

Awards & Recognitions

Sponsor and University Awards

J. Reuben Clark Award

Presented to students in each class who exemplify the standards associated with the J. Reuben Clark Law School: academic excellence, integrity, high ethical standards, and service.

First Year

Melinda Bowen

Sarah Matthews

Garner Meads III

Second Year

Brigman Harman

Brooke Wright

Third Year

Curt Bentley

Jennifer Carlquist

Hugh B. Brown Barristers Award

Presented to a third-year student in recognition of high standards of preparation and performance in the classroom. It is available through the generosity of the Hugh B. Brown family in recognition of those qualities which characterize the highly regarded image of a barrister.

Keith Woffinden

National Association of Women Lawyers

Given to a third-year female student who has shown academic achievement, motivation, tenacity, and drive, and who will contribute to the advancement of women in society.

Rachael Hughes Rose

The Christensen Memorial Award for Excellence in Advocacy

This award is made possible by the gracious generosity of the A. H. Christensen family, and is presented to a third-year student in recognition of demonstrated and potential excellence in the skills of advocacy. The nominee is selected by a special committee of law faculty and Christensen family members.

Kari Sowell

Douglas H. Parker Award

Established in 1991 by G. Kevin Jones, S.J.D., (class of 1977) this award honors the contributions to legal education made by Douglas H. Parker, professor of law from 1975 to 1991. It is presented to the students who attained the highest grade in the Federal Indian Law course. The award recognizes the high teaching standards adhered to by Professor Parker during his tenure on the faculty and his particular interest in this practice area.

James A. Burkart

Taylor J. Turner

Margaret Rose Nelson Award

In 2002, G. Kevin Jones, S.J.D. (class of 1977) established this award to honor the life and professional career of Margaret Rose Nelson. She was a graduate of the charter class of 1976 who died of cancer at the age of 41 while serving as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Utah. Margaret distinguished herself in professional, educational, political, and civic pursuits. She had a quick wit, boundless energy, and a vivacious personality. Active in the L.D.S. Church throughout her life, Margaret was serving as counselor in a ward Relief Society presidency at the time of her death. She exhibited uncommon courage and religious faith in the face of extreme adversity. The award is presented annually to the best oralist in the Rex E. Lee Moot Court Competition.

Kathleen Cannon

ALI-ABA Scholarship & Leadership Award

Presented to a third-year student who best represents a combination of scholarship and leadership.

Sarah Campbell

ABA-BNA Award for Excellence Program

Presented to students who have excelled in Intellectual Property Law.

Sarah M. Savage

Bart A. Seeley

Blake A. Tierney

American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence

Presented to a student who has excelled in bankruptcy studies or has achieved other recognition through a professional project dedicated to improving bankruptcy laws and the bankruptcy bar.

Gil Bradshaw

American Bar Association Section of State and Local
Government Law Award

Given to the top student in courses in municipal law and land use law.

Tracy Schofield

Foundation Press Award

Given to students who have excelled in Constitutional Law.

Natalie Banta

Brooke Wright

Humor in the Law Award

Presented to a graduating student who has kept a healthy and wry sense of humor through the rigors of law school.

Jermaine Carroll

Faculty Awards for Meritorious
Achievements and Distinguished Service

Presented by the faculty to recognize the varied and extensive service of law students who, through their daily, often unheralded acts of kindness, transform this academic environment into a caring community.

Alexis Allen

Kiersty Loughmiller

Eric Vogeler

Kari Baardson

Nina Marano

Laura Wahlquist

Sean Bailey

Naseem Nixon

Rachel Williams

Kathleen Cannon

Joseph Shapiro

Reed Willis

Cherie Felos

Claire Sharp-Minert

Kyle Witherspoon

Peter J. Jenkins

Edward Thomas

Brooktynn Zendejas

Kelli Larson

Glen Thomas

Staff Award

Presented by the faculty to members of the law school staff who put their best efforts forward and consistently make the Law School a better place.

