

DePaul University

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COMMENCEMENT

College of Law

MAY 24, 2025



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DEAR GRADUATE,

Congratulations to DePaul's Class of 2025!

I'm thrilled to celebrate DePaul's commencement with you and your families. Today, you're joining one of the most powerful alumni networks in the nation.

Across the country and around the globe, DePaul alumni leave with more than just a degree. They carry with them a well-rounded education, a career-ready mindset, and a deep sense of purpose, equipping them to take on the world's most pressing challenges. As you move forward, let the Vincentian question guide you: What must be done?

Our collective impact on the world is now 6,000 people stronger, because of you. I'm proud of you and look forward to following your future success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Manuel".

Robert L. Manuel, PhD

PRESIDENT

MAY 2025



DEAR GRADUATE,

My heartfelt congratulations on this important milestone. Commencement is a ceremony with a dual purpose: it serves as a celebration of all that you have accomplished at DePaul and is also a launching pad for the next chapter of your life.

As you move forward, remember the lessons gained during your time at DePaul. You have learned a lot in and out of the classroom, and you are equipped to excel on your chosen path. Now is the time for you to go forward and make a difference in the world.

Go Blue Demons!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Ghanem', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Salma Ghanem, PhD

PROVOST

MAY 2025



DEAR CLASS OF 2025,

Congratulations on your graduation! After years of focus and dedication, you are finally at graduation day! Your family and friends are excited to celebrate with you and we here at DePaul Law are thrilled to honor you on your day of celebration.

Being an attorney is a profession of service. You are graduating law school at a critical time in our country's history, where the rule of law and the role of lawyers have rarely been so critical. The rule of law is protected because of our willingness to serve. We need lawyers like you who are committed to serving our constitution and our communities with courage and humility. As I look to our future, because I know you and because I know DePaul Law, I have hope. Because at DePaul law, we protect rights, not undermine them. We lead the conversation, not just wallow on the sidelines. Because that's how you become the purpose-driven attorneys DePaul Law alumni are.

Before you enter the profession, reflect on your journey here. Reflect on the sacrifices of your ancestors, your families, and your friends to lead you to this place. Then rejoice for all you have accomplished. You have walked an amazing journey, and you have earned this day of celebration.

Because we are DePaul Law, I have every faith that when some future DePaul Law student calls you for guidance, support, or a word of advice, you will answer that call. Because taking care of each other is what we do.

Congratulations, 2025 DePaul Law graduate!

Much love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Lawton".

Julie D. Lawton, JD

INTERIM DEAN, PROFESSOR OF LAW
FOUNDER, BUSINESS LAW CLINIC

2025 PROGRAM

College of Law

PROCESSIONAL

UNIVERSITY MARSHAL

Sioban Albiol, JD, *Professor of Legal Practice* | College of Law

INVOCATION

Patty Gerstenblith, PhD, JD, *Professor* | College of Law

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Maureen Andersen, *JD Candidate* | Class of 2025

ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES

Introduction by Julie D. Lawton, JD, *Interim Dean* | College of Law

Hon. Franklin U. Valderrama, JD | Class of 1988

STUDENT ADDRESS

Alyssa Schmidt-Brookover, *JD Candidate* | Class of 2025

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Julie D. Lawton, JD, *Interim Dean* | College of Law

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Julie D. Lawton, JD, *Interim Dean* | College of Law

CANDIDATES' NAMES ANNOUNCED BY

Maria Vertuno, JD, *Assistant Dean of Student Affairs* | College of Law

Benjamin Alba, JD, *Professor of Legal Practice* and *Director of Academic Success* | College of Law

REMARKS

Salma Ghanem, PhD, *Provost*

ALUMNI WELCOME

Robert L. Manuel, PhD, *President*

RECESSIONAL

College of Law Order of the Coif

Juris Doctor honors are conferred upon candidates who demonstrate exceptional scholastic ability.

All graduates in each academic year; full-time and part-time combined, are eligible.

