

May 2026 Hooding Ceremony



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May 16, 2026 • 6:00 p.m. • United Supermarkets Arena

Texas Tech University School of Law

Hooding Ceremony

May 2026

Processional

Welcome

Jack Wade Nowlin, M.A., J.D., Ph.D.
Dean and W. Frank Newton Professor of Law

Welcoming Remarks

Clay Cash
Texas Tech University System Board of Regents

Lawrence Schovanec, Ph.D.
President, Texas Tech University

Ariana Elena Marin '26
President, Student Bar Association

Keynote Address

Jerry Dixon '81
Founding Shareholder, Dixon • Scholl • Carrillo • P.A.

Hooding of Graduation Candidates

Sofia Chapman, M.Ed., Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Office for Student Life

Hooding Professors

Gerry W. Beyer, J.D., LL.M., J.S.D.
Governor Preston E. Smith Regents Professor of Law

DeLeith Duke Gossett, J.D.
Jack F Maddox Professor of Law

Larry R. Spain, J.D.
*Alvin R. Allison Professor of Law;
Director, Clinical Programs and Civil Practice Clinic*

Victoria V. Sutton, M.P.A., J.D., Ph.D.
*Paul Whitfield Horn Distinguished Professor;
Director, Center for Biodefense, Law, and Public Policy;
Director, Law and Science Certificate Program and J.D./M.S.
Program in Life Sciences Texas Institute of Environmental
and Human Health*

Farewell Remarks for the Class

Jonathon Paul Fredrick Gabehart '26
Student Speaker

Closing Remarks

Dean Nowlin

Recessional

About Texas Tech University School of Law

Founded in 1967, Texas Tech University School of Law was built on determination and the belief in what's possible. In the 1930s, Alvin R. Allison, a self-described "country lawyer from Levelland," could not afford to attend one of the three American Bar Association-accredited law schools in Texas. Instead, he apprenticed under a local attorney and passed the Texas Bar Examination in 1934. His experience inspired a vision: to create a law school in West Texas that would open doors for others.

That vision became a reality when Texas Tech Law welcomed its first class in 1967. The school quickly earned national distinction, achieving both American Bar Association accreditation and membership in the Association of American Law Schools by 1970. Texas Tech Law is also among the select law schools elected to the Order of the Coif, a distinction shared by fewer than half of the nation's law schools.

Since its founding, Texas Tech Law has prepared thousands of graduates for leadership and service across the legal profession. Its alumni include the first woman to lead a major federal law enforcement agency, the Army's highest-ranking legal officer, general counsel of major corporations, elected officials, state and federal judges, and some of the nation's most accomplished litigators.

Today, Texas Tech Law offers a dynamic legal education grounded in practice-ready training. Students benefit from a robust clinical program that serves low-income clients throughout West Texas, nationally recognized advocacy and legal practice programs, and a wide range of experiential learning opportunities, including academic centers, dual-degree programs, and specialized degree concentrations. A strong commitment to public service and professionalism remains central to the student experience.

Texas Tech Law's faculty are known throughout the state and nation for their dedication to teaching, scholarship, and service. Above all, they are deeply committed to their students—teaching, mentoring, coaching, and building relationships that last well beyond the classroom.

With dedicated faculty, talented students, and a supportive community, Texas Tech Law continues to open doors for the next generation of lawyers.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Texas Tech University School of Law is to prepare individuals for the effective and ethical practice of law in a rapidly changing, dynamic, and interconnected world; to engage in meaningful scholarship; and to foster a culture of public service.

Vision Statement

To be a premier student-centered law school developing effective, ethical lawyers and leaders for Texas and for the dynamic world of the 21st century.



About the Doctor of Jurisprudence Academic Regalia

Tam

Instead of the undergraduate or master's degree mortarboard and tassel, law and other doctoral degree graduates wear a velvet tam with a short gold tassel.

Gown

Texas Tech Law graduates wear a black gown. To distinguish it from undergraduate or master's degree gowns, the Doctor of Jurisprudence gown bears three black velvet bars on the arms and black velvet panels down the front of the gown.

Hood

As is customary with doctoral degrees, a law graduate carries the hood, and a person with the same degree places the hood on the graduate. The hood's exterior is black while its interior has purple velvet, signifying a degree in the law.



