2019 Distinguished Award Recipients

2019 Ethel M. Baker Faculty Award
Professor Janet M. Heppard
Clinical Associate Professor
Director, Clinical Legal Education Program
Director, Civil Practice Clinic

2019 Staff Award
Magda M. Herrera
Senior Director of Development
Greg R. Vetter
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
HIPLA College Professor of Law

2019 Order of the Barons Professor of the Year
Professor James D. Nelson
Assistant Professor of Law

2019 Student Bar Association Professor of the Year – Full-Time
Professor Emily Berman
Assistant Professor of Law

2019 Student Bar Association Professor of the Year – Part-Time
Professor D. Theodore Rave
Associate Professor of Law
George A. Butler Research Professor
Lauren Jansen Simpson
Clinical Assistant Professor
Lawyering Skills & Strategies
Student Awards

**Gus A. Schill, Jr. Scholarship for Ethics in Representation**
The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize personal and professional attributes that contribute to excellence in the practicing attorney. The recipient demonstrates academic promise, financial need, leadership potential, social conscience, and commitment to under-served populations.

*Donor:* Anonymous  
*Recipient:* Stephanie T. Nweke

**Gus A. Schill, Jr. Maritime Law and Professionalism Scholarship**
Gus Schill devoted his practice to all phases of maritime and federal court practices. He also served as a long time adjunct at the UH Law Center. This scholarship is awarded to a third-year student in recognition of his dedication to the study of maritime law and professionalism.

*Donor:* Friends of Gus A. Schill  
*Recipient:* Blake E. Bachtel

**Thomas ’98 and Eyvette Hetherington Leaders and Achievers Scholarship**
Thomas and Eyvette Hetherington have established this scholarship to encourage and assist law students in successfully fulfilling their goals to be practicing attorneys. This scholarship is awarded to a law student who has overcome significant obstacles and disadvantages to achieve her educational and career goals.

*Donor:* Thomas and Eyvette Hetherington  
*Recipient:* Grecia Y. Cepeda

**Dean D. Hunt ’90 Scholarship**
Dean Hunt understands the challenges of part-time students, having attended law school at night while working as an engineer and executive at a major multinational oil company himself. This scholarship is awarded to a part-time student who exhibits good moral character, a strong work ethic and financial need.

*Donor:* Dean D. Hunt  
*Recipient:* Easton E. Riley

**Marvin Nathan ’66 Fellowship**
This fellowship offers a law student the unique opportunity to work as a fellow with the Anti-Defamation League. The fellow will participate in both the legal and policy work of the organization, learning how the Anti-Defamation League fights anti-Semitism, racism and bigotry; works to build bridges amongst disparate groups; and safeguards the rights of all people.

*Donor:* Marlene Nathan Meyerson Family Foundation & Marvin Nathan  
*Recipient:* Chelsea C. Klumpp
Robert C. Sohns ’72 Fellowship

Helping the underserved is a value that has always been important to Bob Sohns. This scholarship is awarded to students who show interest in public service. These students will also serve as summer interns at Lone Star Legal Aid.

**DONOR:** Robert C. Sohns, Jr.
**RECIPIENTS:** Michelle G. Obach
Katherine A. Zellner

Jackson Lewis P.C. Scholarship

Jackson Lewis is a national law firm dedicated to representing management exclusively in workplace law and related litigation. The award is presented to a student from a group that is underrepresented in the legal profession and who has demonstrated an interest in the study and practice of labor and employment law.

**DONOR:** Jackson Lewis P.C.
**RECIPIENT:** Lauae L. Wolfe

2019 Carol B. Oberdorfer ’81 Scholarship for a Minority Law Student

The Carol B. Oberdorfer Scholarship for a Minority Law Student offers financial assistance to well-qualified, law degree earning students of minority ethnic/racial backgrounds who are enrolled at the University of Houston Law Center.

