

# Commencement

2023



## **DICKINSON LAW**

Friday, May 12, 2023

2:30 p.m.

Carlisle, Pennsylvania



**PennState**

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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## **PRELUDE**

Dickinson College Brass Ensemble

## **PROCESSIONAL**

Dickinson College Brass Ensemble

## **OPENING BY VERGER PRO TEM**

Samantha J. Prince, Assistant Professor of Law and Director of Legal Analysis and Writing

## **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Dickinson College Brass Ensemble

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Danielle M. Conway, Dean and Donald J. Farage Professor of Law

## **OPENING REMARKS**

Dr. Justin Schwartz, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost, The Pennsylvania State University

## **LL.M. STUDENT SPEAKER REMARKS**

Tayyab Tahir, LL.M. Candidate

## **INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

Dean Conway

## **ADDRESS**

Lieutenant General Christopher F. Burne

## **PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2023**

Dean Conway

## **CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

David M. Kleppinger, Chairman Emeritus, Board of Trustees

## **MASTER OF LAWS AND JURIS DOCTOR**

Amy C. Gaudion, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Lawyering Skills

## **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REMARKS**

Madelyn R. Snyder '22, President, Dickinson Law Alumni Society of the Penn State Alumni Association

## **J.D. STUDENT SPEAKER REMARKS**

Heather Townsend, J.D. Candidate

## **CLOSING BY VERGER PRO TEM**

Professor Prince

## **RECESSIONAL**

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## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

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### **Lieutenant General Christopher F. Burne**

United States Air Force (retired)



Lieutenant General Christopher F. Burne, United States Air Force (retired), served as the 17th Judge Advocate General of the Air Force. In that capacity, General Burne was the Legal Advisor to the Secretary of the Air Force, Chief of Staff, and all officers and agencies of the Department of the Air Force. He was responsible for the professional direction of 4,500 military and civilian attorneys, enlisted paralegals, and administrative civilians in The Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. General Burne oversaw military justice, operational and international law, and all civil law and litigation activities, as well as the maintenance of professional and ethical standards within The JAG Corps. In addition to the Pentagon, Capitol Hill, and White House, his official duties took him to 30 countries around the globe.

A native of Dunmore, PA, General Burne is a graduate of the University of Scranton, Penn State Dickinson Law, and the National War College. Following the lead of his father, a highly decorated World War II Eighth Air Force veteran, he was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in December 1983. In his 35 years of active-duty service, General Burne served in multiple assignments, including prosecutor and defense counsel, senior legal counsel at every level of command, vice-commander of the Air Force Legal Operations Agency, and director of the Air Force's Executive Issues Team. He twice deployed to the Persian Gulf region in support of Operations Desert Storm and Southern Watch. He was on duty in the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, during the terrorist attack, then served on the Crisis Action Team directing mobilization and response operations from the Pentagon's underground control center.

General Burne is a two-time recipient of the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service to the United States government. He is admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. General Burne currently serves on the boards of The Lincoln Forum and the Saint John XXIII Foundation. He is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, as well as numerous other non-profit and service organizations. He is now President of *Charged With Excellence*, a limited liability company he founded for leadership consulting and public speaking. He resides in Gettysburg with his wife of 34 years, retired Air Force Colonel Robin Pond Burne. They have two sons, Christian '17 and Connor, who are officers in the United States Army.

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## PRIZES, AWARDS, AND HONORS

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### **The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Eric D. Turner Award**

— Given by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Academy to the third-year student who best exemplifies the positive attributes of a matrimonial lawyer.

**Megan M. Moore**

### **The American Law Institute Continuing Legal Education Scholastic and Leadership Award**

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

**Aranda Stathers**

### **The Thomas A. Beckley Prize for Legal Writing**

— Given to the student author of the best writing submitted to the *Dickinson Law Review*.

**Abigail Britton**

### **George I. Bloom Scholarship Endowed Fund**

— Given to support an outstanding student who is a Pennsylvania resident and aspires to serve as an attorney in government.

**Cassidy Gabrielle Eckrote**

### **Adele and Leonard Blumberg Scholarship**

— Given to a second-year student who demonstrates potency for superior achievement as a legal scholar and member of the legal profession.

**Sara Carnahan**

### **The M. Vashti Burr Memorial Award**

— Given to a deserving student for academic achievement.

**Cassidy Gabrielle Eckrote**

### **The Carter Prize Award**

— Given to a third-year student with the highest combined grades in the environmental law curriculum.

**Phyllis Wanjiru Macharia**

### **The Clinical Legal Education Association Outstanding Student Award**

— Given to the third-year student who has demonstrated excellence in a clinical course and has made positive contributions to the clinical community.

**Mallory Nicole Turner**

### **The Commonwealth Court Historical Society Judge Alexander F. Barbieri Award for Excellence in Administrative Law**

— Given to a third-year student who has excelled in Administrative Law and has demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in administrative law.

**Julia Lexa Martinez**

### **The Professor Louis Del Duca Memorial Award in Business Law**

— Given to a third-year student who excels academically, especially in courses related to business law, and who intends to practice law in Pennsylvania.

**Millie Krnjaja**

### **The Dickinson Law Vision and Leadership Award**

— Recognizes students who advance the vision of the Dean, engage current and prospective students in the life and culture of the Law School, foster a sense of community and support, and contribute to the learning and growth of students in and out of the classroom.

**Minh Eric Le  
Foday Turay**

### **The George F. Douglas Jr. Memorial Prize**

— Given to the student with the highest grade in the Advocacy I course.

