher Austin
Megan Claire McCarthy-White

ANNE BOWEN POULIN AWARD FOR PRO BONO SERVICE
The Villanova Law Alumni Association Anne Bowen Poulin Award for Pro Bono Service is given annually by the Alumni Association to the third-year student who has contributed the most meaningful pro bono service to those in need. 
Laurel Blake Enaco

ARTHUR J. KANIA PRIZE IN PROFESSIONAL ETHICS
The Arthur J. Kania Prize in Professional Ethics, established by Constance B. Girard-diCarlo ’74, is given annually to the graduating student who, in the judgment of the faculty, best demonstrates commitment to professional ethics and integrity, as exemplified by the life and career of Arthur J. Kania ’56. 
Phoebe Alicia Elizabeth Cooper

BEST MEMORANDUM AWARD
The Best Memorandum Award is given to the first-year students who, in the opinion of the Legal Writing Faculty, wrote the best memorandum in the first-year legal writing class. 
David Brake
Mark B. Centrella
Matthew Patrick Lynn
Emma Hayes Mullins

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (CLEA) AWARD
This award is presented to the clinic student who demonstrated excellence in the field work component of the clinical course and the students’ contributions to the clinical community. 
Lauren Rose Stebbins

DAVID G. BUTTERWORTH EDITOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
The David G. Butterworth Editor Achievement Award is given annually to the Villanova Environmental Law Journal editor who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and service to the Journal. 
Landon James Holben

DR. ARTHUR CLEMENT PULLING AWARD
The Dr. Arthur Clement Pulling Award was established by Neale F. Hooley, Esquire ’56, in memory of the distinguished first Librarian of the Law School. It is given annually to the student who has contributed the most to the current issue of the Villanova Law Review. 
Kerry Marie Karol Silidker

ELLEN WERTHEIMER AWARD
The Ellen Wertheimer Award, established by the family of Professor Wertheimer, a member of the Law School faculty until her retirement in 2022, is given annually to the graduating student who excelled in Torts studies. 
Brenna Elizabeth Golden

EVE BISKIND KLOTHEN LAW STUDENT PUBLIC INTEREST AWARD
The Eve Biskind Klothen Law Student Public Interest Award is presented by the Philadelphia Bar Association in recognition of three students from each of the Philadelphia area law schools for their outstanding pro bono and public interest achievements. 
Anderson Amaya
Victoria Lacymarie Bouvé
Humna Rub
FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARD
This special award is presented to the graduating students who, in the opinion of the faculty, have contributed greatly to the life of the Law School.

Lauren Anne Di Lella
Michaela Kelly
Alannah Elizabeth King

FIRST-YEAR TRIAL ADVOCACY AWARD
The First-Year Trial Advocacy Award is given annually to the winners of the National Trial Team’s internal 1L competition.

Victoria Lacymarie Bouvé
Jake Rocco Dianno

HERMAN J. OBERT AWARD
The Herman J. Obert Award is given annually to the students who attained the highest grades in Business Organizations.

Ian Bussard
Danielle Marie DiGrazia

HERMAN MITCHELL SCHWARTZ AWARD
The Herman Mitchell Schwartz Award is given by Shirley Schwartz Weisman ’71, in memory of her father, to the student in the graduating class who, in the opinion of the faculty, has contributed the most in the achievement of equality of opportunity and treatment for women in the Law School, in the legal profession or in society at large.

Abby Elizabeth Kelley

HYMAN–GOODMAN AWARD
The Hyman–Goodman Award, established by the family of Myron A. Hyman ’64, is given annually to the graduating student who, in the opinion of the faculty, has done the most for the class and the Law School through both academic and extracurricular achievement.

Danielle Marie DiGrazia

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS STUDENT ADVOCACY AWARD
The International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award is given annually to the graduating student who excelled in trial practice.

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JEFFREY S. MOORAD SPORTS LAW JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
The Editorial Board Achievement Award is given in recognition of an outstanding member of the Executive Board.

Kameron Mckithen

JOHN J. DUFFY ’62 ADVOCACY CUP
This award is given each year to the winners of the annual Honorable Theodore L. Reimel ’24 CLAS Moot Court Competition.

Daniel Meriwether Goldfield
Anna Amina O’Brien

JOHN M. HYSON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL STAFF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
The staff achievement award is given to the member of the board of editors of the Villanova Environmental Law Journal who has made outstanding contributions of an editorial and administrative nature.

