



WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW

COMMENCEMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017

COMMENCEMENT DAY EVENTS

7:40 a.m.

2017 Class Photo

Anheuser-Busch Hall, Outside 3rd Floor

8:30 a.m.

University Commencement Ceremony

Brookings Quadrangle (Rain or Shine)

11:30 a.m.

School of Law Recognition Ceremony

Athletics Complex, Varsity Gym

12:30 p.m.

School of Law Reception

Anheuser-Busch Hall

ORDER OF PROCESSION

Grand Marshal of the Law School

Vice Dean Gerrit De Geest

Student Marshals

Nicholas J. Goldin

Jacob Richard Franchek

Lei Yu

Dean of the School of Law

Nancy Staudt

Voice of the Faculty

Professor Gregory Magarian

Student Speakers

Sarah L. Rockefeller

Lei Yu (Marching with Student Marshals)

David M. Becker Professor of the Year

John Drobak

Adjunct Professor of the Year

Richard Finneran, JD '08

Members of the School of Law Faculty

The School of Law Class of 2017

Associate Dean of Students

Elizabeth P. Walsh

RECOGNITION CEREMONY

To Begin at 11:30 a.m.

Music

Clarion Brass

Procession

Welcome & Opening Remarks to Graduates

Dean Nancy Staudt

Voice of the Faculty

Professor Gregory Magarian

Student Speakers

Sarah L. Rockefeller, JD & LL.M.

Lei Yu, LL.M.

Presentation of Diplomas

Assistant Dean Peter K. Cramer

Associate Dean Elizabeth P. Walsh

Closing Remarks

Dean Nancy Staudt

A reception will follow in Anheuser-Busch Hall

SCHOOL OF LAW CANDIDATES

Presented by Dean Nancy Staudt

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Jeffrey F. Aisen	Zhe Chen	Elizabeth Garcia Dominguez
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**JURIS SCIENTIAE DOCTORIS
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LLM-IP

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Mattia Cutolo

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Jack Garden Humanitarian Award

Jacob Richard Franchek

Charles Wendell Carnahan Award

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ABA Government Law Student Excellence Award

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1L Breckinridge Academic Award 1st Honors

2L Breckinridge Academic Award 1st Honors

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Judge John W. Calhoun Trial Practice Award

Public Service Law Student of the Year

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International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award

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Legal Practice Excellence Award

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Mary Collier Hitchcock Prize (Law Review)

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F. Hodge O'Neal Corporate Law Award
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Milton F. Napier Trial Award

Cortez J. Whatley

Dan Carter-Earl Tedrow Memorial Award

Patrick R. Wolff

Joseph Kuttan Award in Bankruptcy

Haipeng Xiao

Phillip Gallop Award

Hancen Yu

Don Sommers Award in Professional Responsibility

Lei Yu

LLM Excellence in Negotiation & Dispute Resolution

Wei Zhu

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In 1867, a group of visionary St. Louisans founded Washington University School of Law. We are the 12th oldest Law School in the nation and the oldest Law School west of the Mississippi River. Today, we celebrate the achievements of our 150th Anniversary Class of 2017 and our accomplished alumni across the nation and globe. Together, we shape the practice of law, promote justice, and build for the future.