



Chicago-Kent College of Law

2025 COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, May 18, 2025
Chicago, Illinois





Order of Exercises

Processional

Chicago-Kent Faculty and Administration

Members from the Class of 1975

Class of 2025

“Pomp and Circumstance”

Performed by Chicago Classic Brass

National Anthem

Latice K. Bradshaw

Welcoming Remarks

Anita K. Krug

Dean, Chicago-Kent College of Law

Professor of Law

Class of 2025 Remarks

Colin Robert Boysen

J.D. Class Speaker

Rafael Rezende

LL.M. Class Speaker

Commencement Address

Eileen O’Neill Burke ’90

Conferral of Degrees

Introduction of Class of 2025

Adam Weber

Associate Dean of International Programs,

Associate Teaching Professor

Raff Donelson

Professor of Law, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Closing Remarks

Anita K. Krug

Dean, Chicago-Kent College of Law

Professor of Law

Recessional

“Triumphal March”



Commencement Speaker

Eileen O'Neill Burke

A fourth-generation Chicagoan, Eileen O'Neill Burke was born and raised on the Northwest Side and graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Chicago-Kent College of Law.

O'Neill Burke's deep and diverse experience working on the front lines of the justice system began when she served as a Cook County assistant state's attorney for 10 years. After a decade as a prosecutor, she worked as a criminal defense attorney, helping youth and adults seek justice and fairness in court.

In 2008 O'Neill Burke was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County. She served for eight years, presiding over both criminal and civil court litigation. She has also had special passion for training the newest judges; she and has taught Civil Procedure to every new judge in Illinois since 2012. In 2016 she was elected justice of the First District Appellate Court in Cook County. She issued more than 800 written decisions in both civil and criminal cases, reviewing more than 1,800 trial court decisions.

During her time on the bench, O'Neill Burke has been asked every year to serve as a Judicial Education Faculty member, teaching both trial court and appellate court judges. She also served as the president of the Illinois Judges Association until June 2023, and leading its classroom education efforts.

O'Neill Burke has been married to her husband John for 34 years, with whom she shares four young adult children.



2025 J.D. and LL.M. Class Speaker

J.D. Class Speaker

Colin Robert Boysen

Colin Robert Boysen graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, concentrated on economics, and a minor in criminal justice. Prior to attending law school, Boysen volunteered with the Illinois Innocence Project, which solidified his passion for criminal justice work. While at Chicago-Kent, Boysen participated in the criminal litigation certificate and public interest certificate. He also worked in the Criminal Defense Clinic under Clinical Professor Richard Kling. Boysen also served as a teaching assistant for Professor of Legal Research and Writing Emeritus Douglas Godfrey's Torts course and Visiting Assistant Professor Paul Rogerson's legal writing courses.

Outside of his courses, Boysen served as the president of the Moot Court Honors Society and as a notes and comments editor for *Chicago-Kent Law Review*. He also participated in the Kent Justice Foundation. While competing in American Bar Association's National Appellate Advocacy Competition for moot court, Colin and a classmate won their regional round and advanced to the national competition. Throughout law school, Boysen has interned with both the DuPage County Public Defender and the Cook County Public Defender. After graduating and taking the bar, he will join the DuPage County Public Defender team and advocate for indigent defendants. He will be the first member of his family to graduate law school.

LL.M. Class Speaker

Rafael Rezende

Rafael Rezende was born and raised in the city of Rio de Janeiro. He joined the law school at the Faculdade Nacional de Direito in Rio in the early 2000s and fell in love with the limitless range of opportunities that law could offer.

Upon completing his legal education in 2005, Rezende went to work with Chevron's in-house legal staff in Rio de Janeiro and was soon practicing law by problem solving and dealmaking to enable energy production activities that face immense challenges and often require complex and varied legal solutions.

Rezende continued his legal studies over time as he became more specialized in energy matters and, in 2012, moved to another major energy company in Rio de Janeiro, again as in-house counsel. He has been there for more than 12 years, totaling more than 20 years of legal experience in the energy industry. Over time, his career path led him to diversify his practice as Rezende supported his corporate clients in multiple transnational projects, involving Brazilian, United States, United Kingdom, and African jurisdictions.