**About the
Keynote Speaker**

Jerry Dixon is a founding shareholder of Dixon•Scholl•Carrillo•P.A. in Albuquerque, where he has built a distinguished career spanning more than four decades. His practice focuses on professional liability defense, licensing, commercial and construction litigation, and real estate.

A proud alumnus of Texas Tech University, Jerry earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in 1977 and his Juris Doctor from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1981. While in law school, he served on the *Law Review*, was inducted into the Order of Barristers, and was named Outstanding Graduate Student for Province VII by Phi Delta Phi.

Over the course of his career, Jerry has handled more than 750 professional liability cases, representing attorneys, architects, engineers, accountants, real estate professionals, and contractors in complex litigation. He is admitted to practice in Colorado and New Mexico, as well as before the United States Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Jerry is a frequent speaker on ethics, professional liability, and risk management, and remains closely connected to legal education. He regularly lectures at Texas Tech Law and has served as an adjunct professor at the University of New Mexico School of Law, teaching trial practice and deposition courses. He also served as a Visiting Professor of Law in Bulgaria, teaching at the University of National and World Economy in Sofia and South-West University in Blagoevgrad, where he shared American legal perspectives and practices with international students.

A respected leader in the profession, Jerry served as President of the Albuquerque Bar Association and later as President of the State Bar of New Mexico. He was elected twice as President of the New Mexico State Bar Foundation and served as Chair of the State Bar's Lawyer Professional Liability Committee for several years.

His many honors include being named Lawyer of the Year by the Albuquerque Bar Association and receiving the Texas Tech Law Distinguished Service Award. He has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* for Professional Malpractice Law since 2006, and he has been named *Lawyer of the Year* in that category multiple times. In 2025, he was awarded the Justice Pamela B. Minzer Professionalism Award from the State Bar of New Mexico, recognizing his integrity and civility in the practice of law.

Beyond his legal practice, Jerry has long been committed to mentorship and community service. He taught Sunday School for several years to high school students at First United Methodist Church in Albuquerque, and he coached high school mock trial teams across the city for over two decades. He currently serves as Secretary of the Texas Tech Foundation Board and as a Member of the Texas Tech Law School Foundation Board, continuing to give back to the institution that set him on his path.



Hooding Candidates

Candidates for the Doctor of Jurisprudence

Candidate · Hooding Attorney/Professor

Rodger Walter Garcia Advincula, Jr.

Professor Geoffrey S. Corn & Saige Lee
B.S., Louisiana Tech University
M.B.A., Louisiana Tech University

Ehsan Ali

Professor Q. Dwight McDonald '93
B.A., University of Texas - San Antonio

Stuart Charles Anderson

Scott Anderson & Professor Gerry W. Beyer
B.A., Texas Tech University

Callighan Ashley Ard

Professor Sally M. Henry
B.B.A., University of St. Thomas
Business Law Concentration

Tyson Reece Arnold

Professor Maria Oviedo '19
B.A., Baylor University

Benzion Aron

Professors William R. Casto & Geoffrey S. Corn
B.Sc., Excelsior University

Eden Grace Babovec

Professor DeLeith Duke Gossett
B.S., Abilene Christian University

Samuel Deacon Banks

Dana Banks & Gary Banks '84
B.A., Texas Tech University

Caleb M. Barkman

Justice R. Barkman '23 & Patrick G. Barkman
B.A., Baylor University

Rachel Lee Behnke

Cannon Echols '25 & Professor Robert T. Sherwin '01
B.A., Texas Tech University†

Lauren Elizabeth Berry

Professor Brie D. Sherwin '01 & Michelle Sutton '25
B.S., Texas Tech University†

David Lorence Joseph Berta

Professors William R. Keffer & Q. Dwight McDonald '93
B.Kin., University of Toronto
M.Sc., Niagara University
Energy Law Concentration

Alexander John Blakeley

Hooding Professor
B.B.A., Texas Tech University

Candidate · Hooding Attorney/Professor

Robert Newton Bland V

Robert Newton Bland IV
B.S., Texas A&M University

Caroline Anne Blue

Hooding Professor
B.B.A., Texas Tech University

Anthony A. Bomar

Professor Joe Stephens
B.S., Texas A&M University
Criminal Law and Innocence Concentration

