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# PROGRAM

Introduction & Welcome.....Dean Daniel Tokaji

Keynote Address..... U.S. District Court Chief Judge Pamela Pepper

Remarks by Student Representatives .....Alex Kaplan

..... Karen Pérez-Wilson

..... Tanvi Kanitkar

Remarks by Faculty Representative ..... Professor Miriam Seifter

Presentation of Candidates.....Dean Daniel Tokaji

Farewell.....Dean Daniel Tokaji

**Please remain seated until after the faculty and graduates have exited the Exhibition Hall. Following the ceremony, you are invited to a reception on the rooftop of the Monona Terrace. Please note: Professional photographers will be taking individual photos of candidates on stage as well as during the reception.**

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# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES







## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*U.S. District Court Chief Judge Pamela Pepper*

Pamela Pepper became the first woman to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin when she was nominated by President Barack Obama in 2014. She has served as chief judge since 2019.



Judge Pepper, who grew up in a small town in the Mississippi Delta, received her J.D. from Cornell Law School in 1989 and started her career as a clerk for Frank M. Johnson Jr. on the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. From 1990-97, she was a federal prosecutor in Chicago and Milwaukee before working as a solo criminal defense practitioner for eight years.

In 2005, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals appointed Pepper to the bankruptcy court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin; she served as chief judge of that court from 2010-14.

Judge Pepper holds a graduate certificate in dispute resolution from Marquette University and is a former adjunct professor at Marquette Law School.

She is a former member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and the Bankruptcy Rules Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Currently, Judge Pepper serves on the Administrative Office of U.S. Courts' IT Security Awareness Working Group, the Seventh Circuit Judicial Council and the Federal Judges' Association board of directors. She frequently speaks at Federal Judicial Center programs, including orientation programs for new bankruptcy and district court judges. She has also spoken at bar associations across the country on topics including the rules of evidence, the intersection of criminal and bankruptcy law, and litigation skills.

## FACULTY SPEAKER

*Professor Miriam Seifter*

Miriam Seifter is co-director of the State Democracy Research Initiative and Rowe Faculty Fellow in Regulatory Law at University of Wisconsin Law School. Her research addresses questions of state and federal public law, with a focus on challenges affecting democracy at the state level.



Professor Seifter teaches courses in administrative law, property law, and state and local government law. In 2017 and 2022, UW Law students honored her with the Classroom Teacher of the Year Award, and in 2018, she received one of 12 Distinguished Teaching Awards from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Professor Seifter’s recent publications have appeared in the *Harvard Law Review*, the *Columbia Law Review*, the *Michigan Law Review* and the *New York University Law Review*, among others. She recently received the American Constitution Society’s 2024 Ruth Bader Ginsburg Scholar Award.

Professor Seifter earned her J.D. from Harvard Law School, where she was the Environmental Fellow and an articles editor on the *Harvard Law Review*. After law school, she served as a law clerk for Chief Judge Merrick Garland on the D.C. Circuit and for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to joining the UW Law faculty in 2014, she was a visiting researcher and adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center and worked in private practice at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP in San Francisco.

## STUDENT SPEAKERS

*Alex Kaplan*

Alex Kaplan was born in New York City and grew up in the suburbs of San Francisco. He received a bachelor’s degree in political science from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, where he earned the E. Malcolm Anderson Cup for greatest contribution to the campus and the John Furniss Jr. Award for outstanding Greek student.



After college, Kaplan interned with the World Wildlife Fund in Windhoek, Namibia, helping communities write grant applications to secure funding for small businesses. Kaplan then worked at tech startups in Philadelphia and an investment firm in Los Angeles.

As a University of Wisconsin Law School student, Kaplan served as the president of Moot Court and received the Bruce F. Beilfuss Memorial Award for outstanding service. After graduation, he plans to move to Washington, D.C., to work at the IRS Office of Chief Counsel, International Division.

Kaplan is honored to speak today and would like to thank his classmates for giving him this opportunity.

### *Karen Pérez-Wilson*

Karen Pérez-Wilson was born in Veracruz, México, and grew up in Madison after immigrating to the United States. She received her associate's degree at Madison College and her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Before attending University of Wisconsin Law School, Pérez-Wilson worked as an educator in Middleton. As a law student, she was a member of various student organizations, including the Student Bar Association, La Alianza, Women's Law Student Association, First Generation Lawyers and QLaw. She served as a student ambassador and a clinical law student with the Restorative Justice Project.