Rezende is graduating with honors from Chicago-Kent's LL.M. Program in U.S., International, and Transnational Law. He received a CALI Award for Excellence in Business Organizations.



2025 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!

Tracy Alfonso
Walenty Chwistek
Onyekachukwu Ezeagbai
Vadym Kozma
Kim Metrick
Thomas Planera II
Scott Rudin
Mehdi Shahbazkhanli
Demetre Shakulashvili
Emma Shie
Thomas Shie
Andrew Warren
Gevorg Yeghiazaryan

Faculty Hooders and Faculty Distributing Diplomas

Victoria Carmona
Anna Debush
Rhonda DeFreitas
David A. Erickson
Jamie Franklin
Pedro Gerson
Douglas Godfrey
Jordana Goodman
Edward Harris
Steven Heyman
Cherish Keller
Richard Kling
Harold Krent
Michelle J. Miller
Mary Nagel
Gregory Reilly
Jenifer Robbins
Stephen Sowle
Adam Weber

2025 Recipients of the Master of Laws (LL.M.)

Master of Laws (LL.M) and Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Kristijan Dimoski
Almas Ulugbekuly Samalbayev
Yuye Zhong

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

Yilixiati Abudujilili	Oleksandr Kravets***
Arif Akbilmez	Liliia Kravtsova
Elijah Tanimu Akparibilla	Anvar Kurmushiev
Asanet Aloyan	Meruyert Kyssykova
Khazri Badalov	Jiapeng Li
Pauline Bassompierre	Jianan Liao
Mari Beruashvili	Xuanhao Liu
Alina Bocharova	Reina Miradilova
Ewa Bogdanska***	Anar Moldabekova***
Jolanda Brajniku	Sayedehshima Mousavi
Mariami Burkadze	Oksana Nahnichuk
Camila de la Vega	Iryna Nahorniak***
Ralf Nicolas Demeter***	Prakriti Niroula***
Maksym Diatel	Lida Oniani
Nino Dolidze***	Davit Partsvania
Salome Dvalishvili	Natalia Pidhaina
Ziqi Feng	Rafael Rodrigues de Rezende***
Engin Ekin Gonultas	Ebru Sak
Mazarine Guillossou	Ahmet Tunahan Sapanci
Teona Gurgenidze	Asif Shahbazkhanli
Sophia Holzmuller	Misbah Shahid***
Anna Hryshchenko***	Beka Shakulashvili***
Iuliia Iarmolenko	Nurlan Shamkanov
Aizhan Ikramova	Giorgi Shavliashvili***
Kanan Ismayilov	Tahir Shirinov
Anand R. Joshi	Mariella Shutter***
Lucas Julé	Sviatlana Snitsich
Fjona Kadiu***	Mykhailo Tretiakov***
Salome Kakhidze***	Otari Grigori Tsinadze Gogoladze***
Kateryna Kiriei	Liliia Turchyn
Olha Kivalova	Tetiana Ustyenko
Oleksandra Kobuk	Musa Yigit Uz***
Volodymyr Kobuk	Anna Vyshnevskaya
Arevik Kocharyan	Yuting Wang
Isida Koka	Yuliia Zubkova

*** Completed studies in Fall 2024

2025 Recipients of the Master of Laws (LL.M.) *Continued*

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

Ahmet Akbas
Yuliia Balaban
Aldiyar Bekzhan***
Salome Bolkvadze
Lilith Anna Petra Büschgens***
Vamaxi Chauhan***
Raed Chehade
Ana Guadalupe De la Garza Trevino
Ilker Fatih Guler
Nodirjon Juraev
Asil Efe Kasapoglu

Kateryna Khoma
Tetiana Klymenko
Khrystyna Loboiko
Tamari Meskhia
Sena Ozkan
Beyza Pinar
Ilayda Savci
Ali Sezer
Deniz Tufek
Jimena Villarreal
Lesya Yastrubetska

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

Gorkhmaz Aghayev
Kateryna Bumaha
Asli Erbil
Lami Gunay
Simuzar Hajiyeve
Jennifer Victoria Huwer

Lisa Kermaidic
Jinhui Li
Mila Merlio
Sara Mirza
Ruham Mustafa
Nikita Nayar

Esma Patan
Oguzhan Saribulul
Wen Si
Yuliia Siliarska
Peem Udombunyaluck
Roselyn Vanda-Ice