Marcus Bennett Braymer

Hooding Professor
B.A., University of Texas - Arlington

Jasper L. Breitenbach

The Honorable Phillip Hays '90
B.S., Texas Tech University
M.S., Texas Tech University*

Calvin Marshall Brigman

Fred Brigman
B.S., Texas A&M University

Sam A. Brocato

Walter Brocato '88
B.S.W., Texas State University

Jace Dalton Brown

Fletcher Brown
B.B.A., Texas Tech University

Jonah Gabriel Burch

Professor Larry R. Spain
B.A., Texas Tech University

Brandan Aaron Byington

Professor William R. Keffer & Saige Lee
B.S., Sam Houston State University

Brendan I. Carter

Hooding Professor
B.S., University of Texas - Arlington

Jesse S. Castella

Professors Gerry W. Beyer & Richard W. Murphy
B.S., University of Texas - Dallas

Jeremy D. Coe

Professor Sally M. Henry
B.B.S., Dallas Baptist University

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† Denotes multiple degrees

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Joshua Reed Conley

Melinda Conley & Professor Q. Dwight McDonald '93
B.S.B.A., University of South Carolina

Carlie Anne Cooper

Hooding Professor
B.S., Texas A&M University

Margaret Culver

Hollie Holguin
B.A., Texas A&M University

Palak Dave

Sachi Davé-Rodé
B.S., University of Texas - Dallas

Jeffrey Paul Davis

Professor Geoffrey S. Corn & James Gill '73
B.S., Texas A&M University
M.A., Chapman University
M.S., Marine Corps University
M.P.S., Pennsylvania State University

Jordyn Makenzie DeAnda

Professor Terri M. Morgeson '03
B.A., Texas Tech University

Conor Liam Doris

Kinga Doris '96 & Professor Sally M. Henry
B.A., Baylor University

Sara Nicole Farnsley

Professor Gerry W. Beyer & The Honorable Les Hatch '88
B.A., Texas Tech University

Gregory S. Ferrer

Professor Jarod S. Gonzalez
B.G.S., Fort Hays State University
M.A., Texas State University

Victoria Rachelle Fincher

Michael R. Holley '99
B.A., Texas Tech University

Derek Benedict Fisher

Professors Jarod S. Gonzalez & Robert T. Sherwin '01
B.A., University of Arkansas

Ellie Mae Fisher

Rosa Baum & Malik Williams '24
B.S., Texas Tech University
Criminal Law and Innocence Concentration

Candidate · Hooding Attorney/Professor

Franco Flores

Professor Gerry W. Beyer
B.A., University of Texas

Cornelius Patton Foxworth II

Jeremy Ellis
B.A., Arizona State University

Chance Allen Fraser

Professors DeLeith Duke Gossett & William R. Keffer
B.B.A., Texas Tech University
Energy Law Concentration

Jonathon Paul Fredrick Gabehart

Professors DeLeith Duke Gossett & William R. Keffer
B.A., Texas Tech University
Energy Law Concentration

Marley Carr Gamble

Jacob Gamble '22 & Professor Joe Stephens
B.A., Texas Tech University

Lea Astyn Garcia

Benjamin Paul Garcia '11
B.A., Texas Tech University

Mya J. Garcia

Professors Q. Dwight McDonald '93 & Terri M. Morgeson '03
B.A., Texas Tech University

Melanie Grace Gatica

Professor Gerry W. Beyer
B.A., University of Texas

Maxwell David Gayster

Professor Jorge A. Ramírez
B.A., Arizona State University
Energy Law Concentration

Brenden Arthur Gilbreath

Lauren Hamic '25
B.A., Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

Isabella Leigh Golemi

Michael Golemi
B.S., Texas A&M University

Emma Golightly

The Honorable Laura Pratt '09
B.S., Texas A&M University
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Jakob M. Gomez

