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# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL

## 2025 HOODING CEREMONY

Friday, May 9, 2025  
1 p.m.

Monona Terrace Community  
and Convention Center  
Madison, Wisconsin

# PROGRAM

Introduction & Welcome.....Dean Daniel Tokaji

Special Guest ..... Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner

Keynote Address..... Justice Janet C. Protasiewicz

Remarks by Student Representatives .....Clarence “Kamau” Allen

..... Duranya Freeman

..... Mohammed Bataineh

Remarks by Faculty Representative .....Professor Erin McBride

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

Justice Janet C. Protasiewicz was elected to the Wisconsin Supreme Court in April 2023 and took office in August the same year. Prior to her election to the Supreme Court, Justice Protasiewicz served as a Circuit Court Judge in Milwaukee County. She was first elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2020.



While in Circuit Court, Justice Protasiewicz handled a wide variety of cases including homicides, sexual assaults, drug-related offenses and domestic violence cases. Her last rotation was in the Family Division, where she handled divorce matters and issues related to child custody and placement disputes.

Justice Protasiewicz proudly served in the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office for 25 years, where she worked to keep our communities safe. She prosecuted violent crimes, handled termination of parental rights cases and worked to protect children in need of protection and services.

Justice Protasiewicz taught Trial Advocacy at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina, where she taught prosecutors to be the best advocates they could be in the courtroom. She also taught Trial Advocacy at Marquette University Law School and worked as a volunteer grading the Wisconsin Bar exam.

She has received numerous awards including the Community Involvement Award from the Association of Women Lawyers and the Women of Influence Award from the *Wisconsin Law Journal*. She continues to serve the community by working as a volunteer with the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Polish Heritage Alliance and Marquette University Law School.

Justice Protasiewicz is a magna cum laude graduate of UW–Milwaukee and a graduate of Marquette University Law School.

## FACULTY SPEAKER

### Erin McBride

Professor Erin McBride directs the Government and Legislative Clinic and the Native Nations Externship Program at the Law School and teaches regulatory state and legislative procedure. Through her programs, students have the opportunity to observe and participate in the many facets of governmental law, policy, legislation and tribal governance.



Before joining the Law School, Professor McBride was a managing attorney at ABC for Health and served as a managing attorney at Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., where she represented victims of violent crime, testified at the United Nations North American Consultation on Adequate Housing and, in conjunction with the Canadian Bar Association's position on the civil right to an attorney in matters of housing, sued the Canadian government and the Queen of England. She also co-founded (with her twin sister and colleague, Brynne) a free legal clinic/coffeehouse, "Legal Grounds Wisconsin®."

Professor McBride received her J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law, where she was note and comment editor of the *Iowa Law Review*, and received a B.A. in chemistry and architecture from Bryn Mawr College. Prior to a career in law, she engaged in research and development initiatives as a chemical engineer and was awarded eight U.S. and International Patents for the development of cationic binder polymers.



## STUDENT SPEAKERS

### Clarence "Kamau" Allen

Clarence "Kamau" Allen was born in Denver, Colorado. He graduated from Howard University in 2017, where he studied political science and African studies. As an undergrad, Kamau participated in "freedom-rides" to Ferguson and Baltimore during the 2014-15 period of civil unrest, where he supported community-led efforts to address police brutality. Since then, he has dedicated his life to transforming our nation's criminal legal system. Before attending University



of Wisconsin Law School, Kamau pursued his career as a community organizer. He led a campaign in 2018 that reformed Colorado's constitution so that slavery and involuntary servitude could no longer exist as "punishment for a crime." In 2020, he founded the Abolish Slavery National Network to support similar abolition campaigns that succeeded in Utah, Nebraska, Tennessee, Oregon, Alabama, Vermont and Nevada. Kamau's passion for justice reform continued during his time in law school. He co-founded the Fair Sentencing Project, a student organization that supports legislative efforts to eliminate juvenile life-without-parole sentencing. He was also an active member of the Black Law Student Association and a clinical student at the Frank J. Remington Center. He plans to continue his advocacy as a civil rights litigator.

### **Duranya Freeman**

Duranya Freeman was born in Philadelphia, though she calls many places home, from Maine to Sri Lanka. She graduated from Colorado College in 2018, where she ran track. Before moving to Madison, she worked at the Colorado Center on Law and Policy and the state trial court in Butte County, California. At University of Wisconsin Law School, Duranya was a managing editor of the *Wisconsin Law Review*



and competed in moot court. She was also the VP of Academic Affairs for the Student Bar Association and a member of the APIDA Law Student Association. She is the recipient of the Bruce F. Beilfuss Memorial Award for service to the Law School, as well as the Catherine Manning Memorial Award and the Clinical Legal Education Association Award for her work with the Legal Assistance to Incarcerated People clinic. After graduation, Duranya will move to Denver to work as an associate at Ballard Spahr LLP.

