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## Commencement Program - Seton Hall University School of Law Class of 2023 Commencement Exercises

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*School of Law*

Class of 2023

*Commencement  
Exercises*

May 25, 2023

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center  
Newark, New Jersey



PRAYER OF  
*St. Francis of Assisi*

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

# *Honorary Degree Recipient and Commencement Speaker*



## **The Honorable Evelyn Padin**

*United States District Judge  
for the District of New Jersey*

Judge Evelyn Padin currently sits as a United States federal District Court Judge for the District of New Jersey. She holds the distinction of being the first Puerto Rican and Latina President of the New Jersey State Bar Association which dates to 1888. Prior to ascending to the bench, she was the senior managing Partner of the Law Offices of Evelyn Padin, Jersey City, New Jersey. Her areas of practice were civil personal injury litigation and family law. She received her law degree from Seton Hall Law School, Newark, New Jersey and her bachelor's degree from Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Judge Padin also obtained a Master's degree in Social Work from Fordham University.

She was a founding Member of the Justice Virginia Long American Family Inns of Court in Hudson County and was designated a Trial Master. She also served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Lorraine Parker (Family Part-Sussex County) and was previously employed by the firm of Linares & Coviello, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Judge Padin previously served as a Jersey City Municipal Court Judge and was a court appointed family mediator. She handled all aspects of family law including divorce, custody, mediation, alimony and domestic violence. She was also a graduate of the James Beard Foundation Women Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy.

She is a frequent lecturer and has actively served as a speaker on behalf of the American Bar Association's National Council of State Bar Presidents, New Jersey State Bar Association, the New Jersey Hispanic Bar Association and the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

She is a former Trustee of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey and the Hudson County Bar Association. She previously served on the board of New Jersey Women Lawyers. She also served on the Board of Governors to the New Jersey Association for Justice.

Judge Padin has served on many committees including the New Jersey State Bar Association, Judicial & Prosecutorial Advisory Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Family Law Executive Committee and the Diversity & Inclusion Task Force. She also served on the Meeting, Arrangements Planning Committee, the Finance Committee, the Long-Term Planning Committee. She also served as Co-Chair of the New Jersey State Bar Diversity Committee. Judge Padin also served on the National Council of State Bar Presidents Membership Committee, Programs Committee and Diversity & Inclusion Committee. Most recently, Judge Padin served as co-chair of the Seton Hall Alumni (DASH) Diverse Attorneys of Seton Hall Law School committee. She was appointed by New Jersey Speaker Craig Coughlin to serve on the advisory committee for campus sexual assault and by Governor Murphy to serve on the Puerto Rico Task Force Commission.

# *Program*

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*Grand Marshal: Angela C. Carmella  
Professor of Law*

## THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

*Francis Scott Key  
Soloist: Kaéla Edwards, J.D. '23*

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

*John Kip Cornwell, J.D.  
Interim Dean and Professor of Law*

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*Reverend Nicholas S. Gengaro, S.T.L.  
Law School Chaplain*

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President*

*Thomas Scrivo, J.D. '89*

*Managing Partner, O'Toole Scrivo, LLC  
Chair, Seton Hall Law Board of Visitors*

## INTRODUCTION OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT AND COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

*Samantha Hourican, J.D. '23  
President, Student Bar Association*

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE  
AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Honorable Evelyn Padin  
*United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey*

ADDRESS BY MEMBER OF THE CLASS OF 2023  
Sarah Souaid, J.D. '23

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*Law School Chaplain*

ALMA MATER

*Byrne-Montani*  
Soloist, Christine Tran, J.D. '23

RECESSIONAL





*Class of 2023*

# *Candidates for Degrees*

SUMMER 2022

LL.M. GRADUATE

Joshua Van De Riet

SUMMER 2022

J.D. GRADUATES

Brendan Calello

Stevey Terry

SUMMER 2022

M.S.J. GRADUATES

LaVonda Adams-Krop

Rebecca Clancy

Michael Clay

Heather Coil

Estefany Crespo

Prachy Dave

Chelsey Dowden

Briya Fowler

Kristen Golliday

Stacy Gurick

Da'Juanna L. Gurley

Leanna Hernandez

Juanita Joyner

Amanda Kaschak

Kaitlin Kestenberg-Messina

Minkailu Koroma

Ashley Mikhail

Caitlin Oroho

Aliana Parisi

Ryan Pool

Antoinette Redmond

Morgan Reid

Scott Sagle

Jocelyn Simpson

Kristen Snair

Bethany Versluis

Martyne Volcy

Jacqueline White

Ariana Young

FALL 2022

LL.M. GRADUATE

Carolyn Gordon Boland

FALL 2022

J.D. GRADUATES

Marwa Abdelbary

Andrew Acevedo

Amanda Ackerman

Akil Dharamsi

Mallory Garvin

David Kaplan

Denise Khor

Jeff Taylor

FALL 2022

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Anthony Adams

Huma Ahmed

Jack Alflen

Gabriela Campbell

Tayo Clemons

Wajiha Dawood

Lauren Derkits

Morgan Dietrich

Patrick DiMauro

Yioannis Gonzalez  
Katherine Kargus  
Elizabeth Maglio  
Scott McLean  
Adam Miller  
Tierra Mills  
Rose M Ramirez  
Justine Rodriguez  
Sefi Ruggiero  
Eugene Simon  
Roy Smith  
Melanie Vander Klok Loury  
Achsah Warren  
Megan Yager