**DONOR:** Carol B. Oberdorfer
**RECIPIENT:** Bethany E. Bonsu

Claude Hippard ’83 Scholarship

This scholarship is in memory of Claude D. Hippard, a veteran federal prosecutor who became a leading expert in forfeiture laws and spent most of his career in the Houston office of the U.S. Attorney. The award is given to a current second-year student who has outstanding moral character, financial need, and demonstrates an interest in government service.

**DONOR:** Dr. Helena Karlberg Hippard
**RECIPIENT:** Kristen Guerrero Dorton

James E. Crowther Scholarship

Established in memory of James E. Crowther, this scholarship is awarded to students who have shown a commitment to public interest work.

**DONOR:** The Hobby Family Foundation
**RECIPIENTS:** Mahin A. Ansari
Alyssa R. Arnold
Robert L. Binz

2019 Gardere Endowed Scholarship in Memorial of Ron Gaswirth ’68

The Gardere Endowed Scholarship in Memorial of Ron Gaswirth offers financial assistance to a qualified student who has overcome socio-economic obstacles, exhibits good moral character and a strong work ethic. Preference will be given to a student who has financial need and/or family obligations.

**DONOR:** Gardere, Wynne, Sewell LLP
**RECIPIENT:** Jacqueline Del Villar
HOUSTON CHAPTER OF TAX EXECUTIVES INSTITUTE, INC. (TEI)

“Tax Executives Institute, Inc. (TEI) is a professional organization of business executives who are responsible for taxation matters on an administrative or policy-making level, or whose work is otherwise primarily concerned with the problems of business taxation.” - Tax Executives Institute. The TEI Houston Chapter awards scholarships to students pursuing a law degree from the University of Houston Law Center focusing in tax, and who also express an interest in pursuing a career in the tax profession. Further, students selected for this award must have good academics, and show a financial need for the scholarship award.

**DONOR:** Houston Chapter of Tax Executives Institute, Inc.

**RECIPIENTS:** Kathryn Kyler Torres (Fall 2018)
Jessica E. Knox (Spring 2019)

HOUSTON BAR ASSOCIATION, TAX SECTION SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and an interest in Tax Law.

**DONOR:** Houston Bar Association, Tax Section Scholarship

**RECIPIENT:** Sarah E. Husbands

IRA B. SHEPARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Ira Shepard, who was one of the nation’s leading experts on tax law. He had a passion for teaching tax courses and speaking at various conferences around the country on cutting edge tax law issues. This scholarship recognizes students who show interest in a career in tax law, through coursework, internships and other activities.

**DONOR:** Family and Friends of Ira Shepard

**RECIPIENTS:** Y. Marianne Xu Standley
Kathryn Kyler Torres

CLAIRE V. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

Provided by the Claire V. Smith Charitable Foundation, this scholarship provides assistance to law students in fulfilling their professional aspirations.

**DONOR:** Claire V. Smith Charitable Foundation

**RECIPIENTS:** Porscha R. Allen
Emma R. Brockway
Christina E. Gutierrez

GIL EPSTEIN ‘94 SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Gil Epstein, a dedicated prosecutor who had a passion for the law and protecting the rights of abused women, this scholarship is awarded to a student who plans to be a criminal lawyer and has shown the greatest promise in that regard.

**DONOR:** Family and Friends of Gil Epstein

**RECIPIENTS:** Jonathan S. Alvarado
Molly P. Bagshaw
Luis E. Garza
DAVID TOOMIM ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
David Toomim began law school after a very successful career in public accounting, but he never would have been able to attend college without a scholarship. In memory of this remarkable graduate, this scholarship will be awarded to a current law student who is over the age of 30, has financial need and a passion for the law.

