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This program recognizes recipients of academic honors and awards, and various service, clinic and advocacy awards for 2013-14. Congratulations to all of the students who have attained these distinctions.

ACADEMIC HONORS (Degree Honors)

In accord with the Academic Rules of the University of San Diego School of Law, degree honors are conferred upon those students who distinguish themselves by their academic achievement.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Blake Lockwood Currey
Neal Robert Gibeault
Todd G. Lezon (LLM)

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Jacob Andrew Ayres
Kevin Eric Berggren
David G. Greco
Shane Kelly Kanady
Amy Rochelle Lawson
Katie Marie Magallanes
Bret Martin
Anthony Michael Taranto
Daniel T. Taskalos
Heather Hamilton Wood
Rongtian Zhang
Brittany Zummer

CUM LAUDE

Nika Aleksandrovna Antonikova
Jennifer Rose Lokelani Avina
David McKim Barnes
Nicolas Bonassi (LLM)
Richard Edward Decker
Qiva Almira Dinuri
Amanda Kay Edmonson
Kevin Michael Fannan
Jason Michael Folker
Christopher David Fairley Foster
Michelle Diem Han (LLM)
Kristine B. Hubbard
Julia C. Hunter
Dorota Anna James (LLM)
Julianne Renee Kelly Horner
Tyler Louis Fischer Krentz
Timothy Jay Kuhn (LLM)

Kathryn Ann Lafferty-Cordova
Klinton Karpol LeBlang
Kristen Elisabeth Lee
Mero Raymond Marme
Austin James Marsh
Jessica Anne McElroy
Patrick J. Mulkern
Michael Christopher Newman
Timothy Peter Oster
Alexandra Lee Preece
Natalie Carolyn Rogers
Aaron Joseph Schu
Nicholas Philip Weiss
Andrew James Whisnand

ORDER OF THE COIF

Steeped in the history of serjeants-at-law in medieval England, the American Order of the Coif dates back to 1902 and is the preeminent honor society for recognition of high academic attainment in the study of law. Membership in Coif is limited to those students in the top 10 percent of the graduating class.

Nika Aleksandrovna Antoniova
Jacob Andrew Ayres
Kevin Eric Berggren
Blake Lockwood Currey
Richard Edward Decker
Qiva Almira Dinuri
Kevin Michael Fannan
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Julianne Renee Kelly Horner
Amy Rochelle Lawson
Kristen Elisabeth Lee
Katie Marie Magallanes
Mero Raymond Marme
Austin James Marsh

Bret Martin
Natalie Carolyn Rogers
Anthony Michael Taranto
Daniel T. Taskalos
Nicholas Philip Weiss
Andrew James Whisnand
Heather Hamilton Wood
Rongtian Zhang
Brittany Zummer

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Recipients of the Irvin J. Kahn; Dean's Comparative Law Award; Paul, Plevin, Sullivan & Connaughton; and Dean's Tax Scholar awards also will have their names engraved on perpetual plaques which remain on display in the law school.

VALEDICTORIAN AWARD

For the highest cumulative grade point average overall.

Blake Lockwood Currey and Neal Robert Gibeault

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR THE HIGHEST CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE, FULL-TIME DIVISION

Blake Lockwood Currey and Neal Robert Gibeault

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR THE HIGHEST CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE, PART-TIME DIVISION

Bret Martin

MASTER OF LAWS: DEAN'S TAX SCHOLAR

For the highest cumulative grade point average in the Master of Laws in Taxation program.

Todd G. Lezon

MASTER OF LAWS: PAUL, PLEVIN, SULLIVAN & CONNAUGHTON, LLP AWARD

For the highest cumulative grade point average in the General Master of Laws with a labor and employment law concentration.

Michelle Lee Over

MASTER OF LAWS: DEAN'S COMPARATIVE LAW AWARD

For the highest cumulative grade point average in the Master of Laws in Comparative Law program.

Dorota Anna James

IRVIN J. KAHN AWARD

For the outstanding student in real property courses.

Andrew James Whisnand

VIRGINIA C. NELSON GRADUATION PRIZE IN ADVANCED ADVOCACY

For the outstanding student in advanced advocacy courses.

Erin Holyk Casey

SERVICE AWARDS

OWEN STARK HERIOT AWARD

For the outstanding student who is a veteran or current member of the Armed Forces.

Jennifer Marie Barlock

USD ENHANCEMENT AWARD

For the outstanding graduate who exemplifies leadership and has improved and enriched the USD law community.

Julia C. Hunter

Jon Jekel

ALEC L. CORY PRO BONO AWARD

For contributions to *pro bono* causes during law school.

Kaitlyn Summer Cherry

PRO BONO SERVICE RECOGNITION

The *Pro Bono* Service Recognition is given to those students who have completed in excess of 100 hours of pro bono legal service during their law school career.