Hooding Professor

B.A., University of North Texas

Criminal Law and Innocence Concentration

Mattie Elizabeth Greenamyre

Troy Greenamyre '25

B.S.W., Lubbock Christian University

Troy Lyle Greenamyre

Professor Gerry W. Beyer

B.S., University of Texas - San Antonio

Emmanuelle Christine Harrison

Valeri Malone '99

B.S., Texas A&M University

Thomas James Harwood

Glenn Harwood & Professor William R. Keffer

B.A., The College of William & Mary

Dawson Allen Hebert

Professor Richard W. Murphy

B.A., Texas Tech University

Sayan Ates Heckel

Professor Brie D. Sherwin '01

B.A., Texas Tech University

Bodeen Nicole Henderson

Professor Sally M. Henry

B.S., Central Washington University

Matthew Henry

Marc Henry

B.B.A., Texas A&M University

Judith Hernandez

Professor Charles P. Bubany

B.S., Texas Tech University

Jacob Sterling Hill

Professors Amber Miller & Gary R. Terrell '77

B.S., Stephen F. Austin State University

Tiffany Josefina Hinojosa

Professor Daniel Caudillo '07 & Izabelle Mendoza '25

B.S., Houston Baptist University

Maria Celeste Resendez House

Professors Geoffrey S. Corn & DeLeith Duke Gossett

B.B.A., Texas Tech University

Candidate · Hooding Attorney/Professor

Josie Belle Hudson

Professor John L. Watts

B.S., University of Texas - Permian Basin*

Energy Law Concentration

Sophia Elena Jenkins

Darwin Holder & Katrina Kamantauskas-Holder

B.A., University of Hawaii - Manoa

M.A., University of Hawaii - Manoa

Allissa Taylor Johnson

Hooding Professor

B.A., University of Texas

Business Law Concentration

Franklin Jones III

Fallon Jones '25 & Franklin Jones Jr.