DONOR: Shirley W. Toomim
RECIPIENTS: Leonard V. McDaniel
Erika L. McDonald
Jessica M. Perry

CELIA FIGUEROA ’94 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
The Celia Figueroa Scholarship was established in honor of the late Celia Figueroa by her family, friends, and employer, BBVA Bancomer USA, for whom she served as General Counsel. The Scholarship is to be awarded annually to UHLC students who have displayed excellence in their studies and service to the Law Center community. Preference is given to 2L students who have family obligations and/or whose career involves international business experience.

DONOR: Bancomer Transfer Services, Inc. and Family and Friends of Celia Figueroa
RECIPIENTS: Ross H. Brown
Sarah E. Husbands
Seungho Kang

NANCY SNYDER-NEPO ’00 SCHOLARSHIP
In memory of Nancy Snyder-Nepo, a lawyer and mother, who lost her life to cancer at a young age. This scholarship is awarded to provide financial assistance for a Law Center student who is balancing the role of parent and student.

DONOR: Family and Friends of Nancy Snyder-Nepo
RECIPIENT: Cecelia I. Lopez

JUDGE MARY BACON ’72 SCHOLARSHIP
Judge Mary Bacon established this scholarship to provide an award to current law students who exemplify professionalism while maintaining two generation households living at the same residence.

DONOR: Family and Friends of Judge Mary Bacon
RECIPIENTS: Rebecca L. Jordan
Gaviella Roisman
Lauae L. Wolfe

RICHARD SIMMONS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
In memory of Richard Simmons, a United States Bankruptcy Trustee, this scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated an interest in bankruptcy, through coursework, activities, externships or employment.

DONOR: Friends of Richard Simmons
RECIPIENT: Jacqueline Q. Pham

BARKSDALE STEVENS AWARD
This scholarship is in memory of Barksdale Stevens, an accomplished Houston lawyer and later a UH Law Center professor. This award is presented to a deserving third-year law student who is active and shows interest in the Law Center.

DONOR: BakerBotts LLP
RECIPIENT: Patrick J. Gant
**Robert Allen Memorial Student Excellence Fund**

In memory of Robert Allen, this scholarship was established to provide assistance to part-time students who have a passion for the law.

**DONOR:** Elizabeth S. Allen  
**RECIPIENTS:** Christopher J. Duncan  
A. Sunday Udoetok

**Ann Dinsmore Forman Memorial Child Advocacy Award**

Ann Forman spent nearly her entire professional life in the Travis County District Attorney’s Office in its unit devoted to the protection of abused and neglected children. She was a tireless advocate for her charges, and an inspiration to all who knew her. This scholarship is awarded to students whose career demonstrates a high level of commitment to the welfare of abused or neglected children, or other children with special needs.

**DONOR:** Friends of Ann Dinsmore Forman  
**RECIPIENTS:** Molly P. Bagshaw  
Kathryn G. Laffin  
Mary Katherine “Katie” Lee  
Michelle Stockton

**Ann Dinsmore Forman AWIL Award**

In memory of the co-founder and founding president of the Association of Women in Law, Ann Dinsmore Forman, this award is presented to the student who best exemplifies advocacy of matters of particular concern to the Association of Women in Law.

**DONOR:** Friends of Ann Dinsmore Forman  
**RECIPIENT:** Sami Adhikari

**Gulf Coast Power Association (GCPA) David Olver Memorial Scholarship**

The GCPA David Olver Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who has shown a strong interest in the practice of energy law with preference given to the electric power industry, as demonstrated through coursework, employment and extracurricular activities.

**DONOR:** Gulf Coast Power Association emPOWERing Foundation  
**RECIPIENT:** Elizabeth A. George

**Gulf Coast Power Association (GCPA) emPOWERing Scholarship**

The GCPA emPOWERing Women Scholarship is awarded to a female student who has shown a strong interest in the practice of energy law with preference given to the electric power industry, as demonstrated through coursework, employment and extracurricular activities.

**DONOR:** Gulf Coast Power Association emPOWERing Foundation  
**RECIPIENT:** Kristin D. Kluding

**Weaver-Lang Presidential Fellowship**

To recognize the tremendous academic contributions of Professor Jacqueline Lang Weaver, this scholarship is awarded to a student in the LLM program who has a strong academic record and an interest in energy law.

