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SCHOOL OF LAW  
C O M M E N C E M E N T

Sunday  
May 21, 2023  
3:00 PM

Center for the Arts  
North Campus

AVIVA ABRAMOVSKY  
*Dean*  
*Professor of Law*

S. TODD BROWN  
*Vice Dean for Academic Affairs*  
*Professor of Law*  
*William J. Magavern Faculty Scholar*



# Program

## Processional\*

Selection from Pomp and Circumstance  
by *Edward Elgar*  
Cathedral Brass

## Marshal & Mace Bearer

James A. Wooten  
*Vice Dean for Research and Faculty  
Development and Professor of Law*

## Opening Declaration

## National Anthem\*\*

Emory Redfearn  
*Music Theatre, BFA '23*

## Greetings

A. Scott Weber  
*Provost and Executive Vice President  
for Academic Affairs*

## Dean's Remarks

Aviva Abramovsky  
*Dean and Professor of Law*

## Keynote Address

Hon. Rose H. Sconiers '73  
*Associate Justice (Ret.)  
New York State Supreme Court  
Appellate Division, Fourth Department*

## Alumni Welcome

Elizabeth A. Kraengel '07  
*UB Law Alumni Association President*

## Student Address

Chanel Monet Powell '23

## Presentation of the Dean's Medal

Buffalo 5/14 Survivors Fund  
Local Steering Committee

Dean Aviva Abramovsky

## Presentation of Ken Joyce Excellence in Teaching Award

Hon. Glenn Murray  
*Administrative Law Judge*

S. Todd Brown  
*Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and  
William J. Magavern Faculty Scholar*

## Awards and Prizes

Vice Dean S. Todd Brown

Bernadette Gargano  
*Vice Dean for Student Affairs and Lecturer in  
Law, Legal Analysis, Writing and Research*

## Herald

Kim Diana Connolly  
*Vice Dean for Advocacy and Experiential  
Education, Professor of Law and Director of  
Clinical Education*

## Conferral of Degrees

Provost A. Scott Weber

Dean Aviva Abramovsky

## Hooders

Christine P. Bartholomew  
*Professor of Law*

Luis E. Chiesa  
*Vice Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion,  
Dr. Teresa A. Miller Professor of Law, and  
Director of the Buffalo Criminal Law Center*

Vice Dean Bernadette Gargano

## University Alma Mater\*\*

Emory Redfearn  
*Music Theatre, BFA '23*

## Closing Declaration

Vice Dean James A. Wooten

## Recessional\*

Triumphal March from Aida  
by *Giuseppe Verdi*  
Cathedral Brass

*\*Audience will remain seated during the  
Processional and Recessional.*

*\*\* Please stand if able.*

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American Bar Association, the New York  
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*Unless otherwise noted, class years indicate  
graduation dates from the University at  
Buffalo School of Law.*



## SUNY Trustee and UB Officials

### Eunice Ashman Lewin

*Member of the State University of New York Board of Trustees*



President and co-founder of Impacto Consulting Associates, Eunice Ashman Lewin joined the SUNY Board of Trustees in February 2010. She helped reinstate the Student Life Committee, which she co-chairs. In

this role, she spearheaded the creation of the Food Insecurity and the Mental Health task forces. Lewin serves on the board's Executive Committee and the committees for academic affairs, communications and external affairs, community colleges, and academic medical centers and hospitals.

A former commissioner of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Lewin was a founding member of the Roswell Park Alliance and a board member of the Buffalo Urban League and Hispanics United of Buffalo. She is a member of the Hispanic Women's League and the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable. Most recently, Lewin was named co-chair of the 5/14 Remembrance Committee to honor the mass shooting victims of the May 14 tragedy in East Buffalo.

A retired bilingual social worker for the Buffalo Board of Education, she is a champion for STEM education.

Born in Guantanamo, Cuba, Lewin immigrated to the U.S. with her family in 1967. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Marymount Manhattan College and master's degrees in American and Puerto Rican studies, and in educational administration, from UB.

