



Chicago-Kent College of Law

2024 COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, May 12, 2024
Chicago, Illinois





Order of Exercises

Processional

Chicago-Kent Faculty and Administration
Members from the Class of 1974
Class of 2024
“Pomp and Circumstance”
Performed by Chicago Classic Brass

National Anthem

Cameo Humes

Welcoming Remarks

Anita K. Krug
Dean, Chicago-Kent College of Law
Professor of Law

Class of 2024 Remarks

Paul Theodore Ansani
Valedictorian
Irakli Chomakhashvili
LL.M. Class Speaker

Commencement Address

Billy Dec '99

Conferral of Degrees

Introduction of
Class of 2024

Stephen D. Sowle
Associate Dean for Academic
Affairs and Senior Lecturer

Closing Remarks

Randy Micheletti '09
Alumni Board President

Anita K. Krug
Dean, Chicago-Kent College of Law
Professor of Law

Recessional

“Triumphal March”



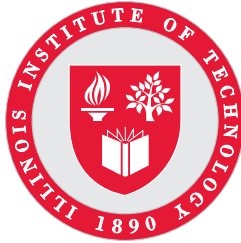
Commencement Speaker

Billy Dec

Billy Dec '99 is a two-time Emmy Award-winning TV personality, actor, serial entrepreneur, creative leader, and philanthropist. He has curated a diverse portfolio of cutting-edge ventures that stand as pillars of excellence, rooted in his unwavering commitment to impact, community, and care, including the Sunda New Asian Restaurant Group, the Underground Cocktail Club, HR Pro, and multi-faceted COACT Creative Agency.

Dec has been a regular on national TV shows such as NBC's "The Today Show," and has acted in films and TV shows such as "Criminal Minds," "Empire," and "Chicago Fire." He hosts his own podcast, and his documentary *FOOD ROOTS*—where Dec traveled back to his mother's native 7,641 islands of the Philippines to learn the recipes of his ancestors, to discover lost secrets, and family treasures—is winning awards and fanfare in film festivals across the country.

Dec is a Harvard Business School alum and presidential appointee serving five years on the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, and the White House Bullying Prevention Task Force. Dec formerly served as the director of cultural relations for the Chicago/United States 2016 Olympic Committee, and has received several awards including the Chicago-Kent College of Law Professional Achievement Award, State's Attorney's Community Leadership Award, State of Illinois Excellence in Business Award, Asian American Hall of Fame Award, and the Illinois Institute of Technology Personal Achievement Award, to name a few.



2024 Valedictorian and LL.M. Class Speaker

Valedictorian

Paul Theodore Ansani

Paul Theodore Ansani graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in mathematics. Before attending law school, Ansani worked as an engineer at a consumer products company in Chicago for five years. At Chicago-Kent Ansani served as a research assistant for Professor of Law Steven Heyman and a teaching assistant for Contracts and Legal Writing courses.

Ansani was active in extracurricular activities at Chicago-Kent. He served as an executive articles editor for the *Chicago-Kent Law Review* and on the executive board of the Moot Court Honors Society. During his third year, Ansani participated in the Chicago Environmental and Energy Law Clinic and completed an externship with a judge in the Northern District of Illinois. During summer 2023, Ansani worked as a summer associate in Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP's Chicago office. He will be joining the firm's patent litigation team upon graduating.

LL.M. Class Speaker

Irakli Chomakhashvili

Irakli Chomakhashvili, born in the Republic of Georgia, is a distinguished legal professional and academic with a comprehensive background in law. He began his academic journey at Ilia State University, where he completed his bachelor's degree in law. He further advanced his legal studies by earning a master's degree in law from Tbilisi State University. Currently, he is a researcher and doctoral candidate at the Eastern European University.

Chomakhashvili's professional career is marked by his seven-year membership with the Georgian Bar Association. His expertise and dedication to legal education has also led him to serve as an invited professor at Ilia State University, where he imparts his knowledge to the next generation of legal professionals. In 2022, Chomakhashvili passed the Republic of Georgia's judicial qualification exams.

In recognition of his academic excellence and potential, he was awarded a full semester scholarship to Chicago-Kent's LL.M. programs. At Chicago-Kent Chomakhashvili earned a CALI Award in Business Organizations and excelled in the school's global business and financial law LL.M. degree program.



