

University of Illinois College of Law
Convocation
Ceremony

May 11, 2024

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts
Foellinger Great Hall



College of Law

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

COLLEGE OF LAW

Order of Exercises

Processional

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Jamelle C. Sharpe, *Dean, Professor & Guy Raymond Jones Faculty Scholar*

Remarks on Behalf of the Juris Doctor Class of 2024

Joshua Dela Pena

Remarks on Behalf of the Master of Laws Class of 2024

Quadir Oyeleke

Recognition of Outstanding College of Law Faculty Members for 2024

Amitai Aviram

Andrew Leipold

Convocation Address

Emanuel “Chris” Welch, *Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives*

Faculty Hooders as Selected by the Class of 2024

Sean Anderson

Richard Kaplan

Jeremy McClane

Presentation of Juris Doctor Candidates

Kelly Salefski '05, *Senior Director of Academic Administration and Student Records*

Presentation of Master of Laws, Master of Studies in Law, and Doctor of the Science of Law Candidates

Margareth Etienne, *Senior Associate Dean for Graduate and International Programs, Carl L. Vacketta Professor of Law*

Closing Remarks

Recessional

Reception

COLLEGE OF LAW

Degree of Juris Doctor

May 2024 – Degree Candidates

Fizza Alam

magna cum laude, Order of the Coif

Lilian Alexandrova

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

Rachel Aranyi

summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Rickert Award

Austin Ross Archer

summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Rickert Award, Pro Bono

Mithran Arvintha Kumaran

Rickert Award

Taylor August

Nelson Aydelotte

James Battle

magna cum laude

Marco Becerra

RaeAnn Bell

Megan Benka

magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, Rickert Award, Pro Bono

Jacob John Bennett

magna cum laude

Alban Beqiri

magna cum laude, Order of the Coif

Anya Bharat Ram

cum laude

Andrew Boykin

Pro Bono

Henry Brunngraber

summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Rickert Award

Timothy Bruno

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

Austin Bull

summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Rickert Award, Pro Bono

Dylan Burke

cum laude

Brendan Burtker

cum laude, Pro Bono

Joaquin Cabana

Ryan Carballido

cum laude, Pro Bono

Blythe Cardenas

summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Pro Bono

Luis Cardenas

magna cum laude

Chloe Carpentier

magna cum laude

Paige Cawley

cum laude, Pro Bono

Anna Cebulski

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

James Cheney

magna cum laude, Rickert Award

Serena Cheng

cum laude, Rickert Award, Leadership Project Scholar, Pro Bono

Medha Chidambaram

Pro Bono

Thomas Clatterbuck

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

Emily Cranny

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

Dante Dabaghian

Pro Bono

Bethany Lynn Dain

Rickert Awards, Pro Bono

Wyatt Decker

cum laude, Pro Bono

Joshua Dela Pena

cum laude, Rickert Award

Bryan Delgado

cum laude

Brittany Dinkins

cum laude, Pro Bono

Daniel Donovan

cum laude

Olivia Duggins

cum laude, Pro Bono

James Earl

Isaiah Eaton

Jared Ecker

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

Haden Erickson

cum laude

Sebastian Esparza

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

Kevin Estes

magna cum laude, Rickert Award

Sam Eugenis

cum laude

Madelyn Foster

Rickert Award

Catherine Frantz

summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Rickert Award, Pro Bono

Alexandra Frisch

magna cum laude

Rong Fu

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

Grace Gardner

summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Rickert Award

Brianna Garland

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

Wanjiku Wa Gatua

Leadership Project Scholar

Anthony Gavrilchenko

Pro Bono

Zach Gazzaway

cum laude

Ekrem Genc

cum laude, Leadership Project Scholar, Pro Bono

Kayleigh Gerber

magna cum laude

Amber Gleeson

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

Tyler Goldberg

cum laude, Pro Bono

Nikolas Constantinos Gouverneur

cum laude, Pro Bono

William Gravelle

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

Nina Grover

cum laude, Rickert Award

Ryan Haass

Christian Havel Hallerud

magna cum laude

Bianca Han

Spencer Harris

cum laude

Allison Heil

magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, Rickert Award

Erin Heller

magna cum laude

Angelica Hernandez

Pro Bono

Robert Hickey

magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, Pro Bono

Amanda Holme

magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, Leadership Project Scholar, Pro Bono