### Jeremy M. Jacobs

*Chairman of the University at Buffalo Council*



Jeremy M. Jacobs was appointed to the UB Council in 1997; in 1998, then-Gov. George Pataki named him chairman. Jacobs is chairman of Delaware North, a global hospitality company with customers in the United States, Australia,

New Zealand and the United Kingdom. The company's operations include food and retail at airports and sports venues, sports facility ownership and management, operations of parks and major tourist attractions, hotel ownership and management, gaming operations and fine dining.

Jacobs owns the Boston Bruins and serves as chairman of the National Hockey League's Board of Governors. In 2018, he received the sport's highest honor when he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

An alumnus of UB's School of Management and Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program, Jacobs holds honorary doctorates in humane letters from UB, Canisius College, Niagara University and Johnson & Wales University. In 2015, his family donated \$30 million to advance UB's medical school, which was renamed the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Jacobs has served Western New York for more than four decades with his business expertise and philanthropic leadership, and Delaware North has received multiple awards for social responsibility, community service and environmental stewardship.

A longtime friend and supporter of UB, Jacobs has served as chairman, trustee and director of the UB Foundation, chairman of the President's Board of Visitors and adviser to the School of Management.

### Satish K. Tripathi

*University President*



An internationally distinguished researcher and higher education leader, Satish K. Tripathi, PhD, is the University at Buffalo's 15th president.

Tripathi, who served as UB's provost from 2004-2011, was dean of the Bourns College of Engineering at the University of California, Riverside from 1997-2004. Previously, he spent 19 years as professor of computer science at the University of Maryland, including seven years as department chair. A fellow of the IEEE and the AAAS, he has published more than 200 scholarly papers, supervised more than 30 doctoral and postdoctoral students and served on program committees of numerous international conferences.

Tripathi graduated at the top of his class from Banaras Hindu University (BHU). He holds a master's degree and a doctorate in computer science from the University of Toronto, as well as master's degrees in statistics from the University of Alberta and BHU. He has received honorary doctorates from the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, and Brock University in Canada.

Tripathi serves on the College Football Playoff Board of Managers and chairs the Internet2 board of trustees. Previously, he was chair of the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and on the boards of NCAA Division I, NCAA Board of Governors, the Association of American Universities, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. A past member of the Reimagine NY Commission, he was the inaugural co-chair of the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council.

## Special Guest

### A. Scott Weber

*Provost and Executive Vice President  
for Academic Affairs*



As provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, A. Scott Weber, PhD, serves as the university's chief academic officer, providing leadership across the academic enterprise including

research, scholarship and creative activities; undergraduate, graduate, professional and international education; faculty development; diversity and inclusion initiatives; and university libraries. Weber is leading the implementation of the university's vision to be recognized among the top 25 public research universities in the nation, focused on building on UB's strengths to achieve new levels of excellence in research, scholarship, education, clinical care and engagement.

A member of UB's faculty since 1983, Weber is an innovative scholar and teacher and former chair of UB's Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering. During his time as chair, the department rose significantly in national rankings. Weber has held progressively responsible administrative roles at UB, including senior vice provost and vice provost for academic affairs, where he was instrumental in the creation of the UB Curriculum and the nationally recognized Finish in 4 program; and vice president for student life, where he focused on enhancing the student experience on campus and promoting overall student wellness.

Weber earned bachelor's and master's of science degrees in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnical Institute and a PhD in civil engineering from the University of California, Davis.

### Aviva Abramovsky

*Dean and Professor of Law*



Aviva Abramovsky is the law school's 19th permanent dean and the first woman to hold the position. She is an expert in insurance law, commercial law, regulation of financial entities and legal ethics, and she has written numerous articles and legal treatises, including

authoring McKinney's Uniform Commercial Code forms for New York. She is the current editor of *LSN Insurance Law, Legislation, & Policy*, and she served as the editor and academic advisor for the *Connecticut Insurance Law Journal* from 2010 to 2011. She also contributed to the British Insurance Law Association's (BILA) 2013 Book Prize winner, *Research Handbook on International Insurance and Regulation*, and her scholarship has been recognized as a "litigation essential" by LexisNexis.

Abramovsky has served twice as an academic evaluator for the American Bar Association's federal judiciary committees, once for U.S. Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito and again for U.S. Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor. Among other professional leadership positions, she has served as chair and later executive board member of the insurance law section of the American Association of Law Schools, and as chair of its Committee on Sections. She has also served as chair of the New York State Bar Association's Taskforce on Autonomous Vehicles and the Law, and she is currently a member of the board of directors for the Erie County Bar Foundation. In 2020, she was honored by the New York State Bar Association's Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section with the Professor David D. Siegel Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the study of New York law.