Julie Hamilton



Eric Tullis

John S. Welch Award for Outstanding Legal Writing

As a result of a generous gift from Mr. and Mrs. John S. Welch, the Law School has established this award to encourage excellence in legal writing by third-year law students.

Jared Asbury

Keith Woffinden

 *Organizational Awards* 

Distinguished Clinical Practice Award

Given to students who have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to the clinical practice of law through their externship experience.

Jennifer Ranson

Tim Sutton

Schooley Outstanding Mediator Award

Given to a student who has shown excellence in mediation and a commitment to the advancement of methods of alternative dispute resolution in the legal profession.

Gary Millward

International Center for Law and Religion Studies
at BYU: Outstanding Service Award

Presented to students for dedicated service to the Center and the cause of international religious freedom.

Suzanne Sitthichai Disparte

International Center for Law and Religion Studies
at BYU: Meritorious Service

Presented to students who have dedicated three years of service to the Center's annual symposium.

Sarah Campbell

Jennifer Carlquist

Holly Rasmussen

Suzanne Sitthichai-Disparte

Kari Sowell

Taylor Tuner

Alumni Women's Law Forum Award

Given to BYU Law School female students who have demonstrated academic achievement, have contributed to the Law School or the legal community, have performed community service, and have overcome significant obstacles in pursuit of their legal education.

Cherie Felos

Kiersty Loughmiller

Public Interest Law Foundation Award

Given to students who have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to public interest legal endeavors. The recipients have contributed significant time and effort in serving underrepresented members of the community.

Daniel Adlong

Alisi Langi

Debbie Snow

Tim Sutton

Public Interest Law Foundation: Honored Alumni Award



This award recognizes a graduate who has demonstrated commitment to public interest law, and who has served as an example and mentor to current law students.

Patricia Abbott

J. Reuben Clark Public Service Award

Given to students who have dedicated 100 hours to public interest legal service during their three years of study. Some of this year's recipients have worked as externs or volunteers with organizations such as Utah Legal Services, Centro Hispano, and Youth in Mediation. Others have worked with attorneys on pro bone cases.

<i>Daniel Adlong</i>	<i>Hannah Graves</i>	<i>Jennifer Ranson</i>
<i>Joseph Ahuna III</i>	<i>LaReina Hingson</i>	<i>Holly M. Rasmussen</i>
<i>Cortland Andrews</i>	<i>Megumi A. Kenworthy</i>	<i>Rachael Hughes Rose</i>
<i>Sean Bailey</i>	<i>Michelle Kincaid</i>	<i>Claire Sharp-Minert</i>
<i>Kristina Borenstein</i>	<i>Kelli Larson</i>	<i>Kari Sowell</i>
<i>Gilbert Bradshaw</i>	<i>Mark A. Larson</i>	<i>Chad Staheli</i>
<i>Darin A. Childers</i>	<i>Christine Leavitt</i>	<i>Tim Sutton</i>
<i>Chelsea M. Dye</i>	<i>Sara F. Lucas</i>	<i>Robinson Vasquez</i>
<i>Kyle Fielding</i>	<i>Gary D. Millward</i>	<i>Brian Wheeler</i>
<i>Araceli Gonzalez</i>	<i>Rachel Murdock</i>	

 *Oral Advocacy Awards* 

Utah State Bar, Division of Litigation:

Linda Anderson Trial Advocacy Competition

Champion Team

Ryan Anderson & Matthias Cicotte

Runner-up Team

Brady Brammer & Megan Welch

 *SBA Awards* 

SBA Distinguished Service Award

Jeanette Befus

SBA Professor of the Year

First Year

Gordon Smith

Second/Third Year

Michael Goldsmith

SBA President's Award

Katherine D. Pullins

Exceptional Student Bar Association Service Award

Kari Baardson

Jermaine Carroll

Melinda Hill

Kelli Larson

Brooklynn Zendejas



End of Awards