Throughout her academic career, Pérez-Wilson has been recognized for her contributions to the Law School and the greater community. Upon graduation, she will begin working as an immigration attorney at Centro Hispano. She thanks the graduating class for this culminating honor. Le agradece a sus padres por sus sacrificios, her family and community for their unwavering support.

### *Tanvi Kanitkar*

Tanvi Kanitkar was born in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India. She received her bachelor's degree in science, majoring in electronics, from Savitribai Phule Pune University and later received her bachelor's degree in law (LL.B.) from the same university.



Before attending University of Wisconsin Law School, she worked as an assistant advocate in a civil litigation firm for two years.

Kanitkar is passionate about women joining the field of law and has volunteered with Marquette Volunteer legal clinic, dealing with various civil matters.

Currently, Kanitkar works as a legal assistant with Darrow Law Office S.C. in Sheboygan County. She would like to thank all her professors and UW Law staff.

## CEREMONY EMCEE

*Dean Daniel Tokaji*

Daniel Tokaji is the Fred W. & Vi Miller Dean and Professor of Law at University of Wisconsin Law School. He serves as the chief academic and executive officer of the school, with responsibility for faculty and staff development, personnel oversight, strategic planning and institutional vision, fundraising, budget planning and management, curriculum, and student academic affairs.



Before coming to UW Law four years ago, Dean Tokaji served on the faculty at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law from 2003 to 2020; his most recent roles were Associate Dean for Faculty and Charles W. Ebersold & Florence Whitcomb Ebersold Professor of Constitutional Law.

Dean Tokaji has taught a wide variety of course topics, including civil procedure, civil rights lawyering, comparative constitutional law, election law and voting rights, federal courts, First Amendment, legal analysis and writing, legislation and regulation, and the U.S. legal system. He has also taught at Harvard Law School, Hong Kong University and Oxford University.

A leading authority in the field of election law, Dean Tokaji's scholarship addresses questions of voting rights, free speech and democratic inclusion. He has published over 50 law review articles, book chapters and other scholarly papers. He is the author of "Election Law in a Nutshell" (2d ed. 2016), and co-author of "Election Law: Cases and Materials" (7th ed. 2022). His recent scholarship addresses the challenges facing democracies around the globe, including the free speech issues surrounding digital disinformation, the need for trustworthy electoral institutions and the role of law schools in strengthening democratic governance.

Dean Tokaji earned his J.D. from Yale Law School and clerked for the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

## **FACULTY MEMBERS, INSTRUCTORS AND STAFF PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S CEREMONY**

Erin Barbato

Jennifer Binkley

Cary Bloodworth

Tonya Brito

Dustin Brown

Anuj Desai

Kate Finley

Ashby Fox

John Gross

Nyamagaga Gondwe

Cecilia Klingele

Grace Kube

Erin McBride

Yaron Nili

Andrew Norman

Renagh O'Leary

Sarah Orr

Ryan Poe-Gavlinski

Asifa Quraishi-Landes

Jonathan Scharrer

Miriam Seifter

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Jason Smith

Michael States

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Daniel Tokaji

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Amanda White Eagle

Greg Wiercioch

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# GRADUATES







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Julie Stearns Memorial Award, 2022

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Michael Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Scholarship, 2022

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Equal Justice America Fellowship, 2023  
Joseph P. Mettner Scholarship, 2023

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Outstanding 2L Award, La Alianza  
Outstanding 3L Award, La Alianza  
Ray and Ethel Brown Award, 2022  
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association & Hispanic Professionals of  
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**Berenice Villalobos****Cristina Villalovas**

Dean's Honor List

**Miguel Villanueva****Jennifer Viramontes**

Best Performance in a Course

**Alexandria Virginski**

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, 2023-24  
Pro Bono Society Membership and Award of Distinction, 50+ hours of service  
University League Book Scholarship

**James Wagner**

Best Performance in a Course  
Dean's Academic Achievement Award  
Dean's Honor List