Prior to her appointment as dean of the School of Law, Abramovsky was the Kaufman Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation and an Associate Dean at Syracuse University College of Law.

### Hon. Rose. H. Sconiers '73

*Associate Justice (Ret.)  
New York State Supreme Court  
Appellate Division, Fourth Department*



Hon. Rose H. Sconiers was appointed to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department in 2010. She retired in 2016. Her career has included serving as the City of Buffalo's assistant corporation counsel, as a

Buffalo City Court judge, and as executive attorney of the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo. She was elected to New York State Supreme Court in 1993 and re-elected in 2007, prior to her appointment to the appellate bench.

Throughout her career, Justice Sconiers has led significant initiatives to improve the administration of justice in New York State. She was appointed by the former chief judge of New York State to the Unified Court System Advisory Committee on Criminal Law and Procedure, the Jury Project, and the Commission on Fiduciary Appointments. She was instrumental in the establishment of New York State's Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission, which educates and advises decision makers in the New York Court System on issues affecting both employees and litigants of color. She chaired the Commission from 2009-2015.

A past president of the UB Law Alumni Association and an emeritus member of the Dean's Advisory Council, she has been part of numerous boards of directors, including for the New York State Defenders Association. She is the current chair of the board of directors for the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, as well as chair of its Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable.

## Dean’s Medal

*Presented by the Dean to an individual or entity who is distinguished by their commitment to justice and the rule of law.*

### **Buffalo 5/14 Survivors Fund Local Steering Committee**

On May 14, 2022, the Buffalo community suffered a devastating act of violence when a gunman opened fire at the Tops Friendly Market on Jefferson Avenue, killing ten people and wounding three.

In partnership with Tops, the National Compassion Fund established the Buffalo 5/14 Survivors Fund to provide direct financial assistance to the survivors of the deceased and those directly affected by this tragedy.

One hundred percent of the contributions donated to this Fund go directly to survivors and victims of this tragedy. The Buffalo 5/14 Survivors Fund distributes gifts to victims and survivors and the funds may be used however the recipients wish. Decisions about eligibility and distribution are made by the local Steering Committee with intentions of transparency, integrity, compassion, and fairness.

The Steering Committee is comprised of community leaders, local business leaders, neighborhood residents, representatives from Tops, a survivor of the 2016 Pulse night club shooting in Orlando, and more.

## Dean’s Medal Recipients

<b>2009</b>	Former Prime Minister of Kenya Raila Odinga
<b>2010</b>	Margaret W. Wong '76
<b>2011</b>	Hon. Hugh B. Scott '74*
<b>2012</b>	Hon. Samuel L. Green '67
<b>2013</b>	Hon. John T. Curtin '49*
<b>2014</b>	Vikki L. Pryor '78
<b>2015</b>	Samuel Magavern
<b>2018</b>	Hon. Eugene F. Pigott, Jr. '73
<b>2019</b>	Hon. Kathy C. Hochul
<b>2022</b>	Hon. E. Jeanette Ogden '83

*\*Deceased*

# Ken Joyce Excellence in Teaching Award

*Presented by Professor and Vice Dean for Academic Affairs S. Todd Brown, to a member of the adjunct faculty for excellent teaching and longstanding service to the School of Law.*

**Hon. Glenn Murray**  
*Administrative Law Judge*



Hon. Glenn Murray began his legal career in 1981 as a paratrooper and US Army lawyer who prosecuted, and later defended at Courts-Martials. Subsequently, he practiced law in Buffalo for thirty years as a criminal defense and civil rights attorney handling trials and appeals in state and federal courts. For the last twelve years, he has served as an New York State Administrative Law Judge while also teaching as an adjunct professor at the law

school for more than a decade.

Murray also contributes his time to theatrical reenactments where he portrays prominent historical figures in the law. In a 2001 reenactment of the 1901 trial of Leon F. Czolgosz, assassin of President William McKinley, he portrayed Czolgosz's lead defense lawyer, retired Judge Loren Lewis. In a 2020 reenactment of the 1873 trial of Susan B. Anthony, he portrayed the presiding Judge, US Supreme Court Judge Ward Hunt. He has also portrayed Abraham Lincoln, the lawyer Murray most admires. He enjoys researching and sharing legal history.

