

# College of Law Academic Awards

Honoring Spring, Summer,  
and Fall 2020 Award Recipients

Thursday, the Fifteenth of April  
Two Thousand Twenty-One

University of  
**La Verne**

College of Law



# College of Law Academic Awards Ceremony

<b>Welcome</b>	Kevin Marshall, Frank Lizarraga Endowed Dean
<b>CALI Awards</b>	Placido Gomez, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
<b>Dean's List</b>	Kevin Marshall, Frank Lizarraga Endowed Dean
<b>University of La Verne Law Review Journal of Law, Business &amp; Ethics</b>	Ezra Goldschlager, Professor of Law Paul Naccachian, Professor of Law
<b>Advanced Appellate Advocacy</b>	Dean McVay, Adjunct Professor of Law
<b>Alternative Dispute Resolution</b>	Dana King, Adjunct Professor of Law
<b>Mock Trial</b>	Camille Oscar, Adjunct Professor of Law
<b>Moot Court</b>	Dean McVay, Adjunct Professor of Law
<b>Exceptional Advocacy in a Clinical Program</b>	Michele Assael-Shafia, Professor of Law; Elizabeth Eubanks, Disability Rights Legal Clinic; Placido Gomez, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; Krystal Rodriguez-Campos, Visiting Clinical Director of the Justice and Immigration Clinic
<b>Certificate of Achievement in Legal Research</b>	William Ketchum, Reference Librarian
<b>National Order of Scribes</b>	Jodi Jewell, Professor of Law
<b>Publications</b>	Placido Gomez, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Kevin Marshall, Frank Lizarraga Endowed Dean

# CALI Awards For Spring, Summer, and Fall 2020

The Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction's (CALI) Excellence for the Future Awards are given to students attaining the highest grade in each course section.