**DONOR:** D.J. Baker ’73 and Suzanne Baker ’73  
**RECIPIENTS:** Christian A. Rivera Santos  
David S. Shelton  
Rachael A. Walsh
Texas State Bar Oil and Gas Section Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and an interest in Oil and Gas.

**Donor:** Texas State Bar Oil and Gas Section

**Recipients:**
- Foster K. Baird
- Chantal N. Carriere
- James K. Jaksa
- Khanh V. Nguyen

Buck J. Wynne Memorial Scholarship

The State Bar of Texas Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section established this scholarship in memory of Buck J. Wynne, a prominent environmental attorney who died in 1996. It is awarded to the top students in an introductory environmental law class.

**Donor:** State Bar of Texas Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section

**Recipients:**
- Chantal N. Carriere
- Chad W. Leiper

ConocoPhilips Energy Studies Award

This award is presented to a third-year law student in the Energy Studies Program on the basis of scholarship and interest in the field.

**Donor:** ConocoPhilips, Inc.

**Recipient:** Chantal N. Carriere

Joan Garfinkel Glantz Civil Liberties Scholarship

In recognition of Joan Garfinkel Glantz’s passion for empowering others, this scholarship is awarded to graduating students who have worked extensively in the area of civil liberties.

**Donor:** Friends of Joan Garfinkel Glantz

**Recipients:**
- Gloria Jauregui
- Aisha A. Karim
- Leah Lebeau

Joan Garfinkel Glantz Scholarship

This scholarship was established in honor of Joan Garfinkel Glantz’s belief that the individual rights of everyone are important and should be protected. This award is presented to the student who wrote the best paper on Civil Liberties.

**Donor:** Friends of Joan Garfinkel Glantz

**Recipient:** AmyJo Foreman, “Beyond Cruel and Unusual”

Yale Rosenberg Memorial Prize

To honor the memory of Yale Rosenberg, a man of faith and a scholar, this scholarship is awarded for the best student paper in Administrative Law, Civil Procedure, Federal Jurisdiction, Habeas, or Jewish Law.

**Donor:** Friends of Yale Rosenberg

**Recipient:** Rebecca R. Sonne, “Hearing the Case for the Constitutionality of Election Laws on the Merits”
MARK VELA SCHOLARSHIP FUND
This scholarship is awarded for the best paper written on a topic in criminal law.

**DONOR:** Family & Friends of Mark Vela
**RECIPIENT:** Joshua H. Gold-Quiros, “Expunction Presumption: Clearing Past Marijuana Convictions So That Legalized Cannabis Can Function”

FRANCIS AND CORINNA McMANUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
The Francis and Corinna McManus Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the late Francis and Corinna McManus by their daughter. This scholarship recognizes a UH Law Center student who is in good standing and who is a first generation college and law student.

**DONOR:** Diane M. McManus ’81
**RECIPIENT:** Fariha Jawed

UHLC CLINIC PROGRAM AWARD
This award is given to a graduating third-year student in celebration of all the hard work and pro bono representation performed by the student attorneys in the Clinical Program. It is given for outstanding performance of a student in the clinic program who is considering a public interest career.

**DONORS:** Phil and Janet ’93 Heppard
**RECIPIENT:** Mariesha E. Keys

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
The Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA) recognizes law students who have excelled in a clinical course in law school and thus created this award. The award is based on excellence in case work, in the seminar component of the course, and, if relevant, the nature and extent of the student’s contribution to the clinical community at their law school.

**DONOR:** Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA)
**RECIPIENT:** Ana M. Hernandez-Pace

IRVING J. WEINER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Awarded to a student who excelled in the Legal Aid Clinic

**DONOR:** Mrs. Irving J. Weiner and friends of Irving J. Weiner
**RECIPIENT:** Lauae L. Wolfe

KARI WEBB FAGEN ’86 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
This award was established in memory of Kari Webb Fagen, who was a dedicated and accomplished civil trial attorney. She served her firm and clients loyally and tirelessly. This scholarship is awarded to a student who excelled in the Legal Aid Clinic.

