



UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY

SCHOOL OF LAW

COMMENCEMENT

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UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY
SCHOOL OF LAW

COMMENCEMENT 2022

Friday, May 13
4:00 p.m.

Calihan Hall
University of Detroit Mercy
4001 West McNichols Road
Detroit, Michigan

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

BAGPIPER

MACE-BEARER

GRAND MARSHAL

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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OF JURIS DOCTOR

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MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF LAW

PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OF
THE UNIVERSITY

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

During the Graduation ceremony, guests seated on the main floor may not stand in the aisles or in front of the stage to photograph graduates. Please silence all electronic devices during the ceremony.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

PROCESSIONAL

SALUTATION

Margaret A. Costello, Grand Marshal
Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Veterans Law Clinic

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pamela Zarkowski, J.D., M.P.H.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University

O CANADA

Clare M. Sawicki '17
The Motor City Brass Quintet

*O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.*

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Clare M. Sawicki '17
The Motor City Brass Quintet

*O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

DEAN'S REMARKS

Jelani Jefferson Exum, J.D.
Dean and Philip J. McElroy Professor of Law

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.
President of the University

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

The Honorable Shalina D. Kumar '96
Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

PRESENTATION OF JURIS DOCTOR DEGREES

Jelani Jefferson Exum, J.D.

CONFERRING OF JURIS DOCTOR DEGREES

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.

PRESENTATION OF VIVERE EX MISSIONE AWARD

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.

PRAYER INSPIRED BY ST. THOMAS MORE

Rita Samir Soka '22

Lord, grant that I may be able in argument,
accurate in analysis,
strict in study,
candid with clients,
and honest with adversaries.

Sit with me at my desk,
and listen with me to my client's complaints,
read with me in my library,
and stand beside me in court,
so that today I shall not,
in order to win a point,
lose my soul.

ST. THOMAS MORE, CHANCELLOR OF ENGLAND, 1478-1535

GRADUATE'S REMARKS

Erin Kristine Malone '22

SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNUS REMARKS

Kyle R. Dufrane '98
President of the Alumni Association

RECESSIONAL

Please remain seated until the graduates and academic procession
leave Calihan Hall.

JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE CANDIDATES

Andrew Solomon AbdulNour *Cum Laude*
 Fadi Abuzir
 Nour Alaouie
 Azal R. Arabo*
 Rishi Asija
 Narissa Jamile Ayoub
 Sean Patrick Barry *Cum Laude*
 Molly J. Boughner
 Zachary Isaac Bowman
 Sarah Ellen Broschay
 Britney Lee Carmona
 Nina Chaladze *Cum Laude*
 Fatmeh T. Cheaib *Magna Cum Laude*
 Benjamin P. Christensen *Magna Cum Laude*
 Anthony Michael Cimini, Jr. *Magna Cum Laude*
 Mackenzie Elise Clark *Magna Cum Laude*
 Madeleine R. Clark
 John P. Cox
 Todd James Craven II *Magna Cum Laude*
 Belal A. Dakhllallah** *Cum Laude*
 Skylar Kayla Danou*
 Myia J. Davis
 Michael John Denha*
 Shurab Dhar
 Janeisha Fanning
 Nagham A. Fawaz
 Sydney Elise Fontanilla *Cum Laude*
 Matthew Lawrence Furman**
 Anthony Michael Gartrelle
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 Shanice Michelle Hagood
 Stephanie Summer Hana**
 Reynelda Georgette Hani
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 Hussien S. Hider
 Christian Alexander Ieraci *Magna Cum Laude*
 Yohana Iyob *Cum Laude*
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 Ines Jakupovic**
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 Eleanor Lillian Keurejian
 Allison Marie Koltunchik
 Nicole Marie Koppinger
 Sandra B. Kouzy *Cum Laude*
 Cameron Buchanan Kozik
 Briget Marie Kuhns *Cum Laude*
 Ivana Lozo
 Brittany Marie Mackie*
 Erin Kristine Malone *Summa Cum Laude*
 Liam Thomas-a-Becket Marin *Cum Laude*
 Olivia Grace Martin *Cum Laude*
 Aaron Robert Martinez
 Kraig James McAllister *Cum Laude*
 Mark J. Meisner** *Cum Laude*
 Austin Gregory Miller* *Cum Laude*
 Ryan David Misiak *Magna Cum Laude*
 Catherine Samantha Mitchell*
 Patrick J. Stonisch Monahan*
 Gilbert Edward Morrison III *Cum Laude*
 Matthew Christopher Murray
 Emily Baxter Myers *Cum Laude*
 Michael James Norris
 Nicholas James North *Cum Laude*
 Brooke Avery Nosanchuk *Cum Laude*
 Jacqueline Paige Olson *Cum Laude*
 Nichole Omilion *Cum Laude*
 Josephine Maria Parrinello
 Kyle S. Paskulovich *Cum Laude*
 Kristianth Piroli*
 Reed Kessler Powers *Cum Laude*
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 Victoria Robinson
 Catherine Evelyn Rochelle
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 Joseph Booker Sams
 Mallory Lynn Schieman *Magna Cum Laude*
 Sean Anthony Seelmann
 Benjamin Nicholas Serra
 Amanda Elizabeth Sidwell
 Rita Samir Soka *Magna Cum Laude*
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 Shelby Alexis Stallworth
 Joseph Anthony Stefani
 Aidan M. Traynor
 Joshua Michael Velasquez
 John Allen Vinson
 Riley Kristin Wesemann**
 Alexander Wierenga *Cum Laude*
 Danielle Marie Williams
 Brandon Alexander Wilson
 Briann Alexandria Wilson
 Chase Oliver Yarber *Summa Cum Laude*