## SPRING 2020

### Advanced Legal Research

Angelo Rios

### Adversarial Evidence

Emily Yang

### Appellate Advocacy Clinic

Irene Pinon

Herber Ramirez

### Business Organizations

Chanlon Kaufman

Grecia Toscano

### California Civil Procedure

Jessica Reyes

Viktoriya Shalunova

### California Real Estate Practice

John Baldwin

### Civil Procedure

Christian Amos

Victor Cruz

Justin Tucker

### Community Property

Elizabeth Ponce De Leon

### Constitutional Law

Ladda Arceneaux

### Contracts

Jordan Garcia

Savitri Zala

### Copyright Law

Edgar Diaz-Niesta

Sara Johnson

### Criminal Law

Christian Amos

Arusyak Azizyan

Estrella Corral

Llambri Duda

Mitchell Vande Witte

### Criminal Law/Introduction to Legal Skills

Victor Cruz

Llambri Duda

Sonia Guerena

Parshant Mahbubani

Pedro Moncayo

Mitchell Vande Witte

### Criminal Procedure: Pre-Trial, Trial & Sentencing

Justin Wheeler

### Family Law

Kaelyn Lopez

### Federal Courts

Nadine Barranca

### Federal Indian Law

Jacob Vander Feer

### First Amendment Freedoms

Sandra Ciprian

### Hearsay

Vania Caro

Heather Razook

Babbanjit Singh

### Insurance Law

Chiao Ling

### International Law:

#### Human Rights Seminar

Priscilla Parada

### Issues in Constitutional Law

Nadine Barranca

Rebecca Gomez

### Justice and Immigration Clinic

Jessica Reyes

### Law Practice Management

David Weber

### Lawyering Skills Practicum

Chanlon Kaufman

### Negotiations

Rocio Medina

Cynthia Morales

### Professional Responsibility

Raquel Parseghian

### Property Law

Victor Cruz

Gary Dominguez

Parshant Mahbubani

Matthew Murphy

### Remedies Overview

Afsaneh Afzalnia

Jennifer Echegoyen

### Sales

Raquel Parseghian

Justin Wheeler

### Transactional Workshop

Chanlon Kaufman

Christian Morris

Elizabeth Ponce De Leon

### Wills and Trusts

Jessica Reyes

### Workers' Compensation

Rocio Medina

## SUMMER 2020

### Advanced Appellate Advocacy

Arianna Peregretti

### California Civil Procedure

Joanna Asmar

### California Practice: Criminal Law & Procedure

Aily Baldwin

### Criminal Procedure: Pre-Trial, Trial, & Sentencing

Jessica Reyes

**Immigration Law**

Raquel Parseghian

**Lawyering Skills Practicum**

Tyler DeVito

**Mediation**

Mark O'Brien III

**Professional Responsibility**

Kissy Martinez

**FALL 2020****Advanced Appellate Advocacy**

Justin Wheeler

**Appellate Advocacy Clinic**

Tyler DeVito

Carlos Vargas

Emily Yang

**Arbitration**

Eric Johnson

Justin Wheeler

**Bankruptcy**

Rachelle Leduc

**Cannabis Law & Policy**

Samantha Rodriguez

**Civil Procedure**

Amanda Webber

**Community Property**

Cynthia Morales

**Constitutional Law**

Mitchell Vande Witte

Samantha Walker

**Contracts**

Claudia Alvarado

Howard Gan

Sandra Habib

Cassandra Swedlund

Irie Yee

**Criminal Procedure: Investigation**

Llambri Duda

Sonia Guereña

Mark O'Brien III

**Employment Law**

Ricardo Chavez

**Entertainment Law**

Sara Johnson

**Environmental Law & Policy**

Christie Campos

**Evidence**

Tyler DeVito

Llambri Duda

Zachary Simpson

Carlos Vargas

**Immigration Law**

Grecia Toscano

**Intellectual Property**

Floris Batoon

**Issues in Constitutional Law**

Eric Johnson

Zachary Jure

**Issues in Constitutional Law****Seminar**

Nicholas Thomas

**Journal of Law Business & Ethics Seminar**

Yolla Kairouz

Mitchell Vande Witte

**Justice and Immigration Clinic**

Christie Campos

**Law Review Seminar**

Rocio Medina

Zachary Simpson

**Lawyering Skills Practicum**

Arianna Peregretti

**Legal Analysis Writing & Research**

Laila Bidaki

Talia O'lague

Amanda Webber

**Local Government Law**

Mitchell Vande Witte

**Mediation**

Ricardo Chavez

Alexandra De La Torre

Brianna Gonzalez

Arianna Peregretti

Marianna Petrosian

Hannah Reyes

Nicholas Thomas

Emily Yang

**Mediation Ethics Seminar**

Irene Espiritu

Arianna Peregretti

Elizabeth Ponce De Leon

**Professional Responsibility**

Hannah Reyes

**Property**

Claudia Alvarado

Celeste McWhorter

Jimmie Palmer

Almendra Quispe

**Race and the Law**

Brianna Benson

**Race and the Law Seminar**

Tabitha Naqvi

**Remedies**

Chanlon Kaufman

**Securities Regulation**

Eric Johnson

Carissa Terry

**Torts**

Claudia Alvarado

Laila Bidaki

Amanda Webber

**Trial Advocacy**

Anashe Aghajani

Ladda Arceneaux

Jacob Castrejon

Maria Cristobal

Mark O'Brien III

Pouya Radfar

Mitchell Vande Witte

Carlos Vargas

Ronni Vogelsang

**Wills and Trusts**

Emily Yang

## Dean's List

The Dean's List of the University of La Verne College of Law is awarded on a semester basis and recognizes students whose grade-point average is 3.00 or better.

### Spring 2020

Thalia Acosta	Sandra Ciprian	Stineh Isagholian
Afsaneh Afzalnia	Brandon Cook	Eric Johnson
Anashe Aghajani	Lauren Cosgrove	Chanlon Kaufman
Christian Amos	Maria Cristobal	Tayiba Khan
Ladda Arceneaux	Victor Cruz	Marcus King
Joanna Asmar	Alexandra De La Torre	Andrea Leslie-Merchain
Elsa Avila	Violette De La Torre	Esther Levitt
Arusyak Azizyan	Tyler DeVito	Chiao Ling
Tawny Baghdassarian	Nicole Diaz	Helen Lole
Aily Baldwin	Gary Dominguez	Arpeni Mael
John Baldwin	Llambrini Duda	Parshant Mahbubani
Nadine Barranca	Emily Ebner	Maria Martinez
Chloe Barroy	Jennifer Echegoyen	Sara Martinez
Florisce Batoon	Gabriel Eredia	Arthur Matevosian
Brianna Benson	Irene Espiritu	Rejo Mathew
BreAnna Bolanos	Amir Farahani	Megan McCormack
Abigail Boydston	Danielle Finney	Rocio Medina
Casey Busch	Carlos Flores	Pedro Moncayo
Brian Cabral	Brooke Georguson	Cynthia Morales
Christie Campos	Daniel Gramling	Christian Morris
Michael Chavez	Sonia Guerena	Ericka Murphy
Shiyan Chen	Julie Harris	Matthew Murphy
Brittney Cho	Issa Hassan	Justin Myhre
	Kelcey Hoffman	Mher Najaryan