## Ken Joyce Award Recipients

- 2012** Steven R. Sugarman '85
- 2013** Helen A. Drew-Meosky '88
- 2014** Hon. Thomas (Tim) P. Franczyk
- 2015** Garry M. Graber '78
- 2016** John R. Nucheren\*
- 2017** Christen E. Civileto
- 2018** Jennifer R. Scharf '05
- 2019** William F. Savino '75
- 2022** Daniel D. Kohane '79

*\*Awarded posthumously*



## Awards and Prizes

**Max Koren Award** is presented to the member of the graduating class, who, in the judgment of the faculty and the dean, has exemplified the highest standards of the profession by virtue of scholastic achievement, leadership and dedication to the ideals of the law. The selected student will receive a certificate and a prize. This award is supported by a gift from M. Robert Koren, Class of 1944, and son of Max Koren.

**John N. Bennett Achievement Award** is presented to the member of the graduating class judged by the faculty to demonstrate the highest scholastic achievement in the graduating class. The winner's name is inscribed on the Bennett Cup, which is displayed in the School of Law. The award is named in honor of John N. Bennett, Class of 1933.

**Dale S. Margulis Award** is presented to a member of the graduating class who has contributed the most to the School of Law and the community. Candidates for the award are nominated by members of the graduating class, and the recipient is selected by the deans. Dale S. Margulis, a member of the class of 1982, died suddenly in August 1982. His classmates, family and friends established this award to honor his memory.

**Bachelor of Arts in Law Achievement Award** is presented to the member of the Law BA graduating class judged by the undergraduate faculty to demonstrate the highest scholastic achievement in law major courses.

**The Faculty Award** recognizes an outstanding member of the School of Law faculty as voted on by the graduating class.

**The Staff Award** recognizes an outstanding member of the School of Law staff as voted on by the graduating class.

*The following awards and prizes were announced at the Student Awards Convocation earlier today.*

**Carlos C. Alden Award** is presented to the member of the graduating class making the greatest contribution to the *Buffalo Law Review*, as decided by the Law Review editors and the faculty adviser. Carlos C. Alden was dean of the School of Law from 1904-1936 and Professor of Law from 1904-1955.

**Award for Excellence in the Study of Health Law** is presented to the student who demonstrates exceptional academic performance in the area of health law. The recipient is selected by the faculty.

**Award for Excellence in the Study of Intellectual Property Law** is presented to the student who demonstrates exceptional academic performance in the area of intellectual property. The recipient is selected by the faculty.

**Award for Excellence in the Study of Labor and Employment Law** is presented to the student who demonstrates exceptional academic performance in the areas of labor and employment law. The recipient is selected by the faculty.

**Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA) Outstanding Student Award** is presented to a student who has excelled in assisting or representing individual or organizational clients; and who has provided thoughtful exploration of legal, ethical, strategic, professional, and other pertinent issues raised in a particular clinic.

**Robert J. Connelly Trial Technique Awards** are presented to the students who have the best performance record in the course in trial technique, as selected by their instructors. The award is presented in honor of Robert J. Connelly, who was an exceptionally able trial lawyer prior to his tragic and untimely death at age 44.

**Professor Louis DelCotto Award** is given to the member of the graduating class whose academic performance in the area of taxation is outstanding, as recommended by the faculty. The award commemorates Louis A. DelCotto, Class of 1951, a beloved professor who taught tax law from 1961 to 1998, and developed the sequence of courses in taxation taught at the School of Law.

**Justice M. Dolores Denman Award** was established by the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York and commemorates the Honorable M. Dolores Denman, Class of 1965, who was the first woman to be named presiding justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department. The Denman Award is presented to a member of the graduating class who is a custodial parent to offset the costs of daycare and other child-rearing expenses during the bar study period.

**Monique E. Emdin Memorial Award** is given to one or more graduating students who are members of groups traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession and who demonstrate a commitment to community service, including significant service in faith-based communities, and/or have made significant contributions to the law school through involvement in student groups. This award memorializes Monique E. Emdin, a graduate of the class of 2007, a former associate at Hiscock & Barclay LLP, and a dedicated member of the Bethesda World Harvest International Church.