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

Orkhan Damirli***
Anzhelika Divak
El-Shammah Eigbe***
Chimdindu Ezenwaka***
Dorian Gjeci***
Hilal Selen Haliloglu

Alfonso Laborde Ramirez***
Andrija Lazarevic
Dmytro Remezov
Marta Sarvas
Milan Varadinovic
Harutyun Yesoyan***

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

Saad Ahmed
Ahmed Al Sayed
Umair Ali
Anastasiia Bidakh
Nino Durglishvili
Bohdan Ilchyshyn
Yaryna Khoma
Xhenis Kllogjri

Lidiia Klymkiv
Oksana Kolodiichuk
Moritz Menninger
Gonzalo Molina
Bogdana Ocheret
Tara Orovic Dorgievski
Kristijan Panevski
Inna Popovych

Ihor Puhaiiko
William Racovita
Vasyl Shkviruk
Eylul Tarim
Khalel Tuganbayev***
Nursultan Utkelbayev***
Jorida Vela

*** Completed studies in Fall 2024

2025 Recipients of the Juris Doctor (J.D.) and the Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D.)

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

Kunduz Sharshenbaeva

Juris Doctor (J.D.)

Zainab Abid
Benjamin Abrams
Erin Aguilar
Timothy Alfonso
Yaz Alford
Akarachi Alilonu
Lauren Alshab
Ricardo Alvarez
Sultan Alzahrani
Marely Amador
Alleanne Anderson
Yoss Arianlou
Aikaterina Assimacopoulos
Melissa Avila
Lauren Backhaus
Christina Bailey
Daniel Bailey***
Elizabeth Banegas
Grace Beach
James Berg
Allison Bettlach
Kamila Binkin
Agata Bogdanowicz***
Michael Boland
Tanner Boles
Hanna Bondarowicz
Colin Boysen
Martin Breslin
Gilbert Brighty
Daniel Brooks
Rose Brownstone-Questel
Raquel Cartaya

Madison Castleberry
Sarita Cavazos
Patrick Cesarano
Victor Chahin
Matifadza Chikwava
Anna Christiansen
Katherine Chwistek
Madeline Cintron
Athena Clark
Karyssa Clark
Samuel Clendenning
Aaron Cohen
Emily Cohn
Nico Colombo
Ethan Coniglio
Ethan Corder
Angelie Cortina
Tricia Crabtree
Emily Crone
Mollie Crook
Kelsey Cruz Gonzalez
Sarah Cullen
Shana Dandinashira
Brianna De Frank
John Debbie
Brian Devall
Sophia Diamantakos
Joshua Dicker
Nicholas DiMaggio
Eric Domijancic
Kendall Douglas
Daniela Dulworth

*** Completed studies in Fall 2024

2025 Recipients of the Juris Doctor (J.D.) *Continued*

Mackenna Dunn
Meredith Dworsky
Royal Farley
Rebecca Fauver
Andres Fernandez
Jonathan Frank
Jack Fritschler
Alexandra Fryer
Maya Gabay***
Giana Galle
Kristin Galvin
Julia Garlich
Danesha Garner
Raymond Gaytan
Eric Gershilevich
Joseph Gertner
Jacob Goldwater
Gabrielle Gonzales
Quinn Gottlieb
Katherine Grandori
Rhys Green
Mariana Guerra
Trevor Guidry
Marely Guzman
Melissa Hall***
Sumayya Hameed
Corey Hamilton-Buis
William Hausman
Rebekah Heckler
Corinthia Hicks
Katelyn Holcomb
Dawson Hubbs
Aaron Hunt
Iuliia Iuzyk
Julie Jacobs
Kathleen Jankovich
James Jezierny
Chaim Kalish
Svitlana Kalmanovsky
Derick Kalt
Kyler Kappes
Jordana Kaye
Julia Keszycki