B.S., Full Sail University

M.S., Full Sail University

Sean R. Kent

Professor Geoffrey S. Corn

B.A., Baylor University

Christopher Kerr

Professor Terri M. Morgeson '03

B.A., University of Dallas

Kashmala Saira Khan

Professors William R. Keffer & Q. Dwight McDonald '93

B.S., University of Texas - Dallas

Energy Law Concentration

Clifford T. King

Professor Charles P. Bubany & Ira Thomas King

B.A., University of Texas - San Antonio

M.S., Lamar University

Maximilian Lawrence Koester

Professor Sally M. Henry

B.A., Texas Christian University

Aaron Philip Kruger

Professor John L. Watts

B.A., University of Georgia

Hailey Madison Kuykendall

Professors Brie D. Sherwin '01 & Robert T. Sherwin '01

B.A., University of Georgia

Grace Eun Lee

Professors Geoffrey S. Corn & Kenneth Williams

B.B.A., St. Edward's University

Civil Rights and Anti-Discrimination Law Concentration

Candidates for the Doctor of Jurisprudence

Candidate · Hooding Attorney/Professor

Steven Ray Lindsey

Hooding Professor

B.A., Texas Tech University

Hailey Nicole Lowery

Professor Wendy A. Humphrey '01

B.B.A., Lubbock Christian University

Anna McKenzie Malkuch

Professor Sally M. Henry

B.S., West Texas A&M University

Travis Ross Malone

Don Malone & Valeri Malone '99

B.B.A., Texas Tech University

Ariana Elena Marin

Shawn Adams '14 & Professor Gerry W. Beyer

B.B.A., Texas A&M University

Hayden Matthew Mariott

Professor Sally M. Henry

B.B.A., Texas Tech University

Robert Anthony Martinez

Philip Ricker

B.A., Texas Tech University

Shereen Ann Mathews

Priyanka Pudasaini '25 & Khusbu Shah '24

B.A., University of Texas - Dallas

M.S., University of Texas - Dallas

Samuel P Mauceri

Professor Larry R. Spain

B.S., Texas A&M University

Rollins E. B. Mayfield

Mitzi S. Mayfield '91

B.S., Texas Tech University

M.B.A., Angelo State University

M.S., Angelo State University

Business Law Concentration

Matthew C. McCarthy

Hooding Professor

B.S., Texas A&M University

Energy Law Concentration

Loryn Ann McFall

Professor Catherine Christopher

B.S., Texas A&M University

B.A., Texas A&M University

Candidate · Hooding Attorney/Professor

Matthew Aaron McGuire

The Honorables C. Michael Davis '08 & Les Hatch '88

B.B.A., University of Texas - Permian Basin

M.B.A., University of Texas - Permian Basin

Michael Edward McRoy

Professor William R. Keffer

B.A., University of Texas

Energy Law Concentration

Decorian Lavarn Menefee

Kevin Johnson '25 & Professor John L. Watts

B.S.A., University of Texas

Kristin R. Meurer

Professor Sally M. Henry

B.A., West Texas A&M University

Business Law Concentration

Kaitlyn Dianne Mires

Professor Mark David Maxwell

B.S., Oklahoma State University

Law and Science Concentration - Science, Engineering, Technology

Allison Rose Monacelli

Jason Monacelli

B.A., Texas Tech University

Emely Jae Moreno

The Honorable Phillip Hays '90

B.A., University of Texas

Mason Kade Moresco

Professors Gerry W. Beyer & Gary R. Terrell '77

B.A., Texas Tech University

Abigail Grace Morton

Professor DeLeith Duke Gossett

B.A., Texas Tech University

Makenna Joy Moyer

Bryn Staats '25

B.A., Baylor University

Logan C. Murphy

Professors Gerry W. Beyer & John L. Watts

B.B.A., St. Edwards University

Hannah Lynn Napier

Professors Amy Hardberger '05 & Roderick E. Wetsel

B.S., Texas A&M University

Energy Law Concentration

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Candidates for the Doctor of Jurisprudence

Candidate · Hooding Attorney/Professor

Ryder Chance Needham

Elizabeth Balido '20 & Professor Brie D. Sherwin '01
B.S., Texas Tech University

Mikaela M. Oliver

Hooding Professor
B.A., Angelo State University

Cynthia Anahi Palacios

Professor Sally M. Henry
B.A., Texas Tech University

Cole Andrew Palmer

Ryan Bigbee '05
B.B.A., Texas Tech University
Energy Law Concentration

Mabry Payne Scheffler

Tray Payne & Don Wiechmann
B.A., Texas Tech University

Kathryn Coe Payne

Brett Payne '94
B.A., Texas A&M University

Destiny L. Pemberton

Daeja Pemberton
B.S., Texas A&M University

Bridget Eileen Pembroke

Professor Geoffrey S. Corn & Bill Lane
B.A., Arizona State University

Tristan Ryder Perez

Professor Geoffrey S. Corn & Matthew Manning
B.A., Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

Robert Bronson Phillips

Professor Gerry W. Beyer & The Honorable C. Michael Davis '08
B.A., Oklahoma State University

Mary Ricker

Anna Ricker '91 & Philip Ricker
B.A., Texas Tech University
Criminal Law and Innocence Concentration

Elianna Lisette Rios

Professor DeLeith Duke Gossett
B.A., Texas Tech University

Candidate · Hooding Attorney/Professor

Andrew Buck Ritchie

Wes Ritchie '84
B.B.A., Texas Christian University

Amabilia M. Rivera

Captain Mary Murphy & Professor Maria Oviedo '19
B.S., Roger Williams University

Emily Ann Robins

Derek Bauman
B.A., University of Houston

David James Russell

Professor Brian D. Shannon
B.A., Wayland Baptist University

Diana Lizbeth Saenz

Professors Geoffrey S. Corn & DeLeith Duke Gossett
B.A., University of Texas - El Paso

Angel Isaac Salcido Padilla

Professor Daniel Caudillo '07 & Angel Padilla Franco
B.B.A., University of Texas - El Paso

Anna Chrystene Schulze

Professor William R. Casto & Benjamin Paul Garcia '11
B.A., Abilene Christian University

Caleb Anthony Shetler

Professor Sally M. Henry
B.S., Texas Tech University

Zachary Connor Sims

Professor William R. Keffer
B.A., Texas Tech University

Grace Genevieve de Barbara Slauterbeck

Katy Turner '23
B.A., University of Vermont
Criminal Law and Innocence Concentration

Jesse Elijah Slayton

Professors Gerry W. Beyer & Q. Dwight McDonald '93
B.A., University of Texas - Arlington
M.B.A., Texas Tech University*