Gabrielle Holmes

magna cum laude

Nicholas Holy

Rickert Award, Pro Bono

Helen Hsuan

summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Rickert Award

Tiffany Hu

magna cum laude

Eugenia Huh

cum laude, Pro Bono

Wesley Hunt

Kelley Izatt

cum laude, Pro Bono

Alex Jilizian

Flavio Jimenez

Xu Jin

cum laude, Pro Bono

Seonki Jo

cum laude, Rickert Award

Marlena Johnson

cum laude, Pro Bono

Radomir Jurewicz

Pro Bono

Devdhi Kasana

cum laude

John Keller

summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Rickert Award, Pro Bono

Mariam Khan

magna cum laude

Catherine Kim

Pro Bono

Christopher Kim

Pro Bono

Joon Kim

Joshua Kim

cum laude, Pro Bono

Sean Kim

cum laude

Stephanie Kim

cum laude, Pro Bono

Yujin Kim

Pro Bono

Rachel King

cum laude, Pro Bono

Aidan Kingsford

Pro Bono

Lili Klainer

magna cum laude, Rickert Award

Alec Joseph Klimowicz

magna cum laude, Rickert Award, Pro Bono

Eva Kluting

Akshay Kumar Krishnamani

magna cum laude, Rickert Award, Leadership Project Scholar, Pro Bono

Pratik Manoj Krishnan

cum laude

Naida Langdon

cum laude, Leadership Project Scholar

Lukas Lasher

Kebei Li

cum laude

Weijing Li

Elizabeth Michelle Liu

Pro Bono

Alyson Long

Pro Bono

Santiago Lopez

cum laude

Jiaying Lou

Pro Bono

Andrew Lynch

Rachel Magaziner

magna cum laude, Order of the Coif

Trisha Makley

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

Julia Massari

cum laude

Carter Matt

cum laude, Pro Bono

Briley McVey

magna cum laude

Gerardo Medina, Jr.

Jared Merens

summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Rickert Award

Zachary Mishoulam

cum laude

Kavi Modi

Mehroz Mohammed

Pro Bono

Maryam Muhammad

cum laude, Leadership Project Scholar

Shyla Muralidharan

cum laude, Pro Bono

Robert Nader

Rickert Award

Luke Nance

summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Rickert Award

Miranda Hope Nutt

cum laude, Leadership Project Scholar

Jenna Nwafor

Kevin O'Donnell

magna cum laude

Eric Olson

cum laude, Pro Bono

James O'Reilly

cum laude

Daniel Oster

Pro Bono

Connor Oswalt

Emma Gwendolyn Overton

Rickert Award, Leadership Project Scholar, Pro Bono

Renee Pabalate

Pro Bono

Emma-Thomas Pardillo

Alex Sang Ho Park

cum laude, Pro Bono

Rakyung Park

magna cum laude

Radhika Patel

Pro Bono

Audrey Pauls

Leadership Project Scholar, Pro Bono

Breanna Peterson Green

Eliza Powers

magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, Rickert Award, Pro Bono