**DONOR:** Family and Friends of Kari Webb Fagen
**RECIPIENT:** Max R. Patterson
**Sam Williamson Fellowship in Immigration Law**

This scholarship was created in memory of Sam Williamson, a tireless advocate for immigrants. His career spanned more than five decades during which he fought fiercely for the rights of his clients. It is awarded to students who are committed to the practice of immigration law.

**Donor:** Family and Friends of Sam Williamson  
**Recipient:** Sirat H. Al-Nahi

**Joseph Vail Memorial Scholarship**

To honor the memory of Joseph Vail, Director of the Immigration Clinic, this award is given to a student who has demonstrated interest in immigration law and also great advocacy on behalf of immigrants through coursework and involvement with the clinic.

**Donor:** Family and Friends of Joseph Vail  
**Recipient:** Pauline Rivera

**DeAnna Mack ‘08 Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded in memory of DeAnna Mack who died at a young age shortly after graduating from the Law Center.

**Donor:** Jones McClure Publishing, Inc. and Family and Friends of DeAnna Mack  
**Recipient:** Patrick J. Gant

**Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Alumni Scholarship**

This award was established by the BLSA Alumni to assist a student member of the organization in his quest for professional success.

**Donor:** Alumni of the Black Law Students Association  
**Recipient:** Cody L. West

**Suited for Success Scholarship**

The purpose of the Suited for Success Scholarship is to recognize an outstanding 1L or 2L student at the University of Houston Law Center who has demonstrated a passion for and commitment to professionalism and legal excellence. This scholarship will provide funds to purchase a business suit to a student who is a member of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) and another scholarship to a student who is a member of the Mock Trial team.

**Donor:** Mia Breaux Lorick ’14  
**Recipients:** John T. Appel  
Bethany E. Bonsu

**Dean A.A. White Student Scholarship**

This scholarship is in memory of A.A. White, the founding dean of the UH Law Center. It is awarded to students for academic excellence and who will be a credit to the legal profession.

**Donor:** A.A. White, Dean Emeritus & Ersie Kern Ator White  
**Recipients:** Alexandra Foulkes Grafton  
Erin L. Horan  
Chad W. Leiper
The Houston Intellectual Property Law Association (HIPLA) and The Honorable Nancy F. Atlas Intellectual Property American Inn of Court in Houston, Texas (Atlas IP Inn) have cosponsored and awarded scholarships to students who demonstrate interest in intellectual property through coursework, prior internships, prior employment and participation in student organizations. HIPLA is an organization of Intellectual Property lawyers and law student affiliates. Through regular meetings, sponsored CLE opportunities, and amicus briefs, HIPLA promotes the development and understanding of intellectual property law. The Atlas IP Inn of Court is an association of IP attorneys and students dedicated to improving the skills, professionalism, and ethics of the intellectual property bar in Houston.

**Donor:** HIPLA and Nancy F. Atlas IP Inn of Court  
**Recipients:**  
Khanh V. Nguyen  
Mohammad “Damon” Sima  
Jaime L. Stark

**UH Law Center AIPLEF Jan Jancin Award 2019 Nominee**  
Awarded to the Law Center’s sole nominee to a national scholarship competition conducted by the American Intellectual Property Law Education Foundation (AIPLEF), an organization formed by the nation’s preeminent IP bar organization, the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA). The scholarship is in honor of the late Jan Jancin, who served not only as President of AIPLA, but served with distinction in several other leadership roles within the intellectual property bar.

**Donor:** Institute for Intellectual Property and Information Law  
**Recipient:** Jaime L. Stark

**UH Law Center 2019 IPIL Award for Distinguished Accomplishment**  
Awarded to a student who has exemplified excellence in intellectual property academic studies and is interested in pursuing a career in intellectual property or information law.