### **Mohammed Bataineh**

Mohammed Bataineh is a Jordanian legal scholar. He is also pursuing a Master's in International Relations at the University of Liverpool. He holds two bachelor's degrees – one in English language and one in law – as well as a Master's in Law from Jordan. His research focuses on constitutional law, particularly the evolution of constitutional reforms in the Middle East. He examines how these reforms balance social demands with political objectives, using case studies from Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia and Algeria. His interdisciplinary approach bridges law, politics and governance, aiming to provide insights into institutional reform and democratization efforts. He aspires to contribute to academia, legal reform and policy development, fostering discussions on constitutional law and its role in shaping societies.



## 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 five 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 courses, 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.

## SPECIAL GUEST

### **Jim Sensenbrenner**

Few lawmakers have played a larger role in shaping public policy during the last half-century than Jim Sensenbrenner '68. Sensenbrenner devoted his entire career to public service, first in the Wisconsin State Legislature, then as a Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives representing a district covering most of Milwaukee's northern and western suburbs.



He served in the House for 42 years, until his retirement in 2021. Among the many highlights of his career in Congress were his leadership in the reauthorization of and amendments to the Voting Rights Act, his many years of work on national security and civil liberties issues and his support of legislation strengthening the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"During his time in public office, Jim demonstrated all the hallmarks of a true American statesman," wrote former Speaker of the House Rep. Paul Ryan in a letter supporting Sensenbrenner's nomination. "He made an indelible mark on our legislative branch, improved our nation's laws in a variety of areas and consistently fought with character, integrity and passion on behalf of the people of Wisconsin."

Sensenbrenner was born in Chicago and shortly thereafter moved to Shorewood, Wisconsin, with his family. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Stanford University before returning to Wisconsin for law school.

**GRADUATES**





## CANDIDATES FOR JURIS DOCTORATE DEGREE

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Outstanding Senior Advocate Award, 2025

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Internal Mock Trial Competition Best Overall Advocate, 2024

Internal Moot Court Competition Champion, 2024

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**Thien-Tam Hoang Nguyen**

**Jordan Nickell**

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**Nikhita Singam**

**Maninderjit Singh**

Pro Bono Society Membership and Award of Distinction,  
50+ hours of service

**Steven T. Slack**

Best Performance in a Course  
Dean's Honor List

**Wilhelm Sleddens**

Dean's Honor List

**Samuel R. Smith**

**Tess Spencer**

Dean's Honor List  
Julie Strasser Scholarship, 2024  
Outstanding Senior Advocate Award, 2025  
Pro Bono Society Membership and Award of Distinction,  
50+ hours of service

**Evan David Steck**

Dean's Honor List

**Mikaela Steckelis**

Best Performance in a Course  
Gwynette E. Smalley Law Review Prize, 2025  
Pro Bono Society Membership and Award of Distinction,  
100+ hours of service

**Courtney S. Steffens**

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Wisconsin Chapter  
Award for Family Law, 2024  
Dean's Academic Achievement Award  
Dean's Honor List

**Sophia Joanne Stingl**

Justice William A. Bablitch Fellowship, 2025

**Emma Stippich**

Best Performance in a Course  
Dean's Honor List  
Bernard Berk Memorial Award, 2024

**Ellen Turek Stojak**

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

**Lucas Sturzl**

**Diedre Suri**

Dean's Honor List

**Erin E. Swanson**

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

Pro Bono Society Membership and Award of Distinction,  
50+ hours of service

**Haley Swanson**

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

**Colby B. Thornton**

**Minwewe Valliere**

Bruce F. Beilfuss Memorial Award, 2025

**Adriana "Ann" Van Hout**

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

**Anneke Venhuizen**

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

**Cameron Ventola**

Dean's Academic Achievement Award  
Dean's Honor List

**Anneke Vermaak**

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

**Emily A. Villadsen**

Dean's Honor List

**Migena Vula**

Best Performance in a Course  
Dean's Academic Achievement Award  
Dean's Honor List  
Ray and Ethel Brown Award, 2025

**Jace C. Wade**

Peter Hoeper Solo and Small Practice Award, 2025

**Anthony M. Warmuth**

Dean's Academic Achievement Award  
Dean's Honor List

**Peter J. Weber**

Best Performance in a Course  
Dean's Academic Achievement Award  
Dean's Honor List  
Salmon Dalberg Award, 2025

**Gracie L. Wendt**

Best Performance in a Course  
Pro Bono Society Membership and Award of Distinction,  
100+ hours of service