Charlotte Anne Smalley

Charles Chambers '82
B.S., Texas Tech University

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Arabella Noelle Pesce '24
B.B.A., Texas Tech University
M.S., Texas Tech University*

Micah McKenzie Stephens

The Honorable Les Hatch '88 & Professor Brie D. Sherwin '01
B.A., Texas Tech University

Luke Allen Stump

Wren Wenzel
B.S., Texas A&M University

Talon David Tarone

Professor Eric Bentley
B.S., University of Utah

Henry A. Teccsi

Mehr Singh
B.S., University of Houston

Kathryn Christian Tondre

Amy Chance '08
B.A., Texas A&M University

Juan Daniel Torres Monroy

Hooding Professor
B.S., University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley
Business Law Concentration

Luke T. Ursone

Hooding Professor
B.A., University of Texas - San Antonio

Clarissa Angelica Valenciano

Soledad Valenciano
B.B.A., Texas A&M University

Holland Taylor VanHemert

Juan Salas '25 & Professor Joe Stephens
B.A., Arizona State University
Criminal Law and Innocence Concentration

Candidate · Hooding Attorney/Professor

Emily Walden

Professors Gerry W. Beyer & Q. Dwight McDonald '93
B.P.A., Texas State University

Ian Cameron Wallace

Gary Wallace
B.S., Texas A&M University

Autumn Lynn Watterson

Professor Erica M. Lux '21
A.A., Tarrant County College
A.A.S., Tarrant County College
B.A., University of Texas
M.B.A., Texas Tech University*

Kabren M. Wills

Professor Q. Dwight McDonald '93 & Scott Moran
B.A., Texas A&M University - Kingsville
Energy Law Concentration

Ashanty Keyera Wilson Bishop

Professor Q. Dwight McDonald '93
B.A., University of Texas - San Antonio

Kayla Leanne Wolf

Gene Wolf
B.A., Texas A&M University
M.B.A., Texas Tech University*

Madison Eileen Wright

Professor Terri M. Morgeson '03
B.A., Abilene Christian University

Benjamin Morton Wulfe

Hooding Professor
B.A., University of Texas - San Antonio
Business Law Concentration

Caden Paul Wyatt

Professor Stephen Black
B.S., Arizona State University

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Final Degree Evaluation

The listing of candidates and degrees in this program is preliminary and subject to final degree-requirement evaluation. A candidate earns a degree after the Registrar determines that the candidate has satisfactorily completed all graduation requirements and posted final grades on the official record. The diploma of Texas Tech University School of Law, signed and sealed by its appropriate officers, is the official public document evidencing that a degree has been awarded.

Student Organizations

Agricultural Law Association

2024–2025

Jacob Sterling Hill, *Vice President*
Charlotte Anne Smalley, *Treasurer*
Emma Golightly, *Secretary*

2025–2026

Jacob Sterling Hill, *President*
Emma Golightly, *Vice President*
Jasper L. Breitenbach, *Treasurer*

Asian Pacific American Law Students Association

2024–2025

Grace Eun Lee, *President*
Ashanty Keyera Wilson Bishop, *Vice President*
Kashmala Saira Khan, *Treasurer*
Palak Dave, *Secretary*

2025–2026

Grace Eun Lee, *Treasurer*

Black Law Students Association

2024–2025

Franklin Jones III, *Vice President*
Ehsan Ali, *Treasurer*
Ashanty Keyera Wilson Bishop, *Secretary*

2025–2026

Franklin Jones III, *President*
Cornelius Patton Foxworth II, *Vice President*

Business Law Association

2024–2025

Callighan Ashley Ard, *Treasurer*
Kristin R. Meurer, *Professional Outreach Chair*

Christian Legal Society

2024–2025

David James Russell, *President*
Rodger Walter Garcia Advincula, Jr., *Secretary*
Matthew Aaron McGuire, *Events Coordinator*

2025–2026

David James Russell, *President*
Matthew Aaron McGuire, *Vice President*
Rodger Walter Garcia Advincula, Jr., *Treasurer & Secretary*
Zachary Connor Sims, *Event Coordinator*