**Donor:** Institute for Intellectual Property and Information Law  
**Recipient:** Khanh V. Nguyen

**IPIL Co-Directors Award**  
Awarded for the best student-authored paper in the field of intellectual property and information law from a seminar course taught by IPIL core faculty.

**Donor:** Institute for Intellectual Property and Information Law  
**Recipient:** Jaime L. Stark

**IPSO Service Award**  
Awarded to a member of the Intellectual Property Student Organization (IPSO) for outstanding contributions to the community of students studying intellectual property and information law at the Law Center.

**Donor:** Institute for Intellectual Property and Information Law  
**Recipient:** Jaime L. Stark
BARBARA H. FRITZ SCHOLARSHIP
In memory of Barbara H. Fritz, a woman who distinguished herself as a student, a lawyer, and as a member of the judiciary, this scholarship is awarded to a student who has shown academic excellence, financial need, and a non-traditional educational path in fulfilling her professional aspirations.

DONOR: The Family and Friends of Barbara H. Fritz
RECIPIENT: Mallory E. Vargas

SCOTT CHASE ’71 HEALTH LAW SCHOLARSHIP
Board Certified in Health Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Scott Chase has practiced health law, corporate law and intellectual property law for over 40 years. He established this scholarship to recognize students who are interested in the study of health law. It is awarded to a law student who has an interest in health law through academics, work experience, and other related activities.

DONOR: Scott Chase
RECIPIENT: Jennifer D. Pier

PRUDENTIAL LIFE INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is awarded to students in the Health Law Program who have exhibited academic excellence.

DONOR: Prudential Life Insurance Company
RECIPIENTS: Elizabeth P. Wroblewski
Neil F. Young

EWER-OREN J.D. HEALTH LAW WRITING AWARD
The Ewer-Oren J.D. Health Law Writing Award was established by Professor Emerita Laura Oren in honor of two very special people. One is Dr. Michael Ewer, Law Center J.D. and LLM, Visiting Guest Professor at the Law Center, Professor of Cardiology, and Special Assistant to the Vice President at M.D. Anderson hospital. The other is her mother, the late Grace Oren, who dedicated her career (paid and unpaid) to cerebral palsied children. The Writing Prize is to be awarded annually to a UHLC student who has written the best research paper in the field of Health Law.

DONOR: Professor Laura Oren
RECIPIENTS: 1st Place – Alexandra Foulkes Grafton, “CRISPR Germline Genome Editing & the Limits of Liberty’s Substantive Reach”
2nd Place – Taylor E. Hood, “A Constitutional Challenge to the Uniform Determination of Death Act”

LEX FRIEDEN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR HEALTH LAW
In recognition of the outstanding contributions Lex Frieden, MA, LLD (hon) has made in the areas of disability rights and advocacy, the Lex Frieden Endowed Scholarship for Health Law was established. This scholarship is awarded to a qualified student who has demonstrated a commitment to disability rights and advocacy, exhibits good moral character and a strong work ethic. Preference may be given to a student demonstrating financial need and/or considerable family obligations.

DONOR: Family and Friends of Lex Frieden
RECIPIENT: Nida N. Din

2019 HLPI SCHOLARSHIP IN HEALTH LAW
Awarded to students who have demonstrated academic excellence in the areas of health law and policy.

DONOR: Health Law and Policy Institute
RECIPIENTS: Nicholas A. Monroe
Sydney K. Reed
Murray M. Nusynowitz Memorial Fund
This scholarship is in memory of Murray M. Nusynowitz, the UH Law Center’s first assistant dean of admissions. He was a passionate recruiter, a great judge of character, an ethical administrator, and a friend to all. This award is presented to a law student who is active in the recruitment and admissions process.

