

CONVOCATION

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*“We don’t accomplish anything in this world alone...
and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry
of one’s life and all the weavings of individual threads
from one to another that creates something.”*

—The Honorable Sandra Day O’Connor

SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR COLLEGE OF LAW

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In 1965, President G. Homer Durham hired Willard H. Pedrick to become Arizona State University's first law school dean and tasked him with the responsibility of building, literally from the ground up, its very first law school. Located on ASU's Tempe campus, Armstrong Hall housed the law school until its move to the Downtown Phoenix campus in 2016.

Over 50 years ago, 83 students graduated with their Juris Doctor from the ASU College of Law. Today, over 650 students graduate annually from ASU Law, receiving one of our five degrees: Juris Doctor (JD), Master of Laws (LLM), Master of Legal Studies (MLS), Master of Human Resources and Employment Law (MHREL) or Master of Sports Law and Business (MSLB).

The law school has accomplished many significant milestones in its 50+ years. In 2006, the law school was renamed to honor Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States. It is a privilege—and a great responsibility—to be entrusted with Justice O'Connor's (ret.) name and legacy. Students continue to personify Justice O'Connor's legacy and lifetime work to advance civics education and civic engagement and discourse, by donating more than 110,000 hours of public service each year.

ASU Law has risen in national and world rankings, continues to attract highly credentialed students and offers more personalized programs than any other law school in the country.

In 2016, ASU Law moved to the Beus Center for Law and Society at the ASU Downtown Phoenix campus, further enhancing the law school's service to the community and providing students access to the best legal opportunities. Students can also study beyond Phoenix at ASU campuses in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles, as well as participate in global study abroad and externship or internship opportunities. ASU Law's world-class faculty and administrators provide students with unparalleled opportunities to gain insights and practical skills needed to address legal challenges locally, nationally and globally. ASU Law also prides itself on its network of engaged alumni and its relationship to the broader legal community, which has fully embraced the law school and is dedicated to the success of its graduates.

ASU Law is currently the No. 30 best law school in the nation and is the youngest law school in the top 30 as ranked by U.S. News & World Report. ASU Law also has five programs ranked in the top 30 and consistently ranks highly for job placement. The law school is also No. 1 in the state for student outcomes and No. 1 in the state for bar passage, often exceeding the national average.

CONVOCATION PROGRAM

*PROCESSION OF FACULTY AND CANDIDATES

Opening RemarksZak Kramer
Interim Dean and Professor of Law

Convocation AddressPatty Ferguson Bohnee, JD
Clinical Professor of Law

Patty Ferguson Bohnee is the Director of the Indian Legal Clinic, Faculty Director of the Indian Legal Program, and Clinical Professor of Law, at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. She is an Associate Justice of the Hualapai Court of Appeals and is Of-Counsel in the Indian Law Practice Group at Sacks Tierney, P.A.

Ferguson-Bohnee has substantial experience in Indian law, election law, voting rights, environmental justice and status clarification for tribes. She has assisted in complex voting rights litigation on behalf of tribes and has filed amicus briefs with the United States Supreme Court for tribal clients with respect to voting rights. She serves as the Native Vote Election Protection Coordinator for the State of Arizona and has testified before Congress regarding Indian voting issues. She has also testified before Congress, the Louisiana Legislature, and the Inter American Commission on Human Rights regarding tribal recognition, climate displacement, and human rights issues. She successfully assisted four bayou tribes in obtaining recognition from the State of Louisiana. She recently assisted in preparing a complaint that was filed with the United Nations alleging human rights violations on behalf of four Louisiana coastal tribes and an Alaska Tribe.

Ferguson-Bohnee is committed to improving diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal profession. She is one of the American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession’s 2020 Spirit of Excellence Award recipients. She is a co-founder of the Native American Bar Association of Arizona, past president of the National Native American Bar Association, and a Co-Chair of the Native American Concerns Committee of the Civil Rights and Social Justice Section of the ABA. She serves on the Arizona Supreme Court Commission on Diversity, Equality and Justice and the Arizona State Advisory Committee for the US Commission on Civil Rights. She served on the ABA Coalition on Racial and Ethnic Justice, where she organized conferences on the School-to-Prison Pipeline in Indian Country. Through her work on the National Native American Bar Association, Professor Ferguson-Bohnee helped to develop the first ever study focused on Native American attorneys. Using the results from the study, Professor Ferguson-Bohnee and her colleagues at ASU have created a Pathway to Law Program for Native Americans.

Ferguson-Bohnee is a member of the Pointe-au-Chien Tribe in Louisiana. Professor Ferguson-Bohnee received her Bachelor’s degree with Honors in Native American Studies with an Emphasis in Policy and Law from Stanford University and her Juris Doctorate from Columbia University School of Law with a certificate in Foreign and Comparative Law. As a Fulbright Scholar to France, she researched French colonial relations with Louisiana Indians in the 17th and 18th centuries. She clerked for the late Judge Betty Binns Fletcher of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Student SpeakerRyann Nieves
Candidate for Master of Legal Studies (MLS)

Ryann Nieves (she/her), originally from Chicago, Illinois (Go Cubs), resides in Los Angeles, California, with her wife and two cats, graduated with her undergraduate degree in History and Political Science from the University of California, Riverside where she made the Dean’s List and was awarded the Steven Shum Award for Outstanding Student Activism by the Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on the Status of LGBTs. Ryann went on to earn her ABA approved paralegal certificate in litigation from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Thereafter, Ryann worked in-house as a litigation paralegal for 16 years in the non-profit sector specializing in employment and labor law before she moved into a new role as a Compliance Specialist.

Ryann is equally passionate about the law and non-profit work and has volunteered for a variety of non-profit organizations including AIDS/Lifecycle, Gay and Lesbian Elder Housing, the Human Rights Campaign, and GreenFest Philly.

Ryann is currently employed by Cedars-Sinai Medical Center as an HR Compliance Specialist investigating and handling equal employment opportunity (EEO), wage and hour, and other employment-related issues. While at Cedars-Sinai, Ryann was awarded the inaugural HR Star Award for outstanding achievement in Human Resources.

After graduation, Ryann plans on continuing her career at Cedars-Sinai and building on what she has learned at ASU Law to assist her clients, further advance her legal career, and one day become a Chief Compliance Officer.

Presentation of Candidates.....Sandra Erickson
Assistant Teaching Professor

Hooding of Candidates.....Don Gibson
Professor of Practice, CEO, Brandtheon

- Master of Laws (LLM)
- Master of Legal Studies (MLS)
- Master of Human Resources and Employment Law (MHREL)
- Master of Sports Law and Business (MSLB)
- Juris Doctor (JD)

Closing RemarksZak Kramer
Interim Dean and Professor of Law

***RECESSION OF FACULTY AND CANDIDATES**

***Audience should stand for these portions of the program.**

FALL GRADUATES

December 14, 2022

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Michelle Lynn Hibbert
Donna Irene Vidaurreta

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Shane Bradley Swift
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Awarded to students who contributed 100-149 hours of pro bono service while attending law school.

Alejandro Nathan Oviedo-Wyke

Pro Bono Distinction

Awarded to students who contributed 50-99 hours of pro bono service while attending law school.

Rachel Galasso

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