2024 Commencement Participants

Legacy Hooders

Legacy hooders are Chicago-Kent or Illinois Tech alumni and who are immediate family members of students in the graduating class. Thank you to our alumni who are continuing this Chicago-Kent tradition!

Margaret Bareck
Philip Bareck
Lorena Bregaj
Claudia G. Conlon

Mahmoud Ebrahim
Andrew Kumiega
Eddie Martinez
Michael O'Donnell

Rosalind Pando
Catherine Sigmer
Bruno Tassone
Sofia Valdivia

Faculty Hooders and Faculty Distributing Diplomas

Joseph M. Claps
Angela B. Debush
Raff Donelson
David A. Erickson
Jamie S. Franklin
Douglas Wm. Godfrey

Jordana R. Goodman
Richard Kling
Harold J. Krent
Mary T. Nagel
Greg Reilly
Jenifer M. Robbins

Sheldon L. Solow
Matthew Stanton
Adrian J. Walters
Adam Weber
Jean M. Wenger

Golden Graduates—Class of 1974

It is our privilege and honor to welcome a very special group amongst us today: the newest class of Golden Society members, the Class of 1974. Here, we offer our deepest respect, admiration, and gratitude to this year's Golden Graduates in celebration of your 50th anniversary since graduating from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

More than fifty years ago, you made the decision to embark on a journey that would shape the course of your lives in ways you may have never imagined. Entering the halls of 10 North Franklin as eager-to-learn young fledglings thirsty for knowledge, you've emerged as exemplary graduates, equipped with hands-on knowledge, life experiences, and success stories that could last a lifetime. I hope the lessons that you learned during your time at Chicago-Kent played a contributing factor in your success.

As we are all gathered here today to celebrate Chicago-Kent's Class of 2024, let us take a moment to honor the legacy of this year's Golden Grads, the Class of 1974, whose stories of accomplishments continue to inspire—and benefit—all of us and the future legal scholars of Chicago-Kent for generations to come.

Members of the Class of 1974

Harry Bulkeley
Anthony Cascino Jr.
M. Edwin Garman

Robert Gill
David Julian
Dennis Kellogg

Charles Murphy
E. James Raymond
Leslie Penelope Recht

2024 Recipients of the Master of Laws (LL.M.)

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in U.S., International & Transnational Law

Miralam Baghirov
Naima Bendada
Oleh Bilyk
Marion Blanchard
Alexander Blumel
Marina Carlotti
Harutyun Chadryan
Fare Dahabra
Yuliia Datsenko
Radostin Zlatkov Dimitrov
Leyla Elshansoy
Ramy Farid
Liliia Goncharova
Anouk Grospitz
Dogancan Gul
Ayse Ayca Habiboglu
Sofiiia Ivanishiv
Maksym Kariev
Daniel Khaluyev Kobernyuk
Ihor Khudo
Tinatin Khurtsilava
Bugse Kilic
Ana Kobakhidze

Mariami Kvirkvia
Nini Maglakeridze
Arantxa Monserrat Nuñez Guerrero
Sabina Paiziyeva
Dmytro Perepelytsia
Veronika Rakhlina
Omor Samidinov
Armine Shavoyan
Avtandil Sofromadze
Rassul Soltabay
Iroda Suyunova Shuhrat qizi
Raja Teichert
Nurmambet Toktomatov
Toghrul Valiyev
Mariana Vasyliv
Mariia Vinnytska
Arnold Visha
Maryna Wilson
Xinye Xia
Jichuan Xie
Junjie Xu
Vladyslav Yastrubetskyi
Amiraslan Yusifov

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Global Business & Financial Law

Assel Alimkanova
Irakli Chomakhashvili
Sharon Cornelis
Melita Diakonidze
Cesar Guadalupe Guevara Morales
Sopiko Gugava
Zhu Huang
Alexandra Martina Jahn
Holta Kora
Metekorkmaz

Igor Kryzhanovskiy
Joana Leonard Lipe
Zurabi Mukhuradze
Gulnara Nurseitova
Leandro A. Osmenllari
Raffaella Carlotta Roschmann
Franziska Ana Sadzio
Salome Shvelidze
Dongxu Yang