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Jessica Klitsch
David Komisar
Damon Koukoutchos
Clayton Kovich
Jacob Krivitzkin
Thomas Kunnasery
Lyndsay Lazar
Christopher Lazare
Brendan Leahy
Nathan Lewis
Alexis Little
Jordan Madden
Aswini Madugula
Constantine Makris
Daniel Martalogu
Khizr Masalawala
Charles Maurer
Kaitlyn McCaskill
Ellen McClure
Jake McCormick
Dmitri McDonald
John McKeown
Catalina Medrano
Fresa Méndez Alejo
Jordyn Metrick
Allison Miller
Gina Miraglia
Angad Mokha
Alison Moon
Max Moss
Riley Mullen
Regan Murphy
Arezo Nezamabadi
Wan E. Cheryl Ng
Tony Nguyen
Xuan Nguyen
Victor Nino
Jada Nneji
Kahlan Noel
Kathryn Osepek
Sophia Oury

*** Completed studies in Fall 2024

2025 Recipients of the Juris Doctor (J.D.) *Continued*

Matthew Pacyna
Gianna Padula
Jovana Paic
Thomas Panosh
Elizabeth Pegler
Miranda Peña
Stephanie Perez
Elizabeth Perez
Kathrina Pergamentseva
Jacob Philip
Thomas Planera
Annie Poggioli
Adam Popper
Lisa Radosav***
Beverly Radulovic
Elizabeth Railey
Alexis Ramirez
George Rapidis
Omaid Razzaq
Benton Reynolds
Mira Rhodes
David Rudin
Sara Rusnak
Jennifer Russell***
Mitchell Russo
Kristin Ruter
Michaela Rutledge***
Katarzyna V. Rychcik
Nicole Sansouci
Samantha Santiago
Michael Saxon
Maria Shenny
John Sheridan
Andrew Shie
Rachel Sidel
Francesca Sikora
Zachary Sinykin
Noa Siskind
Elizabeth Small
Victoria Smith
Caleb Stevens
Bely Stockman

Joseph Strauss
Joseph Strom
Alexander Sudrzynski
Jack Sundermann
Denah Sweis
Mark Tamvakis
Sarah Thornton
Ethan Tibbs
Kaitlyn Timm
Rubinder Toor***
Melisa Topic
Daniela Torres Juvier
Molli Tyska
Aneesh Upadhyaya
Claire Utter
Emelia Vogel
Katherine Wade
Taylor Walters
Darien Ward
Matthew Warren
John Weiss
Joshua Weiss
Haley Wepking
Grace Wickstrom
Natalie Wienold
Janiyah Williams
Nina Wilson
Stephen Winbery
Kimberley Winder
Jason Winer
Caitlin Wright
Keaton Wright***
Junyi Xie
Dulcie Xue
Christen Yalda
Michael Yerkan
Anna Ylitalo
Cuijie Zhan
Ziyi Zhang

*** Completed studies in Fall 2024



The Bar and Gavel Society

The Student Bar Association 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 2025 inductees are:

Yoss Arianlou
Colin Boysen
Nick Brighty
Anna Christiansen
Nat Lewis

Ellen McClure
Lauren Metz
Kahlan Noel
Jada Nneji
Stephanie Perez

Francesca Sikora
Joseph Strom
Denah Sweis
Grace Wickstrom
Luke Winbery

Student Organization Competition and Awards Competitions

Competitions

Tulane Pro Basketball Negotiation Competition: Omaid Razzaq

Gender and Sexuality Moot Court Competition: Anna Christiansen, Kathleen Jankovich, and Emelia Vogel

New York Law School's 49th Annual Robert F. Wagner National Moot Court Competition: Corey Hamilton-Buis, Benjamin Depta, and Daniel Lynch

Regional Semifinalists of Nationals Moot Court Competition: Colin Boysen, Mark Tamvakis, and Breck Radulovic

Semifinalists and Second-Best Oralist of Appellate Lawyers Association: Ellen McClure, Alison Moon, and Joseph Strom

Semifinalists of Elon (Billings Exum & Frye): Allie Bettlach, Stephanie Perez, and Melissa Topic

Finalists and Best Oralist of Claude Pepper Elder Law Moot Court: Julia Garlich and Nicholas Brighty

Semifinalists of Hassell Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition: Zainab Abid and Rhys Green

Notre Dame Religious Freedom Moot Court Competition: Niko Little, Zainab Abid, Breck Radulovic, and Joseph Strom

ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition: Lana Kalmonovsky and Cheryl Rice

Awards

Student Organization of the Year: National Lawyers Guild

Members: Zainab Abid, Ben Abrams, AK Alilonu, Rose Brownstone, Sam Clendenning, Alex Fryer, Rhys Green, Trevor Guidry, Jess Klitsch, Niko Little, Fresa Mendez, Joseph Strom, and Nina Wilson