**SPRING 2023**

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Charles Abraham  
Carmen Abrazado  
David Aguirre  
Kelly Ajello  
Gabrielle Albert  
Wolfgang Albrecht  
Madison Alvis  
Kevin Amici  
Melanie Andreas  
Nicholas Anton  
Michael Antzoulis  
Joseph Appio  
Emily Ascherl  
Aaron Ayala  
Johnathan Azar  
Mariam Bastawross  
Jonathan Batista  
Kimberly Begley  
Christina Benito  
Joseph Benvenuto  
Cara Bieber

Anna Bock  
Daniel Borneman  
Christian Brancato  
William Braunlin  
Jonathan Brueneman  
Nicholas Bruscano  
Jessica Bryant  
David Burns  
Maximilian Cali  
Kelly Campbell  
John Caramia  
Erin Cassidy  
Ty Catello\*  
Ilana Char  
Joshua Chen  
Zachary Cimring  
Tricia Connolly  
Christopher Coon  
John Coyle  
Lauren Crane  
Richard Crane  
Celina Curillo  
Meghan Currie  
Gabriel Cusumano  
David Dabreau  
Anthony D'Ambrosio  
Patrick D'Arcy  
Matthew Degenhardt  
Darius Dehnad  
Padraig Delaney  
Madeline Diab  
Carol Disla-Roa  
Nicole Dlug  
Michael Donnelly  
Jessica Durann  
Emmalise Earl  
Pearl Eckman  
John Eder  
Erin Edly

Kaela Edwards  
Kareem Elsheryie  
Trevor Endler  
George Fakes  
Angela Febres  
Jon Ferrari  
Melanie Filocco  
Andrea Fiorica  
Luke Fischer  
Nicole Flynn  
John Forehand  
Rachel Forman  
Michela Gatto  
Carolyn Gauvin  
Evan Gilman  
Michael Giordano  
Joshua Glenn  
Ariana Gonzalez  
Colin Grace  
James Griffin  
Abigail Grise  
Marissa Groenendaal  
Jessica Hajdukiewicz  
Zenon Halatyn  
Joshua Halma  
Wasfieh Hammad  
Cailin Harrington  
Christa Haskins  
Lexi Heon  
Erich Herbermann  
Nicholas Hession  
Ryan Hillermeier  
Logan Hinderliter  
Kelly Hogan  
Samantha Hourican  
John Iorio  
Donald Irons  
Micaela Itona  
Faatimah Jafiq\*\*

Sherlyne Jean Philippe  
Alex Jensen  
Miruh Jeon  
Samantha Jerabek  
William Johnston  
Chase Jones  
Edward Kamber  
Dercem Kaya  
Michelle Kearsley  
Daniel Keinan  
Lindsay Kim  
Na Young Kim  
Thomas Kingeter  
Simcha Kirschner  
John Klaczany  
Nosson Klein  
Alexander Korintus  
Baruch Kraut  
Yitzchok Krupka  
Nia Kyritsis  
Patricia Laureano  
Christopher Layfield  
Alan Leal  
Sohyun Lee  
Rachel Leung  
Yingying Li  
Eve Litvak  
Anthony Llaverias  
Juliana LoPiccolo  
Annie Lucatuorto  
Tabetha Luhn  
Juyuan Lyu  
Yasaman Mahdi  
Edward Malanda  
Angelica Manos  
Alexandra Marek  
Valeria Marin-Rangel  
Caryn Marshall  
John Martin

Brianna Martins  
Andrew McAlister  
Crystal McDonald  
Jacqueline McDonald  
Daniel McDonough  
Kaitlyn McGill  
Devin McGowan  
Kyle McLester  
Erin McNamara  
Sabrina Melo  
Smail Metovic  
Dorian Minond  
Briana Molina  
Amber Morrison  
Thomas Musich  
Giuseppe Natale  
Phoebe Nelson  
Ryan Neumann  
Elisabeth Neylan  
Kerri Nicholson  
Taylor Oates  
Megan O'Boyle  
Megan O'Malley  
Michael Oros  
Terrell Paige\*\*  
Sawan Patel  
Shreya Patel  
Olivia Pereira  
Randolph Portugal  
Eliyahu Prero  
Kaitlin Principato  
Luca Provenzano  
Julia Pudimott  
Estefania Pugliese-Saville  
Laura Quirk  
Alexandra Quirke  
Suleica Randall  
Hershey Ravva  
Holly Renshaw