**Lauren Hand**

### **The Conrad A. and Rocco C. Falvello Memorial Award**

— Given to a student who made significant academic progress during their 1L year.

**Daniel Morgenroth**

### **M. Fletcher Gornall & Elsie O. Gornall Scholarship**

— Given to support an outstanding student with shown evidence of a propensity to provide meaningful service to the community.

**Cassidy Gabrielle Eckrote**

### **The Harry E. Kalodner Memorial Award**

— Given to a third-year student with the highest combined grades in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure.

**Cassidy Gabrielle Eckrote**

### **The Joseph Leyburn Kramer Award**

— Given to the third-year student who has demonstrated academic excellence, strict ethical standards, fidelity, and loyalty to other students and the profession, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

**Lauren Elizabeth Stahl**

### **The Robert J. and Mary Ellen Landy Award**

— Given by the Landy children in honor of their parents, Robert J. '52 and Mary Ellen, to the student who has demonstrated excellence in the areas of ethics and professional responsibility, and overall devotion to the highest ideals of the legal profession.

**Sara Carnahan**

## PRIZES, AWARDS, AND HONORS CONTINUED

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### **The D. Arthur Magaziner Human Services Award**

— Given to the third-year student who has demonstrated good character, sound academic performance, high ethical standards, fidelity to the highest goals of the profession, and commitment to human service.

**Aranda Stathers**

### **Jack M. Mumford Memorial Health Law Scholarship**

— Given to a third-year student in good academic standing with an interest and proficiency in health law.

**Lauren Stahl**

### **The Edward N. Polisher Endowed Award: Federal Estate Tax Curriculum**

— Given to a third-year student for high academic achievement in the tax law curriculum.

**Pranita Dhungana**

### **The Lee Popp Award**

— Given to the students selected by the third-year class who exemplify excellence in service, extracurricular activities, and devotion to the class.

**Ezza Ahmed**

**Schenley Kent**

### **Frank A. and Dorothy J. Sinon Scholarship for Excellence in Tax Law**

— Given to a third-year student with the highest grade in the tax law curriculum.

**Taylor Haberle**

### **The Student Bar Association 1L Mock Trial Competition Award**

— Given for the highest score from the judges in the first-year class competition.

**Aranda Stathers**

**Heather Townsend**

### **The Monroe E. Trout Legal Medicine Award**

— Given to a third-year student who has earned the highest grades in courses relating to the study of law and medicine or law and health care.

**Mohammed Saleem**

## HONORARY SOCIETIES

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### **ORDER OF BARRISTERS**

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Matts Batryn

Blaze Campbell

Jacob Guthrie

Talia Kowalski

Millie Krnjaja

Scott Lovejoy

Aranda Stathers

Heather Townsend

Membership in the Order of Barristers, a national honorary organization, is conferred upon students who have exhibited excellence in the art of courtroom advocacy.

## PUBLIC INTEREST AND PRO BONO ADVOCATES

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### **MILLER CENTER ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR**

Aranda Stathers

### **MILLER CENTER DISTINGUISHED ADVOCATE**

Aranda Stathers

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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### DICKINSON LAW REVIEW

Seth Trott, *Editor-in-Chief*  
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#### Advocates

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Matthew Anderson, *New York Bar Association National Moot Court Competition*  
Michael Hainer, *National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition*  
Nikki Signer, *Robert F. Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition*  
Dylan Smith, *National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition*  
Aranda Stathers, *Siegenthaler-Sutherland National Moot Court Competition*

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### NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION

hosted by the American College of Trial Lawyers

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Talia Kowalski  
Scott Lovejoy  
Heather Townsend



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## ACADEMIC REGALIA

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The academic regalia worn in the commencement ceremony dates back to the 12th century when robes and hoods were necessary for warmth in unheated buildings. The style of the regalia indicates the wearer's highest degree of education. Doctoral robes are black or another color designated by the university granting the degree. The hood is worn around the neck extending down the back. In the late 19th century, regalia began to indicate particular academic disciplines by color. The color for the discipline of law is purple and is often evident in the color of velvet trim on the gown and hood. The lining of the hood displays the colors of the university granting the doctoral degree. The Law School's colors combine red and white, its traditional colors, with the blue and white of The Pennsylvania State University.

## ABOUT DICKINSON LAW

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As the oldest law school in Pennsylvania and as one of the oldest law schools in the country, Dickinson Law's mission remains remarkably similar to its founding vision: to prepare students of law thoroughly for the practice of their profession. While remaining steeped in the tradition and values that have distinguished the Law School from its inception, Dickinson Law has redefined how it is preparing students to lead their profession in a competitive and evolving 21st century legal landscape. We fulfill and further our mission of Practice Greatness and our core values of teaching, scholarship, service, and community by equipping our students with the entire range of concrete skills necessary to excel as legal professionals at local, state, national, and international levels. Our interdisciplinary approach pairs theory and doctrine not only with practical lawyering skills, but also with an advanced set of extralegal competencies, including strategic problem solving; leadership; risk and project management; cultural competence; and interpersonal communication and empathy. The education of our students is enhanced by the relationship with our world-renowned parent public research institution, The Pennsylvania State University; partnerships with the adjacent nonprofit, private, and public sector legal community; and semester-long experiential opportunities in Harrisburg, Washington, D.C., New York City, San Francisco/Silicon Valley, Los Angeles/Hollywood/Beverly Hills, Dallas/Houston, and The Hague.

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