**Derek Wedige****Michaela Wiese**

Dean's Academic Achievement Award  
Dean's Honor List

**Michael Williams**

Best Performance in a Course  
Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson Legacy Award, 2024  
Dean's Honor List

**Edwin Willig**

Best Performance in a Course  
Dean's Academic Achievement Award  
Dean's Honor List

**Jonathan Winkler****Alexander Witz**

Best Performance in a Course  
Dean's Academic Achievement Award  
Dean's Honor List  
George J. Laikin Award, 2023

**Elizabeth Wojtowicz**

Dean's Honor List

**Ethan Woyak**

Clifford G. Mathys Memorial Award for Appellate Advocacy, 2024

Dean's Honor List

**Alexander Yee**

Dean's Honor List

**Jonathon Young**

Dean's Honor List

**Laura Yurs**

Best Performance in a Course

Catherine Manning Memorial Award, 2023

Dean's Academic Achievement Award

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**John Andrew Zordani**

**Jalen Zubich**

**Emina Zukic**

**Savannah Zuzick**

**CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF LAWS -  
LEGAL INSTITUTIONS DEGREE**

**Yabing Chong**

**Tanvi Kanitkar**

**Malika Khikmatillaeva**

**Taehoon Kwon**

**Cindy Boson Leite**

**Fabiola Masis**

**Shokhrukh Rakhimov**

**Nicholas Saidenberg**

Dean's Honor List

**Sukesh Sandireddy**

**Tarren Sohier**

Best Performance in a Course

**CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE  
DEGREE**

**Tinashe Hofisi**

**Maryam Shahid Khan**

Institute for Regional and International Studies Graduate Student Summer

Fieldwork Award, 2019

Center for South Asia Travel Award, 2019



## AWARD LISTINGS





# AWARDS

Members of the Class of 2024 have earned accolades for scholastic achievement, contributions to their community and outstanding service to the Law School and the legal profession. This list includes honors and awards as reported by students and faculty.

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### **American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Wisconsin Chapter Award for Family Law**

For excellence in family law

### **Bercovici Prize for Jurisprudence and Legal Philosophy**

For excellence in the study of jurisprudence and legal philosophy

### **Best Brief Award**

For outstanding legal writing by a first-year law student

### **Best Performance in a Course**

Best performance in at least one law school course, as awarded by their instructors

### **Constitutional Law Award**

For excellence in the study of constitutional law

### **Daniel H. Grady Award**

To the top-ranking student in the graduating class

### **Dean's Academic Achievement Award**

For students graduating with a cumulative GPA of 3.35 or higher

### **Dean's Honor List**

For students meeting high GPA requirements during at least one semester of law school

### **J. Michael Riley Award**

For excellence in the study of torts law

### **James J. and Dorothy T. Hanks Memorial Award**

For excellence in the study of corporate law

### **Ray and Ethel Brown Award in Legal Writing**

For excellence in legal research and writing

### **Salmon Dalberg Award**

To an outstanding member of the graduating class

### **Sonnet Schmidt Edmonds Award**

For excellence in the study of energy law

**Stewart Macaulay Award**

For excellence and leadership in contract law

**Wisconsin Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company Award**

For the top-ranking student in professional responsibilities

**CLINICAL AWARDS****Abner Brodie Award**

For outstanding achievement in legal study and practical application of law

**Bernard Berk Memorial Award**

For outstanding contributions to the economically disadvantaged

**Catherine Manning Memorial Award**

For outstanding contributions to the Legal Assistance to Institutionalized Persons Project

**Clinical Legal Education Association's Outstanding Student Award**

For outstanding contributions to the clinical community

**Friends of the Remington Center Endowment Award**

For outstanding commitment to social justice ideals and a career plan that reflects the values of humanism, equality and a focus on using the law to improve individual lives and those of society more broadly

**Justice William A. Bablitch Fellowship**

For a student in the Remington Center who has expressed a desire to pursue a career in public service

**Melvin J. Friedman Memorial Scholarship**

For exemplary work in the Wisconsin Innocence Project

**Unemployment Compensation Appeals Clinic Outstanding Senior Advocate Award**

For excellent and diligent work by a law student on behalf of claimants

**MOOT COURT AWARDS****Clifford G. Mathys Memorial Award for Appellate Advocacy**

For achievement as a moot court coach

**Mathys Memorial Awards for Appellate Advocacy**

To outstanding Moot Court oralist

For outstanding service to the Moot Court Board

For excellence in Moot Court coaching

For excellence in Moot Court competitions

## **SERVICE, COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **American Council Association Lowell Jacobson Memorial Scholarship**