**Maurice Frey Award** is given to the member of the graduating class whose academic performance in the area of family law is most exceptional. It is named to honor the memory of Maurice Frey, a prominent attorney who cared deeply about legal education, created the Trial Technique Program, and taught at the School of Law for a number of years. He also worked tirelessly in the community to ensure that our legal system served and protected all members of our society.

**William R. Greiner "Committed Humility" Award** is presented to the student in the graduating class who, in the opinion of the Vice Dean for Student Affairs and the two most senior members of the faculty, best exemplifies the style of leadership that distinguished Bill Greiner. In his roles as Associate Dean of the School of Law, and as Associate Provost, Provost, and for 13 years President of the University, he exemplified an openness to the opinions of others, humane compassion for individuals, a sense of perspective and proportion, a love of humor and irony, and, most importantly, an acceptance of personal fallibility.

**Justice Philip Halpern Award** is given to the member of the graduating class for excellence in writing on the *Buffalo Law Review*. Prior to becoming a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Justice Halpern was dean of the School of Law and a member of the faculty for 27 years. The winner is determined by the editorial board and the faculty adviser.

**Professor Thomas E. Headrick "Trees and Forest" Award** is given to the student of corporate finance who most clearly recognizes that a corporate practitioner needs both to understand the transaction fully and to get the details precisely correct.

**Judge Matthew J. Jasen Appellate Practice Award** is presented to the member of the graduating class who in course work and Moot Court Competition has shown outstanding achievement in appellate advocacy. The award is given to honor the memory of Judge Jasen, Class of 1939, and is supported by his friends and former clerks.

**Milton Kaplan Award in Law and Social Development** is named to honor the memory of Milton Kaplan, Professor of Law from 1965 to 1986. As teacher and colleague, Professor Kaplan is admired for his selfless dedication to students and colleagues and for his penetrating yet admirably unassuming scholarship. Throughout his career, he was committed to the shaping of law to improve the conditions of public life in local communities around the world. The Milton Kaplan Award honors a member of the graduating class who best demonstrates exceptional commitment to the study of law and social development in an American, comparative, or international context.

**James M. Kieffer Trial Excellence Award** is presented to the member of the graduating class whose proficiency in trial advocacy has been most outstanding. Selection is based on performance in both coursework and trial competitions. The award is named in memory of James M. Kieffer, a nationally recognized trial attorney who practiced in Western New York.

**David Kochery Award** is provided by the family and friends of David Kochery who taught at the School of Law from 1953 to 1980. It is awarded to a member of the graduating class who best exemplifies the traits of community leadership through service outside the school and involvement in one or more student organizations.

## Awards and Prizes

**The Lavender Gavel Award** recognizes a graduating student for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments in the pursuit of LGBTQ+ visibility, dignity, and civil rights.

**Professor Virginia Leary Award** is given to the member of the graduating class whose academic performance in the area of international law is outstanding, as recommended by the faculty. The award is given in memory of Virginia Leary, a beloved SUNY Distinguished Service Professor who taught international law from 1976 to 1995, and developed the sequence of courses in international law taught at the School of Law.

### **Minority Bar Foundation's Legal Commencement**

**Awards** is presented to a member of the graduating class who, in the judgment of the Minority Bar Foundation and the School of Law, has exemplified the high standards of the profession by virtue of scholastic achievement and leadership, and who has demonstrated a significant commitment to effectuating changes within the legal system that address the needs of the minority community.

**Moot Evidence Award** is presented to the member of the graduating class for the best performance in the area of evidence as determined by the faculty. The award is given in honor of Welles and Caroline Moot and in remembrance of Adelbert Moot, who taught evidence in the founding years of the School of Law.

**Albert R. Mugal Award** is given to the member of the graduating class who has demonstrated the greatest proficiency in future interests and estate planning law. The award is named to honor the memory of Albert R. Mugal, Class of 1941, a founder of the law firm of Jaekle Fleischmann & Mugal. He taught future interests and estate planning at the School of Law as an adjunct professor for over fifty years. During his long career in practice, he served the community with great distinction.