Alana Marwan AlAbbasi
Tyler James Allen
Alexander M. Aronov
Jennifer Rose Lokelani Avina
Emily Martinez Bettinger
Sara Emily Black
Nicholas William Brereton
Kaitlyn M. Brum
Robert T. Bryson II
Erin Holyk Casey
Kaitlyn Summer Cherry
Matthew T. Chicklo
Nicholas Joseph Choy
Connie Dang
Qiva Almira Dinuri
Amanda Kay Edmonson
Kevin Michael Fannan
Jason Michael Folker
Michelle Fonesca
Ryan Patrick Ford
Jimmy Benito Franco
Matthew Howard Gallagher
Jazmine Julianne Gracemary
Gregory

Andrew Christopher Hamilton
Tyler Philip Harris
Cate Blair Hill
Julia Jean Jara
Jon Jekel
Carrie Ellen Johnson
Nicholas B. Johnson
Kathryn Rose Kamenski
Jennifer K. Kelleher
Julianne Renee Kelly Horner
Carol Kim
Ann Elizabeth Kinsey
Jyothsna Konda
Amanda Mary Kowal
Omeed Latifi
Yangkyoung Lee
Yijin Jennifer Lee
Christa Marie Lim
Andrew Wayne Lockard
Carol Mary McBirney
Holly Ann McCord
Jessica Anne McElroy
Bardia Moayedi
Amber Rose Mullaly

Derek Roger Noack
Audrey Sonja Olson
Sabrina Ann Piper
Deva Faye Robbins
Riley Paul Sanchez
Gabriella Marie Saracino
Aaron Joseph Schu
Megan Elizabeth Selvey
Daisy Woosoon Shim
Shirin Shokrollahi
Taylor John Shramo
Michelle Laurin Silva
David Zee Sohn
Christen Elise Somerville
Schuyler Ann Spilsbury
Natida E. Sribhibhadh
Ann Weng Su
Danielle Elizabeth Vallone
James Christopher Valoria
Samantha G. Van Dyck
Andrew James Whisnand
Kelcie Anne Wiemann

CLINIC AWARDS

OUTSTANDING APPELLATE CLINIC INTERN
Julia C. Hunter

OUTSTANDING CIVIL CLINIC INTERN
Terah Jo Drent

OUTSTANDING CRIMINAL CLINIC INTERN
Amanda Jean Wiesner

OUTSTANDING EDUCATION & DISABILITY CLINIC INTERN
Ryan Patrick Ford

OUTSTANDING ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLINIC INTERN
Nora Suzy Dakessian

OUTSTANDING FAMILY LAW MEDIATION CLINIC INTERN
Amber Rose Mullaly

OUTSTANDING FEDERAL TAX CLINIC INTERN
Kimberly Brooke Mulder

OUTSTANDING IMMIGRATION CLINIC INTERN
Omeed Latifi

OUTSTANDING LAND USE CLINIC INTERN
Danielle Elizabeth Vallone

OUTSTANDING LANDLORD TENANT CLINIC INTERN
Mary Shaughnessy Alfred

OUTSTANDING SMALL CLAIMS CLINIC INTERN
Jennifer Rose Lokelani Avina

OUTSTANDING STATE INCOME TAX CLINIC INTERN
Carl L. Jones Jr.

OUTSTANDING STATE SALES & USE TAX CLINIC INTERN
Daniel M. Banafsheian

OUTSTANDING U.S. SUPREME COURT CLINIC INTERN
Daniel T. Taskalos

OUTSTANDING VETERANS CLINIC INTERN
Sara Emily Black

ADVOCACY AWARDS

CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW’S
OUTSTANDING PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCATE AWARD
For outstanding external advocacy in the legislature, courts, or before administrative agencies.
Andrew Christopher Hamilton
Tyler Philip Harris

CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW’S OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTOR TO *THE CALIFORNIA REGULATORY LAW REPORTER*
For contributions to the journal that monitors the activities of 25 California regulatory agencies.
Erin Grisby

CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY INSTITUTE’S JAMES A. D’ANGELO
OUTSTANDING CHILD ADVOCATE AWARD
For the graduates who have demonstrated the special skills, knowledge, and dedication necessary to be effective child advocates.

Amanda Kay Edmonson
Jazmine Julianne Gracemary Gregory
Ann Elizabeth Kinsey
Yangkyoung Lee
Holly Ann McCord
Michelle Dorothy Pena

COMMUNITY DEFENDERS AWARD
For commitment to constitutional protections in indigent criminal defense.
Michelle Fonesca

ORDER OF BARRISTERS
For demonstrated excellence in appellate and/or trial advocacy.

<i>Erin Holyk Casey</i>	<i>Nicholas B. Johnson</i>
<i>Lori Yi Chiu</i>	<i>Tyler Louis Fischer Krentz</i>
<i>Blake Lockwood Currey</i>	<i>Tory Elizabeth Smith</i>
<i>Catherine Huang</i>	<i>Kelcie Anne Wiemann</i>
<i>Carrie Ellen Johnson</i>	<i>Brittany Zummer</i>

Statue of Justice: *Lori Yi Chiu*

MICHAEL T. THORSNES TRIAL ADVOCACY AWARD
For the outstanding National Mock Trial team member.
Carol Mary McBirney

AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES AWARD
For the outstanding team competing in an intramural or national trial competition.
San Diego Defense Lawyers National Mock Trial Competition Team of:
Ashley Lynne Breen, Amanda Ewell, James Christopher Valoria, and Yara Zokaie

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