Kelly Reynolds  
Jasmin Rodriguez  
Erin Romano  
Jordan Rosen  
Jonathan Ross  
Heather Roth  
Sienna Roth Sutton  
Manuel Ruiz  
Paul Samuel  
Aidan Sanchez  
Jamie Sanderson  
Dana Saperstein  
Joseph Sapienza  
Justin Scalera  
Christina Scarabino  
Ryan Schimmel  
Farida Shawkat  
Andrew Simon  
Francesca Simone  
Christina Sloan  
Scott Somerville  
Sarah Souaid  
Marque Staneluis  
Thomas Stewart  
Daniel Stone  
Kimberly Sugarman  
Tayler Szabo  
Anthony Tagliaferro  
Bobbi Taylor  
Christine Tran  
Shawn Tuman  
Emre Tutuncu  
Robert Tuzzio  
Christopher Vanderwolk  
Nathan Verrilli  
Laura Villegas  
Devin Weber  
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Daniel Weiss

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Sarah Wisniewski  
Jacqueline Wlodarczyk  
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John Wuest  
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Brandon Zaffuto  
Kathryn Zangari

**SPRING 2023**

**M.L.S. GRADUATES**

Abdul Hakim Anbiya  
Jean Bien-Aime  
Johanna Bleckman  
Nellie Butze  
Niki Capuano  
Federico Carbonell  
Rosanna Coviello  
Francine Dennehy  
Dimitri Gavriilopoulos  
Anisa Gilley  
Spencer Gonzalez  
Julia Groppo Gorham  
Jessica Heasman  
Richard Johnson  
Kevin Khaleel

Joanne Kovacic  
Patricia Langdon  
Tanya Lopez  
Coralia McMahon  
Robert McSulla  
Brienne Miller  
Claire Moore  
Amanda Nash  
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Stephanie O'Brien  
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James Pearson  
Maria Pizarro  
Cheryl Raymond  
Jacquelyn Rekulak  
Lantega Richardson  
Francisco Roca  
J Richard Rose  
Robert Rumsey  
Rosalinda Salva  
Nishatul Shakil  
Ja Meria Slaton-Cook  
Stephanie Thompson  
Carol Vetere  
Lizette Zambri  
Jennifer Zelada

*\* Student graduating with a Doctor of Law and Master of Business Administration*

*\*\* Student graduating with a Doctor of Law and Master of Arts in Diplomacy and International Relations*

*Congratulations  
Graduates*

At the Law School's Commencement Exercises,  
Seton Hall University confers three law degrees:

**Master of Legal Studies (M.L.S.)** (formerly Master of Science in Jurisprudence (M.S.J.)) program is designed for non-lawyers eager to advance their careers and enhance their marketability in the healthcare, pharmaceutical, privacy and cybersecurity, biotechnology and financial services fields. M.L.S./M.S.J. students concentrate in Health and Hospital Law, Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Law and Compliance, Law and the Creative Industries (formerly Intellectual Property Law) Financial Services Compliance or General Legal Studies. Joint concentrations are also available. M.L.S./M.S.J. students complete the 31-credit-hour master's degree online, or as a hybrid online/traditional (in-person) degree program.

The **Juris Doctor**, the traditional law degree, is pursued post-college and requires 88 credit hours. The program is three years of full-time study or four years of part-time study. All credits must be earned within six years. Seton Hall graduates are eligible to take the bar examination in all states. Seton Hall designs its course of study to ensure that all students gain basic competence for the many opportunities and responsibilities that will confront them. It offers substantive law taught in classroom settings, predominantly through the casebook, problem or simulation methods of instruction. Students not only learn the law, but are also encouraged to analyze related policy issues. They explore the development of legal principles and consider alternative ways to regulate the lives and affairs of men and women. The required course curriculum is the foundation upon which later electives, seminars, and clinical work build. Upper-class students have wide latitude in program planning and may pursue a "concentration" in several areas of law or informally specialize in a number of other fields. Through diverse clinical and skills offerings, students have a first-hand opportunity to engage in a highly supervised law practice.

The **Health Law and Intellectual Property (IP) Master of Laws (LL.M.)** programs provide attorneys with an opportunity to broadly explore health law or Intellectual Property. The Health Law LL.M. program is designed for both practicing health care attorneys and those seeking to expand their practice to health care clients. The IP program is designed for attorneys who wish to transition from other practice areas to IP, government officials, and regulators who specialize or wish to specialize in IP related issues, and law school graduates who are interested in teaching or other academic research relating to IP Law.



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Michael Antzoulis  
Zachary Cimring  
Tricia Connolly  
Jessica Durann  
Rachel Forman  
Marissa Groenendaal  
Lexi Heon  
Samantha Jerabek  
Edward Kamber  
Yingying Li  
Eve Litvak  
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# Alma Mater

Music by Nicola A. Montani  
Revised: Walter Cohnsen, 1978  
New choral and brass arrangement:  
John Nowik, 2000

Lyrics by Charles A. Byrne ('37)

1. To Al - ma Ma - ter all be - loy - al, keep her  
2. (When on) life's hard stones you - stum - ble pray to

name in pu - rest Light, ne - ver wa - ver from her  
God to be your guide. Think of Se - ton Hall your

pre - cepts guard her ban - ner blue - and white.  
mo - ther then forge on in stead - y - stride.

Oh, sing her praise to high - est skies and be ye faith - ful

in her eyes for she will fos - ter all your dreams her name is - Se - ton

Hall, her name is - Se - ton Hall. 1. 2. When on Hall.