**Ryan J. Mullins Award** is given to the member of the graduating class demonstrating the greatest commitment to and proficiency in criminal law and criminal trial practice skills. Ryan J. Mullins, a member of the class of 2005, died suddenly in September 2003. To honor his memory, his classmates, family, friends and members of the School of Law community established this award.

**The Order of Barristers** is a national oralists honors society. The members include students who have shown dedication and who have excelled in the art of oral advocacy and service to the law school's moot court program. Each year, eight to ten students are elected to membership in the organization as nominated by the Director of Moot Courts.

**The Order of the Coif** is an honorary scholastic society whose philosophical roots stretch back to medieval English jurisprudence. Coif membership is offered to graduating students who display excellence in legal education by demonstrating a spirit of careful study and academic success. New members who demonstrate such scholarly success join lawyers, judges, and teachers who have attained high distinction for their continued scholarly or professional accomplishments. UB School of Law has been a member since 2014. Students selected for this distinction are denoted in the list of JD candidates by †.

**The Harry A. Rachlin Prize in Real Property Law and Real Estate Transactions** was established by the family of Harry A. Rachlin, Class of 1926, who during his lengthy and renowned career was a leading authority regarding the New York State Lien Law. Mr. Rachlin served as a lecturer and maintained an ongoing interest in the welfare of University at Buffalo School of Law students. The prize is awarded to members of the graduating class who exhibit excellence in research, clinical and academic performance in the areas of real property law, housing, housing finance and real estate transactions as determined by the faculty and administration of the School of Law.

**Judge William J. Regan Award** is given to the member of the graduating class who has demonstrated the greatest proficiency in estates and surrogate's law, and who is motivated by a strong concern for public service and public welfare. The award is named to honor the memory of Judge William J. Regan, Class of 1938, and Erie County Surrogate from 1963 to 1981. During his long career in practice and on the bench, he served the community with great distinction. This award is supported from a fund donated by friends of Judge Regan.

**UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD Group Award** is given to the member of the graduating class who has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills in advancing the mission of the School of Law and enhancing its reputation for excellence in legal education.

**Cornelius W. Wickersham, Jr. Award** is presented to the member of the graduating class who is the highest ranking student in the field of Constitutional Law. This award is given by the Federal Bar Council. The Federal Bar Council was formed in 1932 after breaking away from the national bar association to protest its refusal to admit minority bar members. Mr. Wickersham was its president from 1955-1957.

**Women Lawyers of Western New York Award** is presented to a member of the graduating class who contributes to the advancement of women in our society, promotes the issues and concerns of women in the legal profession, and who has demonstrated academic achievement as well as a commitment to service to others. The recipient is selected by the board of directors of the Women Lawyers of Western New York.



# Candidates for Degrees

*Subject to completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon those individuals listed herein who were identified by April 10, 2023 and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral.*

*Degree recipients will come forward to be congratulated during the commencement ceremony.*

## Recommending Candidates for Degrees

Dean Aviva Abramovsky

## Master of Laws

**February 1, 2023**

Romana Afroze  
*LL.B., University of Dhaka*  
*LL.M., University of Dhaka*

**June 15, 2023**

Amelia Jane Carrothers  
*B.A., University of Toronto*  
*LL.B., University of Dundee*

E. Joo Chua  
*LL.B., University of Northumbria at Newcastle*

Mohsin Ilyas  
*LL.B., University of the Punjab, Lahore*  
*B.Sc., Government College University, Lahore*

Artenis Peka  
*M.S., University of New York, Tirana*

Pablo Suarez Namen  
*LL.B., Universidad de Los Andes*  
*LL.M., Economic Criminal Law, Universidad Internacional de la Rioja*

**August 31, 2023**

Maya Elias Massaad  
*LL.B., Lebanese University, Beirut*  
*LL.M., International Business Law, Lebanese University, Beirut*

## Juris Doctor

**February 1, 2023**

Jessica Renee Choai  
*B.A., University at Buffalo*  
*B.S., University at Buffalo*

Jasmin Kaur Gill  
*B.A., York University*

Andrew Gerson Steinhaus  
*B.A., University at Buffalo*

**June 15, 2023**

Bamisope Adeyanju  
*LL.M., Adekunle Ajasin University*  
*B.L., Nigerian Law School*