Yutai Qiao

cum laude, Pro Bono

Seetha Ramaswamy

cum laude, Pro Bono

Ahsan Rashid

cum laude, Pro Bono

Thomas Andrew Ratts

cum laude

Andrew Michael McIlrath Reay

magna cum laude

Spencer Reincke

Mariana Renke

magna cum laude, Rickert Awards, Leadership Project Scholar

Jonathan Resnick

Pro Bono

Dakota Richmond

magna cum laude, Rickert Award, Pro Bono

Taylor Rioux

Leadership Project Scholar, Pro Bono

Tyler Rist

Pro Bono

Brittany Rivera

cum laude

Lindsey Robin

Emily Sajkoski

Pro Bono

Gage Salicki

magna cum laude

Richard James Sammartino

cum laude, Pro Bono

Steven Santamarina

cum laude

Dalai Saruul-Erdene

Leadership Project Scholar

Andrew Schanuel

magna cum laude

Matthew Schwartz

cum laude, Pro Bono

Joseph Self

magna cum laude, Leadership Project Scholar

Shreyas Shastri

Pro Bono

Baylee Shepherd

cum laude, Pro Bono

SeHwa Shim

Leadership Project Scholar, Pro Bono

Rebecca Singerman

cum laude, Pro Bono

Reha Singh

magna cum laude

Gabrielle Siroonian

summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Pro Bono

Alexander Smith

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

Nicklaus Smith

cum laude

Zoë Smith

magna cum laude, Rickert Award

Jason Son

cum laude, Pro Bono

Julie Yoojung Song

cum laude, Pro Bono

Hannah Sosenko

summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Pro Bono

Natasha Elyse Spann

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

Sarah Anne Storti

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

Clarita Sullivan

cum laude

Diana Sweeney

summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Rickert Award

Ava Szoke

cum laude, Pro Bono

James Tallis

Amir Vala Tavangar

Keaton Tiwary

Khang-Christopher Truong

cum laude, Leadership Project Scholar, Pro Bono

Samantha Turk

cum laude

Katherine Ugron

Claude Vandevender

Ian Waggoner

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

Lee Walter

cum laude

Kevin Warren

magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, Pro Bono

Andrew Watkins

summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Rickert Award, Pro Bono

Leah Watson

Pro Bono

Matthew Woodruff

magna cum laude, Pro Bono

John Woodrum

cum laude

Thompson Wymard

cum laude

Ling Yang

Pro Bono

Ashleigh Yarnik

cum laude, Leadership Project Scholar, Pro Bono

Iyah Youssef

cum laude, Pro Bono

Bowen Yuan

Zirui Zeng

Pro Bono

Emma Zgonc

cum laude, Pro Bono

Howard Zheng

Pro Bono

Kyle Zollinger

*summa cum laude,
Order of the Coif,
Rickert Award, Pro
Bono*



Degree of Master of Laws

December 2023 – Degrees Awarded

Deborah Similoluwa Akinbobola

Honors: Spring 2023; Honors: Fall 2023
Intellectual Property and Technology Law
Nigeria

Francis Ogbonna Aloh

High Honors: Spring 2023
Intellectual Property and Technology Law
Nigeria

Joseph Asikpata

Nigeria

Olumide Olumayowa Awoyemi

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Cephas Ndubisi Chukwudi

Honors: Fall 2023
Nigeria

Johnatan Rodolfo De Souza D'Alcantara

Honors: Fall 2022; High Honors: Fall 2023
Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Brazil

Yen-Jung Huang

Honors: Spring 2023
Taiwan

Saumya Jain

Criminal Law
India

Negin Keshavarzian

Honors: Fall 2022; High Honors: Fall 2023
Criminal Law
Iran

Douglas Evans Lee

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
USA

Federico Alejandro Matt

Honors: Fall 2023
Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Argentina

Shakila Mohammadi

High Honors: Spring 2023; Honors: Fall 2023
Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Afghanistan

Jennifer Ezinne Mokwenye

Honors: Fall 2023
Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Chioma Ogbonna

Regulation, Sustainability, and Compliance
Nigeria

Kolawole Omoyajowo

Intellectual Property and Technology Law
Nigeria

Oyediran Oyedoyin

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Adebola Caroline Oyekan

Honors: Spring 2023; Honors: Fall 2023
Intellectual Property and Technology Law
Nigeria