**Emma Whitfield**

**Brooke Eryn Wiegert**

Best Performance in a Course

Dean's Academic Achievement Award

Dean's Honor List

**Amber Quinlan Willette**

Best Brief Award, 2023

Best Performance in a Course

Dean's Academic Achievement Award

Dean's Honor List

Gerald Konz Law Award, 2024

**Hunter Williams**

Dean's Academic Achievement Award

Dean's Honor List

**Kyle Duane Williams**

**Benjamin M. Winkelmann**

**Ella Wolle**

Dean's Honor List

Pro Bono Society Membership and Award of Distinction,  
100+ hours of service

**Preston Chandler Wurtz**

Best Performance in a Course

Dean's Honor List

Pro Bono Society Membership and Award of Distinction,  
50+ hours of service

**Zhi Xin**

**Kobe Yang**

**Frederick Yates**

Best Performance in a Course

Dean's Academic Achievement Award

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**Lena Yeakey**

Dean's Honor List

**Sufan Zheng**

Dean's Honor List

Pro Bono Society Membership and Award of Distinction,  
50+ hours of service

## **CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF LAWS– LEGAL INSTITUTIONS DEGREE**

**Sennah Amin**

**Abbosbek Bakirov**

**Qianqian Gao**

Pro Bono Society Membership and Award of Distinction,  
20+ hours of service

**Vincent Lafe**

**Thananya Umphawa**

Pro Bono Society Membership and Award of Distinction,  
20+ hours of service

**Durbek Yorkinov**

## **CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF LAWS DEGREE**

**Neda Asadzadeh**

**Mohammed Bataineh**

**Julio Cesar Gallo Bautista Urena**

Best Performance in a Course

**Ahsan Ali Chaudhry**

**Qian Fang**

**Emmanuel Galli Baldini dos Reis**

**Shokhabbos Kholmurotov**

**Cheng-Lin Lee**

**Ting Li**

**Fakhriddin Makhmudov**

**Paula Monteiro Danese**

**Lisa Piske**

**Faith Rono**

**Qiaoyi Sheng**

**Hyeonwoo Won**

## **CANDIDATE FOR DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE DEGREE**

**Adriana Romero Sanchez**

Justice in Transition: Words, Affects, and Embodied Practices in the  
Making of Penal Change.

\* Honor designations of cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude are listed for December 2024 graduates. Honors for May 2025 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.



## AWARD LISTINGS



# AWARDS

Members of the Class of 2025 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 3.5 or higher

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

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

### **Gerald Konz Law Award**

Recognizes students who work to finance their law school education while still maintaining excellent academic standing

### **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

**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

**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 Constitution Society Next Generation Leader**

For exceptional leadership in their work with their American Constitution Society student chapters

### **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

### **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

### **Distinguished Bankruptcy Law Student Award**

To promote prospective leaders in the insolvency and bankruptcy profession

### **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

### **Honorable Maxine Aldridge White Book Scholarship Award**

Honors Judge White's continuous service to Wisconsin Association of African-American Lawyers' mission and her pursuit of personal and professional excellence

### **John Paul Stevens Fellowship**

For students with a demonstrated commitment to public interest and social justice law with exceptional academic achievement

### **Julie Stearns Memorial Award**

For contribution and commitment to the LGBTQ and Law School community

### **Julie Strasser Scholarship**

For demonstrating concern for the needy and working to benefit society

### **Law Student Writing Contest of the Standing Committee on Armed Forces Law**

For law students who have exceptional written work that focuses on the military's application of criminal law

**Leon Feingold Memorial Award**

For outstanding commitment to the Law School and greater community

**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 including Mock Trial, Moot Court, journals and others

**Peggy Browning Fellow**

To law students who dedicate their summer to advancing the cause of workers' rights

**Peter Hoepfer 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

- LLMs with 20+ hours of service

**QLaw Book Scholarship**

For commitment and service to the LGBTQ and the greater Law School community

**Ramón Alvarado Memorial Scholarship**

To a law student who has demonstrated an interest in serving members of communities in need

**Ray and Ethel Brown Award**

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

**State Bar of Wisconsin's Outstanding Public Interest Law Student**

For demonstrating commitment to working in the public interest law

**Susan Steingass Outstanding Trial Advocacy Award**

For outstanding performance in the Mock Trial program

**The Association of American Law Schools Annual Pro Bono Honor Roll**

Acknowledges and highlights the pro bono work of individuals engaging in, expanding and/or supporting their law school community in providing pro bono legal services

**Wisconsin Association for Justice Award**

To a student who demonstrates excellence in trial advocacy skills

**Wisconsin Association of Justice Trial Advocacy Scholarship**

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

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

For special contributions to the *Wisconsin Law Review*

**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*