Geoffrey Chiwetalu Adonu †  
*LL.B., Babcock University*  
*LL.M., New York University*

Eric M. Albrecht  
*B.A., Kenyon College*

Alize Kathleen Allen  
*B.A., Canisius College*

Thomas Amalan Ambalavanar  
*B.A., SUNY Geneseo*

Thomas R. Anderson  
*B.B.A., St. Bonaventure University*

Michael C. Arena  
*B.A., St. Bonaventure University*

Steven Arias  
*B.S., Fordham University*

Alicia J. Artis  
*B.S., Wheaton College*

Kari Marisa Ashworth  
*B.S., SUNY Brockport*

Hannah Fowler Atkinson  
*B.A., SUNY Geneseo*

Lyndsey Mae Bailey  
*B.A., Niagara University*

Sarah Ann Bailey  
*B.A., University at Buffalo*

Monica Jane Benjovsky  
*B.S., Binghamton University*

Olivia A. Binda  
*B.A., SUNY Geneseo*

David Michael Burgio †  
*B.S., University at Buffalo*

Adelyn Grace Burns  
*B.A., John Carroll University*

Madeline Sarah Margaret Burns  
*B.A., Providence College*

Thomas Michael Byrne  
*B.S., Utica College*  
*M.S., Utica College*

Kristen Marie Cascio †  
*B.S., Cornell University*  
*M.A., Northwestern University*

Jianan Chen  
*B.A., North China University of Technology*

Rebecca Sophia Chillelli  
*B.A., B.S., Daemen College*

Kerry A. Conner  
*B.A., University at Albany*

Micah Christian Coons  
*B.Mus., University of Hartford*

Scott M. Covino  
*B.A., University at Buffalo*

Kristen Leigh Crow †  
*B.A., Queens College*

Steven John Dahlberg  
*B.A., SUNY Geneseo*

Eamon Casey Danieu  
*B.A., SUNY Geneseo*



Hannah Rose Davis  
*B.S., Hofstra University*

Carl Anthony De Las Llagas  
*B.S., McMaster University*

Krista Rose DeAntonis  
*B.S., Miami University*

Jason Delmont †  
*B.S., University of Pittsburgh*

Charles S. Desmond  
*B.A., University at Buffalo*

Scott Michael Draffin †  
*B.A., Florida State University*  
*M.Mus., Georgia State University*

Carolyn Marie Duttweiler †  
*B.A., Houghton College*

Taylor Alyssa Dwigun  
*B.A., University of Maryland, College Park*

Winter Elizabeth Eaton  
*B.A., Roanoke College*

Stephen C. Edgett  
*B.A., St. John Fisher College*

Jordan Ross Einhorn  
*B.A., University at Buffalo*

Jamie E. Englerth †  
*B.S., Roberts Wesleyan College*

Peter Christopher Evancho  
*B.S., University of Rochester*  
*M.S., Brown University*

Christopher Michael Fisher  
*B.S., Rochester Institute of Technology*

Scott Tyler Fogel  
*B.A., University of Dayton*  
*M.P.A., Cornell University*

Giovanni Gaglianese  
*B.A., University at Buffalo*

Julia Nicole Gaglio  
*B.A., Ohio State University*

Eoin F. Gallagher  
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*Subject to completion of all degree requirements and satisfaction of the following minimum criteria, Latin honors may be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements. To qualify for Latin honors, students must present a minimum of 60 credit hours of UB undergraduate coursework, at least 54 of which must be graded credits (i.e., not satisfactory or unsatisfactory [grades of 'S' or 'U']). The UB GPA must be a minimum of 3.2 (to 3.499) for cum laude, 3.5 (to 3.749) for magna cum laude and 3.75 (to 4.0) for summa cum laude.*

*To receive the Latin honors designation in the printed 2023 commencement programs, candidates for the June 2023 degree conferral date must qualify based upon their UB cumulative GPA through the Winter 2023 session and total number of UB credit hours projected through the Spring 2023 semester. Standings for Latin honors MAY change once final grades are posted or degrees conferred.*

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# Academic Costume

The traditional costume worn at the Commencement Exercise is a record of academic achievement of the individuals taking part. Its use, which originated at English and European universities during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, came to the United States in 1754 with the founding of what is now Columbia University.