Criminal Law Association

2024–2025

Judith Hernandez, *President*
Victoria Rachelle Fincher, *Secretary*

2025–2026

Victoria Rachelle Fincher, *Secretary*

Energy Law Interest Group

2024–2025

David Lorence Joseph Berta, *Vice President*
Ryder Chance Needham, *Secretary*
Josie Belle Hudson, *Treasurer*
Hailey Nicole Lowery, *Social Media Chair*

2025–2026

David Lorence Joseph Berta, *President*
Ryder Chance Needham, *Vice President*
Josie Belle Hudson, *Treasurer*

Environmental Law Society

2024–2025

Caleb M. Barkman, *President*
Grace Eun Lee, *Vice President*
Tyson Reece Arnold, *Secretary*
Marcus Bennett Braymer, *Event Coordinator*
Hannah Lynn Napier, *Treasurer*

Estate and Property Law Society

2024–2025

Troy Lyle Greenamyre, *President*
Ryder Chance Needham, *Vice President*
Charlotte Anne Smalley, *Secretary*
Luke Allen Stump, *Treasurer*

Family Law Society

2024–2025

Mattie Elizabeth Greenamyre, *President*
Robert Anthony Martinez, *Secretary*
Allison Rose Monacelli, *Treasurer*

Federalist Society

2024–2025

Troy Lyle Greenamyre, *President*
Brenden Arthur Gilbreath, *Vice President*
Zachary Connor Sims, *Vice President*
Brandan Aaron Byington, *General Secretary*

Hispanic Law Students Association

2024–2023

Cynthia Anahi Palacios, *Vice President*
Maria Celeste Resendez House, *Secretary*
Henry A. Teccsi, *Treasurer*
Samuel P. Mauceri, *Scholarship Chair*
Ariana Elena Marin, *PR/Social Media Chair*
Tristan Ryder Perez, *Fundraising Chair*
Angel Isaac Salcido Padilla, *Special Events Chair*

2025–2026

Angel Isaac Salcido Padilla, *President*
Henry A. Teccsi, *Vice President*
Maria Celeste Resendez House, *Alumni Relations Officer*
Samuel P. Mauceri, *Scholarship Chair*
Ariana Elena Marin, *PR/Social Media Chair*

Student Organizations

Immigration Law Association

2024–2025

Juan Daniel Torres Monroy, *President*

Matthew Aaron McGuire, *Secretary*

Tiffany Josefina Hinojosa, *Pro Bono Chair 1*

2025–2026

Tiffany Josefina Hinojosa, *President*

Juan Daniel Torres Monroy, *Vice President & Pro Bono Chair*

Angel Isaac Salcido Padilla, *PR Chair/Social Media*

Intellectual Property Student Association

2023–2024

Emmanuelle Christine Harrison, *President*

Angel Isaac Salcido Padilla, *Treasurer*

Kaitlyn Dianne Mires, *Secretary*

International Law Society

2025–2026

Benzion Aron, *President*

Investment and Finance Law Association

2024–2025

Scott Andrew Stalcup, *President*

Jasper L. Breitenbach, *Secretary*

Hannah Lynn Napier, *PR Chair/Social Media*

2025–2026

Scott Andrew Stalcup, *Vice President*

Non-Traditional Law Student Association

2024–2025

Grace Eun Lee, *Treasurer*

Sophia Elena Jenkins, *Social Media Chair*

Organization of Women Law Students

2024–2025

Palak Dave, *President*

Shereen Ann Mathews, *Vice President*

Emily Walden, *Treasurer*

Kathryn Christian Tondre, *Secretary*

Mikaela M. Oliver, *Social Media Chair*

Makenna Joy Moyer, *Diversity & Equity Chair*

OUTLaw

2024–2025

Jonah Gabriel Burch, *Vice President*

Sam A. Brocato, *Secretary*

2025–2026

Jonah Gabriel Burch, *President*

Prosecution Law Association

2024–2025

Victoria Rachelle Fincher, *President*

Matthew Aaron McGuire, *Vice President*

Hannah Lynn Napier, *Treasurer*

Raider Bar Association

2024–2025

Jesse S. Castella, *Treasurer*

Victoria Rachelle Fincher, *Secretary*

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