DUAL UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT
MERCY JURIS DOCTOR/UNIVERSITY
OF WINDSOR JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE
CANDIDATES

Steven Joel Adler *Cum Laude*
 Mariyah Tareen Ali
 Kera Athena Anstruther
 Neng Ji Bao
 Jacob Robert Douglas Benson *Cum Laude*
 Rachel Binder *Magna Cum Laude*
 Michelle Kaur Brar *Magna Cum Laude*
 Christian Brown
 Fadi Charaf-Eddine *Cum Laude*
 Abhishek Chaudhry
 Bahaar Chaudhry
 Sarah C. Chaves
 Lucia Commisso
 Ryan Delmar
 Laura Mary DeMarco *Magna Cum Laude*
 Invir Dhanoa *Cum Laude*
 Massimo Di Giovanni *Magna Cum Laude*
 Safiya Dossa-Sicchia
 Adam Ali Elkeeb
 Emily Esho
 Jennifer Fahrenholt *Cum Laude*
 Brandon S. Fernando
 Natalie Galaszewicz
 Megan Anne Katherine Gayer
 Cassandra Geeta
 Monique Gill**
 Jay-Inder Singh Gogna
 Michelle Gomes *Cum Laude*
 Gital Gosai
 Sophia Haber *Cum Laude*
 Yasmine Nawal Haidar
 Romina Hallan
 Helena Mae Havlovic
 Olivia Kathleen Hayes
 Dallas Andrew Hayes-Nairne *Magna Cum Laude*
 Megan Mary Lise Hooper
 Ramesha Javed *Cum Laude*
 Guneer Singh Johar *Cum Laude*
 Amanda Courtney Henderson Jones
 Nickta Jowhari *Cum Laude*
 Joseph Howard Kancee *Magna Cum Laude*
 Matthew Jordan Nicholas Kelly
 Sigma Khan
 Ecem Kok
 Andrew James Lane *Cum Laude*

Christopher Vinh Thanh Le
 Geoffrey R. Legg *Cum Laude*
 Charles M. Lewis *Cum Laude*
 Noah Jacoby Lewis
 Rose Alexandra Lewis
 Cody Christian Malloy *Magna Cum Laude*
 Alexandra Mathieu *Summa Cum Laude*
 Hailey Morgan McGillivray
 Rabab Meen *Magna Cum Laude*
 Mario Nabbout
 Adam John Nangini
 Sarina Nezhadian *Cum Laude*
 Dylan Stefan Samuel Page
 Douglas Matthew Pateman
 Ethan Jonah Pather
 David Alfonse Pitawanakwat
 Grier Ragot
 Usama Rashid
 Katya Rowley
 Sonam Sapra *Cum Laude*
 Geoffrey James Cooper Sculthorpe
 Aneal Satendra Seegobin *Cum Laude*
 Hasan Farooq Siddiqui *Cum Laude*
 Eftihia Sidiropoulos *Cum Laude*
 Summer Patricia Simon *Magna Cum Laude*
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 William Harcourt Carington Smith *Cum Laude*
 Jaime Rae Sorokin
 Jordana Spiegelman *Magna Cum Laude*
 Vithushsan Srikantha
 Andrew Zachary Streisfield
 Katarina Tatomir *Cum Laude*
 Christopher Jack Thompson
 Winta T-Michael *Magna Cum Laude*
 Luca Paolo Tonin
 Dante Ussoletti
 Spencer Timothy Walker *Cum Laude*
 Amanda Welton-Hagen
 Zi An Xie *Cum Laude*
 Ani Zheku

JOINT UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT
MERCY JURIS DOCTOR/MASTER OF
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE
CANDIDATE

Sydney Delphina Wisniewski*

* December 2021 Graduates

** July 2022 Graduates

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



THE HONORABLE SHALINA D. KUMAR '96
JUDGE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT,
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

In 2021, the Hon. Shalina D. Kumar became the first person of South Asian descent to be nominated for a federal judgeship in Michigan. She was sworn in as a U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan in December of 2021. Judge Kumar was appointed to the Oakland County Circuit Court in 2007. She was appointed as Chief Judge by the Michigan Supreme Court in 2018 and was reappointed in 2020. Prior to taking the bench, she was a civil litigator in private practice from 1997 to 2007. Judge Kumar is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Federal Bar Association, the Oakland County Bar Association, and the South Asian Bar Association.

THANK YOU

We acknowledge the following people for their musical contributions to the 2022 commencement ceremony:

Bagpiper

Bruce Burt

The Motor City Brass Quintet

Vocalist

Clare M. Sawicki '17

Special thank you to the 2022 commencement committee, participants, and volunteers.



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