In 1895, the Intercollegiate Commission, a group of leading American educators, met at Columbia to draft a code that would serve to regulate the design of gowns and hoods for various degrees as well as to fix the colors that indicate the various faculties. This code has been adopted by most of the colleges and universities in America. It was revised in 1932 and again in 1959.

The level of degree held is indicated by the gown's cut. Doctoral gowns have full sleeves, which are round and open. Gowns worn by bachelors have long pointed sleeves, and those worn by masters have long, closed, somewhat fuller sleeves which reach nearly to the wearer's knees. The arm goes through a slit, giving the appearance of short sleeves.

The color as well as cut of the gown varies. Although most doctoral gowns are black, in some cases their color is that of the university conferring the degree. The doctoral gown is trimmed in velvet; it has three two-inch bars on the sleeves and a five-inch border extending from the back of the neck down the two sides in front. Although usually black, the velvet may be of a color that indicates the nature of the degree.

Master's and bachelor's gowns have no facing. The hood seems to have had a more practical origin. During the Middle Ages, monks wore them to protect their shaved heads in the winter and as a container in which to collect alms. It is the most significant part of the academic dress. Its shape and size indicate the degree of the wearer, the color of the velvet border indicates the academic field, and the lining indicates the color or colors of the institution granting the degree. The bachelor's hood is three feet long and has a two-inch velvet border, the master's is three and one-half feet long and has a three-inch border, and the doctor's is four feet with a five-inch border. The University at Buffalo hood is lined with blue and gold stripes.

The mortarboard cap has been conventionalized from the skull cap which was worn by monks of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The mortarboard is usually black. Tassels are worn over the left front quarter by degree holders; candidates wear the tassel over the right front quarter until the degree is conferred.

Graduates wearing color cords were given cords as recognition of their participation in certain student groups by these groups as follows:

## Academic Recognition Items

### The Coif Disk

A felt disk is awarded to JD/LLM students who are graduating in the top 10% of the class. Students are denoted by †

### The Gold Cord

This cord is awarded to bachelor students who are graduating with Latin honors.

### The Grey and Red Stole

This stole was received by students who are University Honors College graduates.

## Non-Academic, School of Law Recognition Items

### The Blue and White Cord

This cord was received by students who participated in one or more student social groups.

### The Burgundy Cord

This cord was received by students who participated in the *Buffalo Law Review*.

### The Green Cord

This cord was received by students who participated in a specialty journal.

### The Purple Cord

This cord was received by students who participated in moot courts and trial teams.

### The Royal Blue Cord

This cord was received by students who participated in a law affinity student group.

### The White Cord

This cord was received by students who exhibited a strong commitment to pro bono services while in law school, having delivered more than 400 pro bono hours, or engaged in other extraordinary pro bono service

Graduating students may also wear recognition items unique to their own identity or individual student organizations.

## Non-Academic, University-Wide Recognition Items

### The Kente Stole

This stole was received by students who participate in UB's ALANA Celebration of Achievement which historically has honored graduating African, Latino/a, Asian and Native American students.

### The Rainbow Tassel

This tassel was received by students who participate in the Lavender Ceremony, celebrating achievements of graduating students who identify with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer community at UB.

### The Red, White and Blue Cord

This cord is worn by graduating UB students who are reservists, members of the National guard, newly commissioned officers or veterans of the United States armed forces.

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### **Verse 1:**

The pride of our spirit and tradition,  
Our alma mater's truth and name declare.  
Celebrate our history and wisdom,  
O let us all prepare to sing her glory.

### **Refrain:**

To Buffalo all hail to thee,  
Noble and strong it's our university!  
To blue and white pledge loyalty,  
Singing, I will always remember thee!

### **Verse 2:**

We'll ever keep our standards high,  
And sing UB's praises to the sky.  
Receiving the finest education,  
Our knowledge we impart unto the nations.  
(Repeat refrain)

### **Verse 3:**

Our friends we've made with ties that bind,  
A union of our spirit, heart, and mind.  
Together we'll continue life's journey,  
O may dear Buffalo forever be.  
(Repeat refrain)

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