To second-year law students who demonstrate aptitude, achievement, public service, financial need and commitment to the study of law and the legal profession

### **Association for Women Lawyers Foundation Scholarship**

To a student who demonstrates leadership and community service for women in law

### **Association for Women Lawyers Virginia A. Pomery Scholarship Greater Milwaukee**

For students who emphasize legal service in one of the following areas: service to the vulnerable or disadvantaged, civil rights law, appellate practice, public service, public policy or public interest law

### **Barbara B. Crabb Award**

For promoting the ideals of honesty, fairness and equality

### **Bruce F. Beilfuss Memorial Award**

For outstanding service to the Law School

### **Center for South Asia Travel Award**

For conducting dissertation fieldwork in Pakistan

### **Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson Legacy Award**

For a commitment to the advancement of people of all genders and minorities in the law, efforts toward increased access in the justice system, a commitment to strengthening the rule of law, exceptional delivery of pro bono services in the community and promotion of the independence of the judiciary

### **Dane County Bar Association Pro Bono Law Student Award**

For outstanding pro bono legal work in the Dane County community

### **Equal Justice America Fellowship**

For candidates who demonstrate a passion and commitment to focusing their law degrees toward public service

### **Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics**

An intensive, two-week study program in professional ethics and ethical leadership that examines the conduct of professionals in Germany between 1933 and 1945 as a framework for approaching ethical responsibility in the professions today

### **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship**

For meritorious students undergoing training in modern foreign languages or international studies

### **Habush Habush & Rottier Outstanding Trial Advocacy Award**

For outstanding trial advocacy throughout a law student's career at UW Law School

**Institute for Regional and International Studies Graduate Student Summer Fieldwork Award**

For conducting oral history interviews on constitution-making in Pakistan

**Joseph P. Mettner Scholarship**

For a demonstrated passion and commitment to public service

**Julie Stearns Memorial Award**

For contribution and commitment to the LGBTQ and Law School community

**Leon Feingold Memorial Award**

For outstanding commitment to the Law School and greater community

**Michael Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Scholarship**

To first- and second-year law students, providing financial assistance toward law school, along with valuable, hands-on experience in the industry

**O.K. Johnson Jr. Scholarship**

For commitment to extracurricular involvement both inside and outside of the Law School

**Outstanding Student Awards**

For outstanding contributions by law students to their respective student organizations

**Peter Hoeper Solo and Small Practice Award**

For an outstanding student interested in solo or small practice in rural Wisconsin

**Pro Bono Society Membership and Award of Distinction**

For exemplary pro bono service

100+ hours of service

50+ hours of service

**Ray and Ethel Brown Award**

For character, leadership and service demonstrated by first- or second-year students

**University League Book Scholarship**

To support students' educational and social activities at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Wisconsin Civil Justice Education Foundation Award for Trial Advocacy**

To a student who demonstrates excellence in trial advocacy skills

**Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association & Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee Hispanic Law Student Scholarship**

To support the education, retention and graduation of Latinx students

## **JOURNAL AWARDS**

### **George J. Laikin Award**

For best article on a general interest topic in the *Wisconsin Law Review*

### **Gwynette E. Smalley Law Review Prize**

For scholarship and service to the *Wisconsin Law Review*, or

For special contributions to the *Wisconsin Law Review*

### **Joseph Davies Award**

For outstanding service to the *Wisconsin Law Review* by a second-year student

### **Mary Kelly Quackenbush Memorial Award**

For the outstanding student article in the *Wisconsin International Law Journal*

### **Katherine Held Memorial Award**

For outstanding contributions to the *Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender & Society*

### **William Herbert Page Award**

For best student article on a Wisconsin topic in the *Wisconsin Law Review*

\* Honor designations of cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude are listed for December 2023 graduates. Honors for May 2024 graduates will be designated upon degree completion.

\*\* The appearance of a name in this program is presumptive evidence of graduation, but it is not to be regarded as conclusive.









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