2024 Recipients of the Master of Laws (LL.M.) *Continued*

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Intellectual Property

Nuraim Arstanbekova
Lou Dutreil
Nataliia Gorodetska
Lars Hamerich
Marta Hvozdianska

Tshaina Mutamba
Sai Krishna Potta
Mariami Siradze
Mihail Stanev

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Legal Innovation + Technology

Hassan Ansari
Otar Dughashvili
Emil Huseynov
Gvantsa Kalandadze
Mykhailo Kuzemskyi
Azer Mammadov

Flavjan Ndrejaj
Oguzhan Simsek
Rabab Taha
Abdulsamed Burak Turak
Moses Okon Usuh-Abia
Firat Yertutanol

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Trial Advocacy

Ana Abashidze
Michell Estevez Perez
Fabienne Fuchser
Diana Grigoryan
Sukhrob Issakhanov
Yosyf Ivanyuk
Oleksandr Kuriachyi
Viktor Kushyk
Viktoriia Marchyn

Ikechi Nkemakolam Nwosu
Dragana Petronijevic
Xuehua Rao
Kostiantyn Sheiko
Khrystyna Slyusarchuk
Hira Tunio
Riste Vrtovski
Junying Wu
Qi Xiao

2024 Recipients of the Juris Doctor (J.D.) and the Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D.)

Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D.)

Ahmed Alothman**
Ning Ding
Patricia Villa Berger**

Juris Doctor (J.D.)

Paul T. Ansani*
Alexander Apelt
Cassidy Jeanine Aranda
Hannah Auten*
Matthew Baldwin
Abigail Barce*
Paige N. Bareck
Kimberly M. Bernhard***
Neekita Bhatia
Natalie Rachael Bober
Nicholas Boblet
Alexander M. Boehmer
Emile Boghos
Nicholas Michael Bowman
Miles Bravo
Jordan F. Briggs
David Sigmar Browne
Allyson Buchanan
Claire Frances Bullington
Manuela Burek*
Emma Byrne
Ariella Campisi
Emanuel Centeno
Michelle Kathleen Clayton
Annamarie Grazia Clobuciar
Shadawn Coleman-Epps
Christopher Carson Conlon
Julia Kerns Cormier
Scott Cornelius
Andrew Coronado
Lucas Coughlin***
Steven Gregory Criner*

John W. DeBacker
Jordan DeGayner***
Tyler N. Denis
Caitlyn J. Dever
Alexandria Devlin
Jennifer Dickey***
Milan Doan
Kylie Rose Dodd
Fei Du
Sydney Duncan
David Luis Duran
Sylvie Durlacher*
Brittany Dushman
Keegan Dyer
Lena Mahmoud Ebrahim
Abigail Shireen Ellis
Alexis Endres Beck
Brendan Isaac Epton
Jerosem Esparza Castillo
Amit Yoseph Etiel
Brooke Evans
Kayla Keshvar Farhang
Henry Wells Ferolie
Clarice Siobhan Fisher*
Madeleine A. Fontenot*
Jackson Thomas Frank
Zachary Frey
Erin Elizabeth Gallagher
Rafael Antonio Garcia
Zoe Christina Gatzimos
Kyla Patricia Gauthier-Vaughn
Joshua Joseph Geiger

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2024 Recipients of the Juris Doctor (J.D.) *Continued*

Michael James Geistler
Marisa Gelabert
Danielle Lee Gensburg
Mauricio Gomez Franco
John Gorman*
Sarah Marie Gortowski
Justin Howard Gunn
Helen Gustafson*
Isaac Harnden
Grace Heidorn
Blanca Henkle Blank
Madison Hernandez-Barber
Samuel Hettel
Tyler Hicks
Jessica Leigh Eakin Himes
Brandon Chase Holifield
Megan Hovde
Anita Huang
Blake Huggins
Sophie B. Ilunga
Oneil J. Jano
Mohammad Hasan Javed
Zariya Jeffers
Krina Jhala
Lynne Anne Johnson
Charles Jerit Johnson*
Justin Guy Jourdan
Jenny GuWon Jung
Cloey M. Kantzioris
Seema Rukhsi Kareemi
Parker Karmel
Jessica Kenely
Abir Khan
Aarushi Khanna
Umang Khanna
Sandra Khouri* ***
Gillian Kimmons
Scott Klingler
Gabriel Patrick Kokoszka
Stephen L. Koniak*
Mariana Kostova
Carrie Kumiega
Fiona Madelyn Lamb