Erica Noriega  
Jose Pacheco  
Priscilla Parada  
Raquel Parseghian  
Arianna Peregretti  
Marianna Petrosian  
Sarina Piliguian  
Irene Pinon  
Elizabeth Ponce  
De Leon  
Jocelyn Portales  
Herber Ramirez  
Heather Razook  
Hannah Reyes  
Jessica Reyes  
Angelo Rios  
Maria Robles  
Adrian Rojas  
Andrew Sayegh  
Maryam Shafizadeh  
Viktoriya Shalunova  
Zachary Simpson  
Ibrahim Tabel  
Mohammad Tabel  
Grecia Toscano  
Mario Valladares  
Mitchell Vande Witte  
Jacob Vander Feer  
Carlos Vargas  
Rae Ann Varona  
Lilit Vasilyan  
Ronni Vogelsang  
Samantha Walker  
David Weber  
Emily Yang  
Savitri Zala

### Fall 2020

Claudia Alvarado  
Christian Amos  
Ladda Arceneaux  
Joanna Asmar  
Aily Baldwin  
Nadine Barranca  
Brianna Benson  
Laila Bidaki  
Abigail Boydston  
Kyle Burkett  
Miguel Caloca  
Christie Campos  
Jacob Castrejon  
Ricardo Chavez  
Victor Cruz  
Alexandra De La Torre  
Tyler DeVito  
Gary Dominguez  
Llambrini Duda  
Jennifer Echegoyen  
Irene Espiritu  
Howard Gan  
Brenda Garcia  
Brianna Gonzalez  
Sonia Guerena  
Sandra Habib  
Eric Johnson  
Sara Johnson  
Zachary Jure  
Yolla Kairouz  
Chanlon Kaufman  
Marcus King  
Rachelle Leduc  
Michael Lee  
Andrea Leslie-Merchain  
Arpeni Mael  
Armando Marquez  
Sara Martinez  
Rocio Medina  
Cynthia Morales  
Justin Myhre  
Erica Noriega  
Mark O'Brien III  
Jimmie Palmer  
Arianna Peregretti  
Marianna Petrosian  
Elizabeth Ponce  
De Leon  
Herber Ramirez  
Hannah Reyes  
Jessica Reyes  
Angelo Rios  
Phoenisha-Alexz  
Schuhmeier  
Zachary Simpson  
Babbanjit Singh  
Angie Sotelo  
Alexander Strukelj  
Ibrahim Tabel  
Carissa Terry  
Nicholas Thomas  
Shawnt Thomas  
Grecia Toscano  
Lilit Tsaturyan  
Mitchell Vande Witte  
Carlos Vargas  
Ronni Vogelsang  
Samantha Walker  
Amanda Webber  
Justin Wheeler  
Emily Yang  
Ashley Yocom

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## 2020–2021 Editorial Board

The editor-in-chief of the *University of La Verne Law Review* is selected from applications submitted to the current editorial board. Finalists are chosen and interviewed by the editorial board and the faculty advisor. The applicants are then voted on, with one vote allotted to the faculty advisor, one to the current editor-in-chief, and one to the current editorial board. In order to become a part of the Law Review Editorial Board, members submit their applications to the current editorial board. The current editorial board and the new editor-in-chief choose the board for the next term, with oversight from the faculty advisor.

## STUDENT EDITORIAL BOARD

### Editor-In-Chief

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Carissa Terry

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Llambrini Duda

Rocio Medina

Zachary Simpson

Ronni Vogelsang

Samantha Walker

Ashley Yocom

### Faculty Advisor

Ezra Goldschlager,

Professor of Law

# Journal of Law, Business & Ethics Volume 27

The *Journal of Law, Business & Ethics* is a double-blind, peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journal published by the Pacific Southwest Academy of Legal Studies in Business, in association with the students at the University of La Verne College of Law. The journal's mission is to provide a publishing venue for authors researching in the fields of law, business, and ethics. The journal consists of a faculty board of editors drawn from an international pool of candidates and a student board of editors drawn from the student population at La Verne Law. Student members are selected from a pool of candidates who are in good academic standing and have successfully completed a write-on competition.

## STUDENT EDITORIAL BOARD

### Co-Editors-in-Chief

Gary Dominguez

Jordan Garcia

### Managing Editor

Ronni Vogelsang

### Technical Editor

Erica Noriega

### Senior Staff Editor

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Valerie Felix

Paulina Lizarraga

Mauricio Lopez

Raquel Parseghian

Pouya Radfar

Alicia Rose

Angie Sotelo

Analy Urena-Diaz

Samantha Walker

Savitri Zala

### Faculty Advisor and Editor-in-Chief

Paul Naccachian,  
Professor of Law

# Advanced Appellate Advocacy

This course builds on skills developed in Appellate Advocacy. Students are asked to demonstrate effective brief writing ability by writing a persuasive appellate brief using a complex fictitious case. Students must also persuasively argue the case as a team, and with a co-counsel, before a panel of appellate justices in a moot court competition. Successful performance in Advanced Appellate Advocacy earns students the opportunity to participate on a La Verne Law National Moot Court Traveling Team.