Donor: Family and Friends of Murray M. Nusynowitz
Recipient: Kathryn G. Laflin

Catherine Wright Memorial Scholarship
To honor the memory of Catherine Wright, Program Manager of the Law Center’s Career Development Office (CDO) for more than a decade, this award is given to a student who has exhibited compassion for others, demonstrated positive engagement within the law community, and is active with the CDO and its programs and services.

Donor: Friends of Catherine Wright
Recipient: Mariesha E. Keys

James Edmund Kemp Scholarship
In memory of her father, Judy Amonett established this award to provide financial assistance to UH Law Center students who have undertaken student loans as a way of financing their education.

Donor: Judy Amonett (’03)
Recipient: James C. Crowder
Clayton P. Fitzgerald
Nicholas A. Guillory
Jessica E. Knox

Judge Shearn Smith Scholarship
To honor Judge Shearn Smith, this award was established to recognize a student who has overcome socio-economic obstacles, exhibits good moral character and a strong work ethic.

Donor: Friends of Judge Shearn Smith
Recipient: Lorena Zapata

J. Huey O’Toole Award
Awarded to a student of outstanding character who has exhibited academic excellence in family law courses.

Donor: Family and Friends of J. Huey O’Toole
Recipient: Aubrie M. Linder

Marc D. Isenberg ’74 Scholarship
After being inspired by his loving wife, Miriam Riskind, Marc Isenberg’s practice shifted from trust and estates to representing children. This scholarship was established to honor Marc and his legacy of vigorously representing his clients. This scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate a strong interest in pursuing a career as a juvenile defender.

Donor: Family and Friends of Marc D. Isenberg
Recipient: Molly P. Bagshaw
Alicia Jewell / Mehaffey & Weber Scholarship
In memory of Alicia Jewell a 1990 graduate who lost her life in an automobile accident. This scholarship was created to assist outstanding students who show not only scholarship but also leadership abilities and who are in need of scholarship support for the continuation of their education.

**Donor:** Mehaffey & Weber and Friends of Alicia Jewell

**Recipients:**
- Elizabeth A. George
- Brittany Lok

Hutcheson & Grundy Scholarship
This scholarship was established to assist students in fulfilling their professional aspirations. The award is based on academic excellence, demonstrated leadership, extracurricular involvement and overall success in law school.

**Donor:** Hutcheson & Grundy LLP

**Recipients:**
- Daniel L. Jung
- Kevin W. Thompson

Alumni Association Scholarship
These scholarships are awarded to students exhibiting leadership, character and involvement in extracurricular activities. Preference is given to students who have volunteered with the Law Gala and Auction.

**Donor:** Annual Law Gala and Auction

**Recipients:**
- Anastasia A. Bolshakov
- Allison D. Pratt
- Cody L. West

Houston Bar Association, Probate, Trusts and Estates Award
The purpose of the Probate, Trusts & Estate Section is to promote the objectives and standards of professionalism of the Houston Bar Association within the field of probate, trusts & estates. This scholarship is awarded to a law student who has shown exemplary success in coursework related to probate.

**Donor:** HBA Probate, Trusts & Estates Section

**Recipient:** Dillon B. Rasmussen

Houston Bar Association, Corporate Counsel Section Award
The purpose of the HBA Corporate Counsel Section is to promote the objectives and standards of professionalism of the HBA within the field of corporate law. This scholarship is awarded to a student with a strong interest in corporate/business law, as evidenced by coursework and/or work experience and a strong academic performance.

**Donor:** HBA Corporate Counsel Section

**Recipient:** Dudley D. Baker V

Houston Bar Association, Real Estate Law Section Award
The purpose of the HBA Real Estate Law Section is to promote the objectives and standards of professionalism of the HBA within the field of real estate law. This scholarship is awarded to a student with a strong interest in real estate as evidenced by coursework and/or work experience and a strong academic performance.