Bridget Lenczewski
Kunthyliza Leng
Elizabeth Therese Lerum
Yuri Levin-Schwartz*
Ari Lieberman
Lydia Lieberman
Robert H. Linkhart
Sydney Ilana Liss-Abraham
Nicole Ita Lopatinsky
Patrick Joseph Lynch
Ethan Michael Lyons
Justin Manns
Megan Manoj
Jacob Bachrach Marshall*
Kyla Jacqueline Marshall
Damia Marshall
Berenice Martinez
Christopher Mather
David Mattson
Blake Dillon McAtee
Lyndi Elizabeth McVey
Maegan Merrill
Madalynn Sarah Mershon
Tasneem Mewa*
Bradley Michalowski
Amanda Miller
Morgan Minow
Ayesha Mohammed
Adrian Moons***
Pablo E. Moreno
Charles Lee Morris Jr.
Haya Muhammad
Ryan Musleh*
Samantha N. Myers-Dineen
Eddie Nahhas
Patricia Clare Napleton
Monika Nasiadka***
Michael George Nega Jr.
Christopher Bandom Nevarez Azdar
Haley Nickles
Theo George Noparstak
Rachael Joy Norris
Aleksander John Nosewicz

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2024 Recipients of the Juris Doctor (J.D.) *Continued*

Mary Kate Nowak	Alon Spevak
Connor James O'Donnell	Emily St. Martin
Blythe Oswald Pabon	Emily M. Stockhus
John Zachary Pacer	Jacob Strauss
Alisha Matilda Marie Panthier	Dipak Sundaram
Jonathan Michael Panton	Evelyn Tarnovsky*
Sei Hyeon Park	Danielle Christine Taylor*
Dongjin Park	Nouh Yemane Tekle***
Audrey Yaujin Park	Andrea M. Teran
Jonathan James Potter	Allison E. Terry
Grace Quigley	Christophilos Theodosios
Christine Raghubar	Cameron Joseph Thomas
J. Jackson Rainville	Samantha Siew Thomas
Diayan Vijithan Rajamohan***	Aaron K. Thompson*
Noah Ramirez	Paul James Tonner
Ricardo Ramirez	Nathan P. Toy
Angelica Christine Ramos Jalasco	Brian Alexander Tyler
Sara King Rash	Heather N. Urbanczyk
Philip Rinaldi	Sabrina Marie Valdez
Eleanor Riordan	Nicholas Valdivia
Erick Baldemar Rivera	Sofia Villeda
William John Rohm	Yiwen Wang
Gerardo Ruiz	Kaitlyn Marypat Watkins
Hannah Russell	Elizabeth Weber
Michael Hideo Sakamoto	Daniel Jacob Weil
Dania Mohammad Saleh	Sydney Weiss* ***
Jose Antonio Salinas	Hannah Lindsay Werner
Lindsey Sanderson	Nancy Valeria Whaley
Janie Sanford Hardiman***	John David Whigham II*
Nayla Lianne Sater***	Hannah Faith Wiese
Marissa Scavelli	Jetaun Williams***
Ian K. Schmidt*	Shelby La Rue Wilson
Jessie Sharon*	Justus Quinn Winston
Benjamin Sheinbein	Katherine Withers
Sydney Shelstad	Claudia Wojslaw
Emily Shimanovsky	Samantha Rachel Wolf
Edward Clinton O'Neil Shivers	Caroline Grace Woodmancy
Samantha Smith	Ashley Moy-Wooten
Liberty Renee Smith	Yasmeen Yousif***
Chelsea Joann Smith***	Anne M. Zakrzewski
Charles Sommers	Noah William Zeyl
Suyung Song***	Zhuhui Zhang
John Thomas Spellman	

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The Bar and Gavel Society

The Student Bar Association (SBA) recognizes graduates who have provided outstanding service to the College, the community, and the legal profession by inducting them into The Bar and Gavel Society, an honorary organization. The society places emphasis on rewarding unrecognized service.