## Summer 2020

Best Oralist - Arianna Peregrezzi  
Best Petitioner Brief - Raquel Parseghian  
Best Respondent Brief - Arianna Peregrezzi  
Best Team - Nicole Diaz and Ericka Murphy

## Fall 2020

Best Oralist - Justin Wheeler  
Best Petitioner Brief - Casey Busch  
Best Respondent Brief - Justin Wheeler

## Faculty Advisor

Dean McVay, Adjunct Professor of Law

# Alternative Dispute Resolution

The University of La Verne National Alternative Dispute Resolution Competition Teams consist of students chosen for their ability to resolve a dispute outside the courtroom via mediation and/or negotiation. The teams participate in competitions designed to develop their skills in the growing field of dispute resolution.

## American Bar Association Law Student Division Arbitration Competition

Tawny Baghdassarian  
Miguel Caloca  
Esther Levitt  
Herber Ramirez

## American Bar Association Negotiation Competition

Joanna Asmar  
Miguel Caloca  
Brenda Garcia  
Esther Levitt

## American Bar Association Representation in Mediation

Joanna Asmar  
Tawny Baghdassarian  
Brenda Garcia

## Fordham National Basketball Negotiation Competition

Miguel Caloca  
Marcus King  
Angie Sotelo

## Faculty Advisor

Dana King, Adjunct Professor of Law

## Mock Trial Team

The University of La Verne National Mock Trial Competition Teams consist of a select group of students who participate in a for-credit program that prepares them to be successful trial attorneys. Team members learn evidence, trial planning, effective examinations, and persuasive oral argument skills while preparing a case file for trial. Each team of students prepares motions in limine, opening statements, direct and cross examinations, and closing arguments for either a civil or criminal case that is showcased over a weekend of head-to-head competitions.

### Mock Trial Team

Carlos Flores

Marcus King

LaTosha Payne

Samantha Rodriguez

### Texas Young Lawyers Association Mock Trial Competition

Marcus King

LaTosha Payne

Ashley Yocom

### Faculty Advisor

Camille Oscar, Adjunct Professor of Law

## Moot Court

The University of La Verne National Moot Court Competition Teams consist of students who have demonstrated their excellence in written and oral advocacy and are looking to improve further by representing the school at outside competitions. As members of a moot court team, students have the opportunity to work closely with experienced attorneys to hone their brief writing and oral advocacy skills. La Verne Law students participate, and excel, in several moot court competitions each year.

### FALL 2020 COMPETITIONS

#### Thomas Tang National Asian Pacific American Bar Association National Moot Court Competition

Western Regionals: 2nd Place Brief, 2nd Place Overall Team

Miguel Caloca and Herber Ramirez

Nationals Competition: 2nd Place Brief Overall (in all regions)

Miguel Caloca and Herber Ramirez

#### USD National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition

Jennifer Echegoyen and Arianna Peregretti

### Moot Court Director

Marcus King

### Faculty Advisor

Dean McVay, Adjunct Professor of Law



## Exceptional Advocacy in a Clinical Program

The Exceptional Advocacy in a Clinical Program Award recognizes students who have gone above and beyond the expectations of the clinical program to the point of furthering the development and/or advocacy abilities of the clinic.

### Disability Rights Legal Center Clinic

Tawny Baghdassarian

### Justice and Immigration Clinic

Jessica Reyes

Analy Urena-Diaz

### San Bernardino Misdemeanor Appellate Clinic

Nadine Barranca

Herber Ramirez

Emily Yang

## National Order of Scribes

Scribes, the American Society of Legal Writers, was founded in 1953 to honor and encourage legal writers. The organization advocates for a “clear, succinct, and forceful style in legal writing,” and promotes better writing throughout the legal community. The National Order of Scribes was created in 2007 to honor graduating law students who excelled in legal writing during law school.

Nadine Barranca

Chanlon Kaufman

Andrea Leslie-Merchain

Justin Wheeler

## Certificate of Achievement in Legal Research

To earn the Certificate of Achievement in Legal Research, students must complete twelve two-hour workshops of instruction and demonstration, eight required and four elective, plus a skills assessment after each workshop. All workshops are taught by law librarians with both law and library degrees.

Nash Briones

Brittney Cho

Sandra Ciprian

Llambrini Duda

Gabriel Eredia

Rigoberto Guzmán

Justyne Lewallen

Jimmie Palmer

## Publications

Rebecca Gomez, Note, *The Case for Binding Presidential Electors*, 42 U. La Verne L. Rev. 1 (2020).

Kelcey Hoffman, *The Redwood Curtain: Protector to Executioner*, 42 U. La Verne L. Rev. 29 (2020).

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