**Donor:** HBA Real Estate Law Section

**Recipient:** Ekow T. Acquaah
**American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence**

The Medal of Excellence program was developed by Christopher F. Graham of the New York law firm of Thacher Proffitt & Wood and inaugurated by the American Bankruptcy Institute. The award is presented to the student who has shown exemplary success in coursework and activities related to Bankruptcy.

**Donor:** American Bankruptcy Institute  
**Recipient:** Jacqueline Q. Pham

**National Order of Scribes**

Scribes is a national organization of legal writers. The National Order of Scribes was created in 2007 by Scribes as an honorary organization to recognize graduating law students who excel in legal writing. Each year, the UH Law Center nominates five students to be inducted into the National Order of Scribes. These law students demonstrate the highest levels of professionalism and are outstanding legal writers.

**Donor:** Order of Scribes  
**Recipients:** Alexandra Foulkes Grafton  
Simon J. Harrall  
Kristin D. Kluding  
W. Henry Legg  
Jaime L. Stark
LEX Awards

Awarded to students receiving the highest grade in a first year course.

RECIPIENTS

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Dylan M. Carroll
Christopher J. Duncan
Chad W. Leiper
Kirby E. Swartz

CONTRACTS

Ryan T. Chastain
Noah A. Feldman
Daniel Gonzalez
Royline Williams-Fontenelle

CRIMINAL LAW

Dylan M. Carroll
Jack B. DiSorbo
Jeremy A. Gopin
Sarah K. Lonvick
Carlyle Reid

PROCEDURE

Robert A. Cunningham
Kimia Jalalipour
Raymond S. Lu
Regan M. Lutter
Eric A. Ruiz

PROPERTY

Anna E. Boyer
Dylan M. Carroll
Huey R. Fischer
Danielle A. Langemeier
Neil F. Young

TORTS

Ryan T. Chastain
Aditi P. Deal
Erin L. Horan
Lingzi Hu
Alanna M. Justman
Drew E. Molin

LAWYERING SKILLS AND STRATEGIES

Abdulrahman Althebaity
Anna E. Boyer
Benjamin R. Caldwell
Liam A. Christ
Brooke I. Curry
Christopher J. Duncan
David E. Fuss
Elizabeth S. Hardage
Sophia S. Harms
Erin L. Horan
Kimia Jalalipour
Michelle A. Katz
Danielle Lam
Rebecca Lee
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Reagan M. Lutter
Mason C. Malone
Sabrina Laiz Fantoni Mendes
Robert A. Oakes
Shreya V. Patel
Bryan T. Perez
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Louise Root
Katharine G. Schorken
Chandler N. Spinks
Blake H. Williams
Neil F. Young
Jehnytssa D. Zetino

INTRO TO AMERICAN LAW

Rebecca Mei Chen Lee
Christian A. Rivera Santos

STATUTORY INTERPRETATION & REASONING

Molly L. Barham
Chad W. Leiper
Carlyle Reid
Michael G. Szymanski
Jaclyn A. Zinsmeister
2019 SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWS

Awarded for public interest work with an agency that has limited financial support.

**Recipients:**

- Mahin A. Ansari: Tahirih Justice Center
- Alyssa R. Arnold: Federal Public Defender - Southern District of Texas
- Alexandra C. Bismuth: Tahirih Justice Center
- Bethany E. Bonsu: New York Civil Liberties Union
- Shana M. Butterworth: Disability Rights Texas
- Courtney E. Crews: U.S. Attorney's Office - Southern District of Texas
- Brooke I. Curry: Juvenile & Capital Advocacy Project
- Wangmu Danzeng: Texas Innocence Network
- Noah A. Feldman: Federal Public Defender - Southern District of Texas
- Hector J. Garza: Harris County District Attorney's Office
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- Robert J. Root: Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office
- Johann Z. Salazar: State Office of Administrative Hearings
- Pedro R. Segura: U.S. Department of Justice
- Michael C. Shultz: The Alliance
- Michelle Stockton: Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse
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