The 2024 inductees are:

Paul T. Ansani

Claire Frances Bullington

David Luis Duran

Alexis Endres Beck

Clarice Siobhan Fisher

Anita Huang

Seema Rukhsi Kareemi

Lyndi Elizabeth McVey

Blythe Oswald Pabon

Erick Baldemar Rivera

Evelyn Tarnovsky

Danielle Christine Taylor

Kaitlyn Marypat Watkins

Katherine Withers

Claudia Wojslaw

Academic Regalia

Much of American academic costume is derived from that worn at British universities, particularly Oxford. When Oxford University was granted a charter in 1241, its members wore clerical garb because of the close connection between the university and the church. Academic apparel for colleges and universities in the United States was first introduced at Williams College in 1887. The Intercollegiate Commission drafted the first uniform code in 1895.

GOWN

The bachelor's gown is untrimmed, with long pointed sleeves, and is worn closed. The master's gown has long crescent-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed. The doctor's gown has velvet facing down the front and three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves. The velvet is either black or the color of the major field of study. For years most gowns were black, but in the past two decades some American institutions have followed the British usage of red or college colors.

HOOD

The hood is the most important and distinctive feature of the American system. It was originally intended as a head cover and shoulder cape. The color of the trim (edging) is indicated the degree field; for example, law is purple, engineering is orange, architecture is brown. The length of the hood and the width of the trim indicate the degree earned, the doctor's hood being the longest with the widest trim. The color or colors of the hood lining indicate the degree-granting institution. The Illinois Institute of Technology hood lining has the school colors, a single grey chevron on a scarlet field.

CAP AND TASSEL

The academic cap was a later development, first worn as a symbol of the master's degree. The mortar board style cap is an Oxford development. Other European universities have variations—some caps soft, others square, and some round with a tuft in the center. Soft velvet tams with four, six, or eight corners have become popular, superseding the mortar board as the headgear of choice for juris doctors. The tassel of today is an elaboration of the tuft. The Intercollegiate Code permits the color of the graduate's tassel to correspond to the authorized color indicating the degree field; the purple tassel signifies law.

CORDS AND STOLES

Chicago-Kent recognizes the tradition of accessories such as cords, medallions, and stoles, in symbolizing academic achievement and the value of acknowledging involvement in law school organizations. Graduates affiliated with a college-approved student organization are wearing a cord or stole during the Commencement ceremony. Cords or stoles represented by a college-approved student organization are as follows:

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Chicago-Kent Chapter —Wedgwood Cord	Hispanic Latinx Law Student Association —Serape Stole
American Constitution Society —Navy/Red/White Cord	Honor Scholars —Gold Cord
Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) —Red and Gold Stole	Jewish Law Students Association —Royal Blue and White Cord
Academic Skills Program (ASP) Teaching Assistants —Black/Gray/White Cord	Kent Justice Foundation —Teal and White Cord
Black Law Students Association —Kente Stole	Labor and Employment Law Society —Black/Green/White Cord
Chicago-Kent Journal of Environmental and Energy Law —Kelly Green Cord	Legal Writing Teaching Assistants —Black/Gray/White Cord
Chicago-Kent Journal of Intellectual Property —Silver Stole with Red Trim	Middle Eastern and North African Law Students Association —Red/Kelly/White Cord
Chicago-Kent Lambdas —Lilac Cord	Moot Court Honor Society —Black/Light Blue/White Cord
Chicago-Kent Law Review —Maroon Stole and Maroon and White Cord	Moot Court Honor Society Executive Board —Light Blue Stole with White Trim
Criminal Law Society —Navy Cord	Muslim Law Students Association —Dark Green and Old Gold Cord
Environmental Law Society —Dark Green/Gray Cord	National Lawyers Guild —Kelly Green and Natural Cord
Evening Law Students —Lavender Cord	Richard J. Conviser Scholars —Red and Gold Cord
First-Generation Law Student Association —Red/Gold/Black Cord	Slavic Law Student Association —Red and White Cord
Hellenic Law Students Association —Light Blue and White Cord	South Asian Law Student Association —Teal Cord
	Student Animal Legal Defense Fund —Black/Orange/White Cord
	Trial Advocacy Team —Maroon Stole with White Lettering
	Women in Law —Purple and White Cord

Chicago-Kent College of Law Full-Time Faculty

Emily Aleisa

Associate Professor of Legal Research and Writing; Assistant Director for Martin H. Malin Institute for Law and the Workplace