Guno O. Ritfeld

Justice, Democracy, and Legal Rights
USA

Yilin Song

Honors: Fall 2023
China

Siyu Wei

Intellectual Property and Technology Law
China

Hongzhen Xu

Honors: Spring 2023
Corporate Law, Commercial
Law, and Trade
China

Yuyue Zhong

High Honors: Spring 2023
China

Keyla Xin Zhu

Honors: Spring 2023
China



May 2024 – Degree Candidates

Dinara Abdunayimova

Honors: Fall 2023

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Uzbekistan

Adesewa Alimah Adeyefa

Honors: Fall 2023

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Kwabena Sarfo Adjei

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Ghana

Leonard Chukwuezugbo Agboeze

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Kaihsuan Ai

Bar Fundamentals Track

Taiwan

Omolara Sarah Ajayi

High Honors: Spring 2023

Intellectual Property and Technology Law
Nigeria

Kayode Imoleayo Akindele

Honors: Fall 2023

Intellectual Property and Technology Law
Nigeria

Ebunlomo Rebecca Akintoye

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Chiamaka Mary-Claret Anyanwu

Honors: Fall 2023

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Kayode Akomolede Atoye

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Parmis Azizinejad

Iran

Pierre-Alexis Barbault

France

Idara Sebastian Basse

Intellectual Property and Technology Law
Nigeria

Lamin Bittaye

Regulation, Sustainability, and Compliance
The Gambia

Emma Böddeker

Honors: Fall 2023
Criminal Law
Germany

Wasiu Olawale Busari

Criminal Law
Nigeria

Katia Irene Bustamante Avanzini

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Peru

Elizaveta Butenko

High Honors: Fall 2023
Justice, Democracy, and Legal Rights
Russian Federation

Saraf Farhin Choudhury

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Bangladesh

Edwin Osatohanmwon Eboigbe

Intellectual Property and Technology Law
Nigeria

Jumai Adedoja Fabuyi

Intellectual Property and Technology Law
Nigeria

Yuyuan Fan

Honors: Fall 2023
China

Dounya Gharbi

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
France

Kaley Hong

Honors: Fall 2023
China

Shuai Huang

High Honors: Fall 2023
China

Favour Idumhanlena

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Oghenefejiro Vanessa Ika

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Lukman Airobomhan Ikhuorih

Honors: Fall 2023
Intellectual Property and Technology Law
Nigeria

Xi Jiang

China

Zainab Zubair Jibril

Honors: Fall 2023
Regulation, Sustainability, and Compliance
Nigeria

Tisilira Vincent Kaphamtengo

High Honors: Fall 2023
Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Malawi