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

American Constitution Society—Navy/Red/White Cord

Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA)—Red and Gold Stole

Academic Skills Program (ASP) Teaching Assistants—Black/Gray/White Cord

Black Law Students Association—Kente Stole

Chicago-Kent Journal of Environmental and Energy Law—Kelly Green Cord

Chicago-Kent Journal of Intellectual Property—Silver Stole with Red Trim

Chicago-Kent Lambdas—Lilac Cord

Chicago-Kent Law Review—Maroon Stole and Maroon and White Cord

Criminal Law Society—Navy Cord

Environmental Law Society—Dark Green/Gray Cord

Evening Law Students—Lavender Cord

Federalist Society—Royal Blue/Orange Cord

First-Generation Law Student Association—Red/Gold/Black Cord

Hellenic Law Students Association—Light Blue and White Cord

Hispanic Latinx Law Student Association—Serape Stole

Honor Scholars—Gold Cord

Immigration Law Society—Navy/Grey Cord

Intellectual Property Law Society—Red/Maize Cord

Jewish Law Students Association—Royal Blue and White Cord

Justinian Society—Red Cord

Kent Justice Foundation—Teal and White Cord

Labor and Employment Law Society—Black/Green/White Cord

Legal Writing Teaching Assistants—Black/Gray/White Cord

Middle Eastern and North African Law Students Association—Red/Kelly/White Cord

Moot Court Honor Society—Black/Light Blue/White Cord

Moot Court Honor Society Executive Board—Light Blue Stole with White Trim

Muslim Law Students Association—Dark Green and Old Gold Cord

National Lawyers Guild—Kelly Green and Natural Cord

Richard J. Conviser Scholars—Red and Gold Cord

Slavic Law Student Association—Red 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

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*

Evelyn Brody

Professor of Law Emeritus

Bartram S. Brown

Professor of 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*

Anna Debush

*Assistant Professor of Legal Research and
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Howard C. Eglit

Professor of Law Emeritus

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Clinical Professor of Law Emeritus

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Professor of Law

Jodi Hill

Visiting Assistant Professor

Paul Holly

Director of the Chicago-Kent Patent Hub

Kari L. 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*

Pamela Kentra

Clinical Professor of Law

Nancy Kim

*Professor of Law; Michael Paul Galvin Chair in
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Richard S. Kling

Clinical Professor of Law

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

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Professor of Law

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Dean; Professor of Law

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Professor of Law Emeritus

Daniel Mandell

Visiting Assistant Professor

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

Michelle J. Miller

Assistant Clinical Professor

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Assistant Professor of Legal Research and Writing

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Professor of Law Emeritus*

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

Mickie A. 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

Greg Reilly

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

William Reynolds

Assistant Clinical Professor

Jenifer M. Robbins

Director of Experiential Learning; Teaching Professor; Director of the Financial Markets Compliance Online Program

Paul Rogerson

Visiting Assistant Professor

Mark D. Rosen

University Distinguished Professor; Professor of Law

Marsha Ross-Jackson

University Ombudsperson; Associate Dean for the Office of Access and Community Outreach; 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

Jacob M. Schriener-Briggs

Visiting Assistant Professor

Carolyn Shapiro

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

Cary Martin Shelby

Ralph Brill Endowed Chair; Professor of Law

Laurie A. Silvestri

Director of the Program in Upper-Level Legal Writing

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Noah Smith-Drelich

Assistant Professor of Law

Zach Sommers

Assistant Professor

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Teaching Professor Emeritus

Michael I. Spak

Professor of Law Emeritus

Ronald W. Staudt

Professor of Law Emeritus

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Deadra Woods Stokes

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Professor of Law Emeritus*

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Professor of Law

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Associate Teaching Professor*

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

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*University Distinguished Professor Emeritus;
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Assistant Dean for Administration, Finance, Facilities, Financial Aid, and Information Technology Services

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Associate Dean of International Programs; Associate 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.

Join us today in congratulating and saluting this year’s graduating class. They will enter the legal profession with the century-old legacy of excellence in both scholarship and service that has become synonymous with Chicago-Kent College of Law.