The roster of degree candidates as represented in this program was reflective of degree candidates at the time of production of this program as of April 15, 2025. We request that all candidates for graduation, their families and their guests, remain seated until the conclusion of the ceremony.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

College of Law

Master of Laws in International Law

MARIA MICAELA ANNA
CAYTON GARRIDO

Master of Laws in US Legal Studies

NICOLAS ARRAUTH
TRUJILLO

NOVERA S. BHATTI

JOCIELLE JAHNS

SAMBAMURTHY MUSTY

EDEITH ELIZABETH
OJEDA MORA

RITESH SINGH

ZIAUDDIN QUADRI SYED

Master of Legal Studies in Business Law

MICHAEL RICARDO
LANGFORD

LUBIA RAMIREZ

KERRY SHEEHAN

TARA L. TURNER

Master of Legal Studies in Criminal Law

MICHAEL S. AMORELLA

ALLA KAZEM AWADALLAH

DAVID ALLEN CHERRY

DAMIEN L. COLE

CRISTOPHER CORTES

NIKIA D. DAVIS

TYREON C. DAVIS

JESUS DELAROSA

KAYLA GILES

TIFFANY I. HOEGER

LAUREN A. HOLT

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MARY R. LINDAHL

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JASMINE M. MONDAINE

SUZANNE NIEMOTH

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MELISSA L. RODRIGUEZ

EVELYN ROLDAN

LEO SHVARTSER

JENNIFER URIBE

JENNIFER M. WESTERKAMP

LAKEISHA MONIQUE WITT

Master of Legal Studies in General Legal Studies

CARLOS K. CLARK

NICHOLAS D. SEIDEL

Master of Legal Studies in Health Law

SABINA VINCEVIC

Master of Legal Studies in Public Interest Law

CARLOS A. DIAZ

SHANNON L. HOWARD

MINH C. NGUYEN

RUNESHIA WALLACE

Juris Doctor / Master of Laws in Intellectual Property

MAKAYLA A. REYNOLDS

ALLISON G. TALLMAN

Juris Doctor

PAULA S. ACOSTA

ALEENA F. AHMED

OLIVIA M. AJERO

MURTAZA AKHTAR

JAD M. ALAMUDDIN

SARAH K. ALPERT

MAUREEN EMPERATRIZ
GOVE ANDERSEN

KELLY J. BAKER

OWEN H. BAKER

ZACHARY BELLAIRE

SARAH C. BENSON

MIRIAM I. BERNE

GURKARAN SINGH BHATTI

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MAXWELL X. CAMPBELL

KAYLA M. CANDOS

JOCELINE CARRERA

SARAH K. CARTAGENA

ALEXIS CASSIDY CARTER

AMNA CEHAJA

JOHN HENRY R. CLARK

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AVA ROSE DELOACH

ROBERT S. DOLEZAL

SYDNEY E. DRAY

JOHN B. DUNGAN

DEREK M. DURNAVICH

HALEY N. DYER

ANAIA T. ELLIOTT

RYAN FALKENBERG

VERONIKA FILIP

COLTEN J. FISHER

MICHAEL B. FITZPATRICK

ALEXEA N. FLEMING

MEGAN M. FOGARTY

CHRISTINE FOLLENWEIDER

JAKE FONDEL

ABIGAIL T. FONTANA

DREW CECILIA GAINES

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TIMOTHY J. GANSHIRT
JESSICA JOY GARNER
AYNARA ALANIS GAUTO
JOSHUA A. GEORGE
EMILY L. GETZ
PATRICK A. GILLESPIE
ISABELLA R. GOLDBERG
ALEXIS M. GONZALEZ
CAITLIN M. HAMILTON
HENRY WHARTON HARPER
ALEC B. HEILIZER
PAMELA Y. HOOVER
MADISON K. HOUGHTON
JULIA HRYC
BROCK IMEL
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JOSEPH J. JOHNS
MADIE C. JURASEK
JACOB RYAN KAMINSKI
ALEKSANDRA E. KANIA
KAYLYNN B. KATTIYAMAN
MANMEEN KAUR
JOANNE KIM
DANIEL P. KINSTEDT
DAVID S. KIRMSE
RAYNA A. KLATT
MEGAN A. KOSTOLANSKY
MARIDEE A. KRAMPEN
CARRIE KRUSE
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KATELYN A. LARAIA
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MATTHEW S. LEONARD
ANNA D. LEOPOLD
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DANIEL M. LESTER
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CONGRATULATIONS!