Peter Nicholas Greco

JOSEPH R. WENK AWARD
The Joseph R. Wenk Award, established in memory of Professor Wenk ’69, a member of the Law School faculty until his death in 1979, is given to the graduating student who has made the greatest contribution to the Civil Justice Clinic.

Tanisha Michelle Brown

LEONARD LEVIN MEMORIAL AWARD
This award is given annually to the graduating student who attained the highest grade in the Decedents’ Estates and Trusts course.

Nicholas Francis Trotto IV
LOUIS DEL DUCA MEMORIAL AWARD IN BUSINESS LAW
This award is presented by the Business Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association to the graduating student who demonstrates academic excellence in business law.

Abigail Terese Ferraioli

MAURA BURI MEMORIAL EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT RESEARCH PRIZE
The Maura Buri Memorial Excellence in Student Research Prize is presented annually by the Law Library to the student whose scholarship demonstrates sophistication, originality or unusual depth or breadth in the use of research materials, exceptional innovation in research strategy and skilful synthesis of research results into a comprehensive scholarly analysis.

Nicole Antolino Cocco

MOOT COURT BOARD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
The Distinguished Service Award is given to the member of the Moot Court Board who has made an outstanding contribution to the work of the board. The recipient is selected by vote of all members of the Board.

Sarah Victoria Urie

PHILADELPHIA TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION JAMES J. MANDERINO AWARD FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY
The James J. Manderino Award for Trial Advocacy is given each year by the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association to a graduating student in recognition of outstanding achievement in trial advocacy. James Manderino was a brilliant orator and was a renowned advocate for the less fortunate, the poor, the unemployed and the victims of society. In that sense he was viewed by trial lawyers as the embodiment of the highest ideals to which a trial lawyer may aspire.

Daniel Meriwether Goldfield

PUBLIC INTEREST SECTION LAW STUDENT AWARD
The Public Interest Section Law Student Award is presented by the Philadelphia Bar Association in recognition of one graduating student from each of the six Philadelphia area schools with a demonstrated commitment to public service.

Andrew Green

RAYNES MCCARTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEGAL WRITING
Awarded to the students who wrote the best brief in the first-year Legal Writing Program.

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Keara Donahue
Megan Claire McCarthy-White
Lauren Anne Di Lella

Awarded to the student who wrote the best appellate brief in the Legal Writing III: Reimel Competition.

Lauren Anne Di Lella

THE REVEREND JOSEPH ULLMAN AWARD
The Reverend Joseph Ullman Award is given to students who attained the highest grades in Criminal Law.

Charlotte Mary Lee Flynn
Aaron Dwayne Hudson Jr.
Liam Charles Reeves

ROBERT P. GARBARINO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
This award is given to the second-year staff member of the Jeffrey S. Moorad Sports Law Journal who has exhibited excellence in writing and who contributed to the success of the Journal.

Nicole Antolino Cocco

SAINT IVES MEDAL
The Saint Ives Medal is awarded annually by the faculty of the Law School to the graduate attaining the highest cumulative average for the three years of law study.

Danielle Marie DiGrazia
SCRIBES AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LEGAL WRITING AND EDITING
The Scribes Award is given to the graduating member of the Villanova Law Review who has, in the opinion of the editor–in–chief, demonstrated an ability to do outstanding legal writing and editing.

Noah Post Speitel

STEVEN P. FRANKINO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
The Distinguished Service Award is given to a graduating member of the board of editors of the Villanova Law Review who has made an outstanding contribution of an editorial and administrative nature.

Ryan Maxwell Graham

VILLANOVA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL SPIRIT AWARD
This award is given to members of the Villanova Environmental Law Journal who have consistently maintained outward enthusiasm for participation on the Journal, and has continued to demonstrate integrity and excellence in the position.

Danielle Alyssa Clifford
Timothy Howley Keith

VILLANOVA LAW REVIEW DEDICATION AWARD
This award is given to the member of the Villanova Law Review who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to all aspects of the Law Review, including participating in events, contributing to the Law Review’s scholarly mission and encouraging others to do the same.

Nicholas Francis Trotto IV
RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Many of our students have rendered service to Villanova Law through involvement in co-curricular activities, student governance and student activities.

JOURNALS
VILLANOVA LAW REVIEW

The Villanova Law Review, published five times a year, is prepared and edited by a staff of student writers who have been invited to join the Law Review based on outstanding academic achievement or through an open writing competition. The Law Review publishes articles by students and outside authors on a wide range of legal issues.