Lori B. Andrews

University Distinguished Professor Emerita; Professor of Law Emerita; Director of the Institute for Science, Law, and Technology Emerita

Katharine K. Baker

University Distinguished Professor; Professor of Law

Felice Batlan

Professor of Law; Director of the Institute for Compliance; Co-Director of the Institute for Law and the Humanities

William A. Birdthistle

Professor of Law

Evelyn Brody

Professor of Law Emeritus

Bartram S. Brown

Professor of Law Emeritus; Co-Director of the Program in International and Comparative Law Emeritus

Victoria Carmona

Associate Clinical Professor

Howard S. Chapman

Professor of Law Emeritus

Sungjoon Cho

Professor of Law

Lew Collens

Professor of Law Emeritus; President Emeritus, Illinois Institute of Technology

Lurene Contento

Professor of Legal Writing

Richard Conviser

Professor of Law

Elizabeth De Armond

Professor of Legal Research and Writing; Director of the Legal Research and Writing Program

Rhonda de Freitas

Clinical Professor of Law

Anna Debush

Visiting Assistant Professor

Jonathan P. Decatorsmith

Clinical Professor of Law; Director of Clinical Education

Graeme Dinwoodie

Global Professor of Intellectual Property Law; Co-Director of the Program in Intellectual Property Law

Raff Donelson

Associate Professor of Law

Evan Elsner

Visiting Assistant Professor

Howard C. Eglit

Professor of Law Emeritus

David A. Erickson

Director of the Trial Advocacy Program; Co-Director of the Program in Criminal Litigation; Teaching Professor

Jamie Franklin

Associate Clinical Professor

David Gerber

University Distinguished Professor Emeritus; Professor of Law Emeritus; and Co-Director of the Program in International and Comparative Law Emeritus

Douglas Wm. Godfrey

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Richard J. Gonzalez

Clinical Professor of Law

Jordana R. Goodman

Assistant Professor of Law

Philip Hablutzel

Professor of Law Emeritus; Director of the Institute of Business Law Emeritus

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Associate Professor of Law Emeritus

Edward C. Harris

Associate of Legal Research and Writing

Steven J. Heyman

Professor of Law

Kari Johnson

Professor of Legal Research and Writing

Daniel Martin Katz

Professor of Law; Director of the Law Lab

Cherish M. Keller

Director of the Ilana Diamond Rovner Program in Appellate Advocacy; Professor of Legal Research and Writing

Pam Kentra

Clinical Professor of Law

Nancy Kim

Professor of Law; Michael Paul Galvin Chair in Entrepreneurship and Applied Legal Technology

Richard S. Kling

Clinical Professor of Law

Harold J. Krent

Professor of Law

Chicago-Kent College of Law Full-Time Faculty *Continued*

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Dean; Professor of Law

Gary Laser

Associate Professor of Law Emeritus

Edward Lee

Professor of Law; Co-Director of the Program in Intellectual Property Law

Martin H. Malin

Professor of Law Emeritus

Nancy S. Marder

Professor of Law; Director of The Justice John Paul Stevens Jury Center; Co-Director of the Institute for Law and the Humanities

Mary Nagel

Assistant Professor Legal Writing; Associate Director of Moot Court

Sheldon H. Nahmod

University Distinguished Professor Emeritus; Professor of Law Emeritus

Henry Perritt

Professor of Law Emeritus; Director of the Graduate Program in Financial Services Law Emeritus

Mickie A. Voges Piatt

Associate Professor of Law Emeritus; Co-Director of the Program in Intellectual Property Law Emeritus; Co-Director of the IP Management and Markets Program Emeritus

Nicole Buonocore Porter

Professor of Law; Director of the Martin H. Malin Institute for Law and the Workplace

Gregory Reilly

Associate Professor of Law; Co-Director of the Program in Intellectual Property Law; Associate Dean for Scholarship and Faculty Development

William Reynolds

Assistant Clinical Professor

Eve Rips

Visiting Assistant Professor

Jenifer M. Robbins

Director of Experiential Learning; Associate Teaching Professor

Paul Rogerson

Visiting Assistant Professor

Mark D. Rosen

University Distinguished Professor; Professor of Law

Marsha Ross-Jackson

University Ombudsperson; Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Student Professional Development; Executive Director of the Martin H. Malin Institute for Law and the Workplace; Teaching Professor