Mohammad Khalilzadeh

High Honors: Fall 2023
Justice, Democracy, and Legal Rights

Sepideh Kheiri

Iran

Joy Kisakye

Uganda

Pavel Larionov

High Honors: Fall 2023
Criminal Law
Russian Federation

Babatunde Rauf Lawal

Intellectual Property and Technology Law
Nigeria

Fangxuan Liu

China

Xiaoyu Liu

China

Zhaoying Liu

China

Maria Narvaez

High Honors: Fall 2023

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Colombia

Mai Nguyen

Honors: Fall 2023

Vietnam

Samson Uboshukukhihi Obaro

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Ejiro Bright Odivbri

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Queennette Odudu

Honors: Fall 2023

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Mary Ufedor Ojoma

Nigeria

Osahenoma Okunyawe

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Quadir Oyeleke

Honors: Fall 2023

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Rajan Tiwary

India

Xinyi Shi

China

Qi Sun

High Honors: Fall 2023

China

Michele Torazza

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Italy

Frank Tweneboah Koduah

Ghana

Gideon Uade

Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Nigeria

Ruoyu Wang

China

Shuyi Wang

China

Yanxuan Wang

China

Yitong Wang

Honors: Fall 2023

China

Yixuan Wang

China

Brian Wanyama

Uganda

Yi Wei

China

Yuxian Wu

China

Guang Yang

China

Chunyu Yao

China

Yongjiang Ying

Honors: Fall 2023

China

Mohammad Zaki

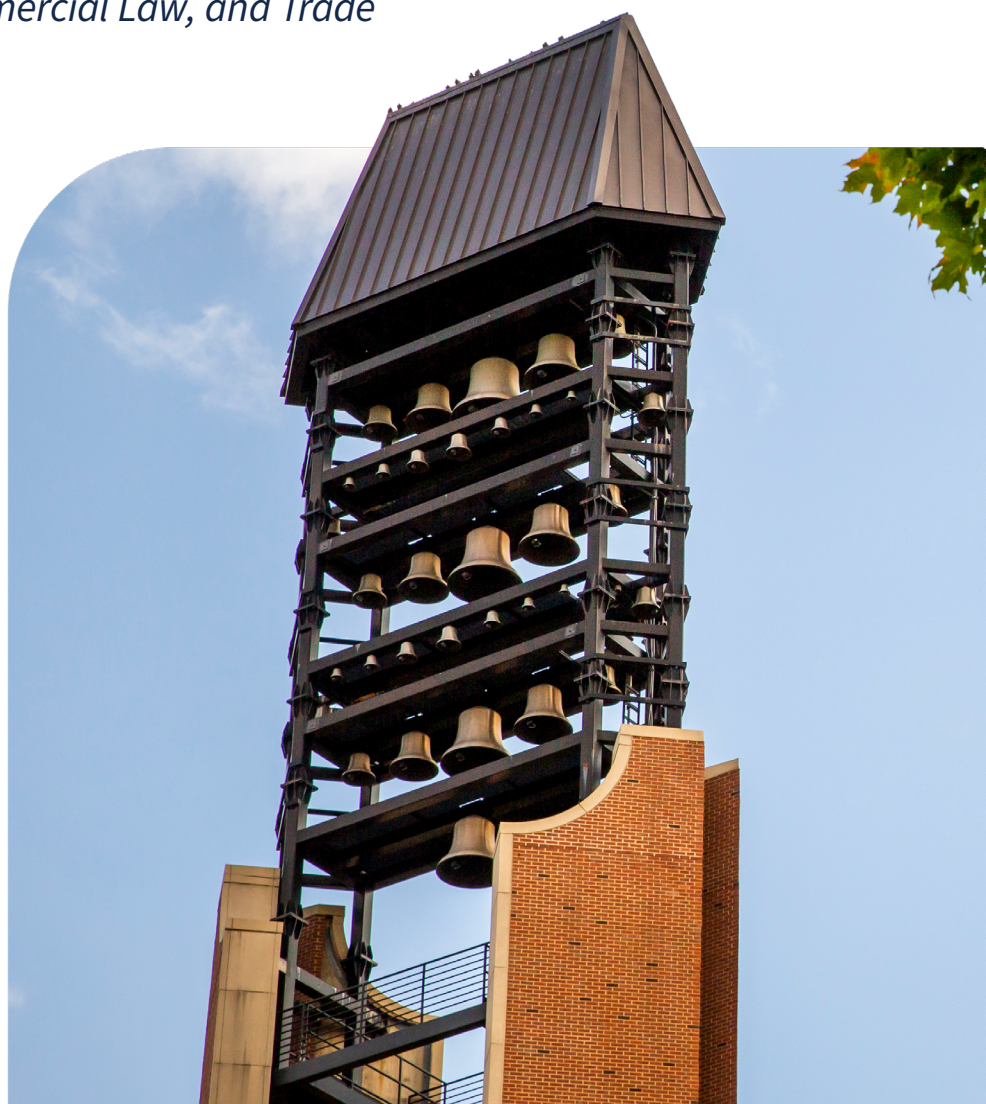
Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade
Iran

Qi Zhang

China

Tong Zhang

China



Degree of Master of Studies in Law

May 2024 – Degree Candidates

Rachel Elizabeth Bell

Jamie Eden

Fiona Islam

Degree of Doctor of Science of Law

May 2024 – Degree Candidates

Jyun-Syun Howard Li

Taiwan

Pin Napaskamol Tantanawong

Thailand