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VILLANOVA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL

The Villanova Environmental Law Journal is a national legal publication dedicated to the scholarly review of environmentally related topics. The Journal is published twice a year by a staff of student writers who have been invited to join the Journal based on their performance in an open writing competition.

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COMPETITION TEAMS

Moot Court Board

The Moot Court Board is an honorary student organization consisting of students demonstrating outstanding written and oral advocacy skills. Students are selected for Board membership by one of two methods: the second year Theodore L. Reimel ’24 CLAS Moot Court Competition or the Open Competition.

The Board is dedicated to the development of student appellate advocacy and coordinates a wide range of activities aimed at achieving that goal. Members represent the Law School in national moot court competitions, organize and administer every facet of the Reimel Competition and supplement the instruction of the Law School’s legal writing program for first year students.

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NATIONAL TRIAL TEAM
The National Trial Team is a student organization that focuses on oral advocacy at the trial level. Trial Team members represent Villanova Law at regional and national competitions where they compete against the nation's best law student advocates in simulated jury trials.

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SPORT LAW NEGOTIATION TEAM

The Sports Law Negotiation Team is an honorary student organization providing students with real-world simulations of contract negotiation, including player contracts, endorsement agreements or sponsorship deals. After extensive research and preparation, team members participate in competitions nationwide, including baseball, football, basketball, soccer and hockey.

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STUDENT GOVERNANCE

THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The Student Bar Association maintains liaison between the students and the faculty. All students of the Law School are members of the Student Bar Association. The purpose of the Association is to coordinate the activities of the student body; to promote law-related and social extracurricular activities; to promote cooperation with various professional and community organizations and to further the general welfare of the Charles Widger School of Law.

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HONOR BOARD
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The Walter A. Lucas Public Interest Fellowship Program (PIFP) is a student run organization that works to build the public interest community and fundraises throughout the year to provide financial support to students who commit their summers to public service legal work. Since its founding in 1998, PIFP has raised over one million dollars to financially support students engaged in public interest summer employment.

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ACADEMIC REGALIA

HISTORY
In England, the history of academic dress reaches back to the early days of the oldest schools. As early as the second half of the fourteenth century, the statutes of certain colleges prohibited “excess in apparel” and required the wearing of a long gown. It is still an open question as to whether academic dress finds its sources chiefly in ecclesiastical or in civilian dress. It is often suggested that gowns and hoods were the simplest, most effective method of staying warm in the unheated, stone buildings which housed medieval scholars.

THE GOWN
The gowns used in American academic ceremonies vary according to the highest degree awarded to the wearer. The gown for the bachelor’s degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master’s degree has an oblong sleeve. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut and the front has an arc cut away. Master’s gowns may be worn open or closed. The doctoral gown is a more elaborate costume faced down the front with black velvet and across the sleeves with three bars of the same; these facings and crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive to the field of study to which the degree pertains. The doctoral gown has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed. Some institutions have authorized doctoral gowns in colors other than the customary black.

THE CAP
The mortarboard cap is standard, although soft square-topped caps are permissible. Recipients of doctorates may wear a gold tassel fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap; all others wear black. At Commencement, graduates wear the tassel on the right side, moving it to the left when their degree is conferred. Faculty participating in academic ceremonies wear the tassel to the left throughout the proceedings.

THE HOOD
The hoods are lined in silk with the official color or colors of the institution which granted the highest degree held by the wearer; more than one color is shown by division of the field color in a variety of ways, such as by chevron or chevrons.

THE COIF
The American Order of the Coif, the distinguished national legal honor society, draws its name and inspiration from the English Order of the Coif, the most ancient and one of the most honored institutions of the common law. For centuries, members of the Order of the Coif had the sole right to appear as barristers in the Court of Common Pleas, and judges were drawn exclusively from this group. The coif itself is a small round piece of cloth. It traces its origin to the cap all members of the English Order wore. The cap or coif was originally of white linen or silk, forming a close-fitting hood. Later, when wigs came into fashion, the coif was changed to a circular piece of white linen or silk, fashioned to the top of the wig. Members of the Order of the Coif wear the white round piece of cloth on top of the academic cap whenever academic garb is worn.

THE CORD
Cords worn on academic apparel are reminiscent of the cleric’s stole. Recipients of the Law School’s Dorothy Day Award wear intertwined cords of blue signifying Villanova and silver signifying service. Faculty who have served twenty-five years or more at the Law School wear a gold cord.
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