David Rudstein

Professor of Law Emeritus

Christopher W. Schmidt

Professor of Law; Co-Director of the Institute on the Supreme Court of the United States

Carolyn Shapiro

Professor of Law; Associate Dean for Academic Administration and Strategic Initiatives

Cary Martin Shelby

Ralph Brill Endowed Chair; Professor of Law

Noah Smith-Drelich

Assistant Professor of Law

Stephen D. Sowle

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Teaching Professor

Michael Spak

Professor of Law Emeritus

Ronald W. Staudt

Professor of Law Emeritus

Joan E. Steinman

University Distinguished Professor Emerita; Professor of Law Emerita

Deadra Woods Stokes

Assistant Clinical Professor

A. Dan Tarlock

University Distinguished Professor Emeritus; Professor of Law Emeritus

James Fallows Tierney

Assistant Professor Law

Adrian J. Walters

Professor of Law; Director of the Program in Business Law

Richard Warner

Professor of Law

Adam Weber

Associate Dean of International Programs; Assistant Teaching Professor

Jean M. Wenger

Director of the Chicago-Kent College of Law Library; Teaching Professor

Richard Wright

University Distinguished Professor Emeritus; Professor of Law Emeritus

Chicago-Kent Senior Administration

Jenna K. Abhijeet

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

Paul E. Johnson

Assistant Dean for Career Development and Professionalism

Anita K. Krug

Dean; Professor of Law

Gregory Reilly

Associate Dean for Scholarship and Faculty Development; Associate Professor of Law

Marsha Ross-Jackson

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Dawn E. Rupcich

Assistant Dean for Administration, Finance, Facilities, Financial Aid, and Information Technology Services

Carolyn Shapiro

Associate Dean for Academic Administration and Strategic Initiatives; Professor of Law

Stephen D. Sowle

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Teaching Professor

Nicole Vilches

Assistant Dean for Admissions

Adam Weber

Associate Dean of International Programs; Assistant Teaching Professor

Jean Wenger

Director of the Chicago-Kent College of Law Library; Teaching Professor

About Chicago-Kent College of Law

Founded in 1888 by two judges who believed that legal education should be available to working men and women, Chicago-Kent College of Law is the second oldest law school in Illinois. It was accredited by the American Bar Association in 1936, became a member of the Association of American Law Schools in 1951, and was elected unanimously to the Order of the Coif law school honor society in 1988. Soon after its founding, the law school graduated its first female and minority students, becoming a leader in legal education early on in its history.

As part of the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago-Kent College of Law has grown into a leader in legal education, recognized for scholarly excellence and for a commitment to being the “law school ahead of the times.” Its faculty, one of the most productive groups of legal scholars in the country through publication of leading texts and articles across a wide array of subjects, bring their scholarship to the classroom where students explore topical issues that enliven discussions and enrich learning.

Chicago-Kent is also renowned for curricular innovation. Its acclaimed legal research and writing program is the most comprehensive legal writing curriculum in the country. The law school is committed to providing interdisciplinary opportunities for legal education through specialized certificate programs in business law, criminal litigation, environmental and energy law, intellectual property law, international and comparative law, labor and employment law, legal innovation and technology, litigation and alternative dispute resolution, privacy law, the praxis program, public interest law, and workplace litigation & alternative dispute resolution. Chicago-Kent also offers a number of advanced degree programs reflecting the law school’s philosophy that tomorrow’s legal professionals will require the broadest possible range of interprofessional skills to achieve success. The school offers dual-degree programs in business administration, environmental management and sustainability, finance, and public policy and administration, as well as LL.M. degrees in global business and financial law; U.S., international and transnational law; international intellectual property law; legal innovation and technology; and trial advocacy for international students.

Another area of curricular innovation is found in the Chicago-Kent Law Offices. The Law Offices pioneered the development of a sequential clinical curriculum and was the first fee-generating law clinic operated by an American law school. Focusing on practical skills training is important at Chicago-Kent; students obtain experience through internships with the Law Offices and externships with law firms, corporate law departments, government agencies, public interest agencies, and federal judges. The law school’s practical skills programs successfully prepare Chicago-Kent graduates for the practice of law and often bring national attention to Chicago-Kent. Students in the trial advocacy and appellate advocacy programs regularly and consistently win local, regional, and national competitions.

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