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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

Established 1967

Stacy Leeds, LL.M., J.D., M.B.A.

Willard H. Pedrick Dean and Regents Professor of Law

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Sr. Assistant Dean, Administration and Graduate Programs and Chief Operating Officer

About the College

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.

In 1970, the first class of 83 students graduated with their Juris Doctor from ASU Law. Today, more than 650 students graduate annually, receiving one or more 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 the late Justice O'Connor's name and legacy.

In 2016, ASU Law moved to the Beus Center for Law and Society in 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 locations in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., as well as participate in global study abroad with 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. Read more about the legacy of Justice O'Connor and the impact of ASU Law at law.asu.edu.

About our Graduates

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law's alumni embody the spirit of excellence that defines our institution. With a commitment to justice and a passion for making a difference, our more than 11,000 graduates have gone on to achieve remarkable success in various fields of law and beyond. From practicing attorneys to judges, policymakers and business leaders, ASU Law alumni are making a significant impact on society, shaping the legal landscape and championing positive change. Stay connected with fellow alumni with the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Alumni LinkedIn group and at law.asu.edu/alumni.

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Procession of Faculty and Candidates (audience should stand)

Opening Remarks.....**Stacy Leeds**

Willard H. Pedrick Dean and Regents Professor of Law

Student Speaker.....**Margaret Kristine Zahm**

Candidate for Master of Legal Studies; Fall 2024 University Outstanding Graduate

With plans to pursue a JD next fall, **Margaret Zahm** adds the Master of Legal Studies to her growing portfolio of achievements. Zahm previously graduated with distinction from the University of Michigan, obtaining a bachelor's degree in sociology and a minor in Russian. Driven by an intense curiosity about the law and society, she has assisted with numerous research projects, from those focused on building transnational LGBTQ+ networks in South Korea to the relationship between state repression and military service in twentieth-century Russia. As a high school teacher, she aims to instill a similar intellectual curiosity within her students, providing them with an equitable learning environment that will enable them to critically evaluate the world around them. Zahm credits her ASU Law faculty and fellow students with challenging her to continually seek out new perspectives and ideas when approaching all areas of the law.

Convocation Address.....**Gary Marchant**

Regents and Foundation Professor of Law; Faculty Director, Center for Law, Science and Innovation, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Gary Marchant, Ph.D., JD, M.P.P., is Regents Professor and Faculty Director of the Center for Law, Science and Innovation at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. Marchant's research interests include the governance of emerging technologies such as genomics, biotechnology, nanotechnology, artificial intelligence, neuroscience, quantum technology and blockchain.

Prior to joining ASU in 1999, Marchant was a partner at the Washington, D.C., office of Kirkland & Ellis. During law school, he was editor-in-chief of the Harvard Journal of Law & Technology and editor of the Harvard Environmental Law Review and was awarded the Fay Diploma (awarded to top graduating students at Harvard Law School).

He has authored more than 200 articles, books and book chapters on various issues relating to emerging technologies. He has served on seven National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) consensus committees (chairing two), and has been elected as a lifetime member of the American Law Institute and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He also chairs the IEEE Working Group (P2863) to create a governance standard for entities that develop or use artificial intelligence.

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

Hooding of Candidates.....Erik Menkhus
Clinical Professor of Law; Director, Entrepreneurship and Small Business Clinic

Closing Remarks.....Stacy Leeds
Willard H. Pedrick Dean and Regents Professor of Law

Recession of Faculty and Candidates (audience should stand)

Candidates for Juris Doctor (JD)

Autumn R. Adams
Alyssa A. Chamberlin
Andrew D. Dang
Dominick Detente
Iva Dragic
Kyle J. Goodier
Mitchell D. Hansen
Conner L. Hanson

David Abel Hildebrand
Mohammed W. Khan
Christopher M. McGuane
Spencer C. Morgan
Emily R. Morton
Kylie Runkle
Megan Jennifer Wagner
Franklin Yu

Candidates for Master of Laws (LLM)

Rand Dakhil
Christina Melanie Grey

Zahra K. Kainat Kaihan
Sheng Qin

Candidates for Master of Human Resources and Employment Law (MHREL)

Zaida Yancy Arellano Reyes
Janae Dawn Baker
Lisa Marie Beddiaf
Michael Ryan Birt
Megan Louise Blackman
MaryAnn Iva Brooks
Gina Castro
Liliana Genevieve Cavazos
Samantha Chavez
Denise Diana Clavesilla
Ashley Hudson Cuevas
Angelica Jean Doan
Cameron Marie Ellis
Maria Guadalupe Esparza
Minnie J. Garcia
Yasmeen Garcia
LaShawn Gray
Felix Florencio Gregori
Nicolette Karenna Griffith
Hannah LeAnn Johnson

Leylani Michell Lira
Cecilia Malone
Yasmin Amanda Martinez
Asia Mae McIntosh
Megan Elizabeth Miller
Kim Nelson
Rosario Y. Nystrom
Catherine Riley O'Neill
Enrique Xavier Rangel
Kelsey Leigh Ann Rogers
Ariana Banuelos Romero
Sara Jane Saeed
Garrett Shakstad
Gabrielle Raye Smith
Jamie Steele
Tay Noelle Todman
Taylor Nicole Valenzuela
Ishaan Narendra Vaze
Charles Scott Wiza

Candidates for Master of Legal Studies (MLS)

Brooke Adams
Auhood Hussain S. Alghareeb
Zaida Alvarado
Sarah Armstrong
Zachary Jacob Askew
Lawrence Oliver Ault
Jennifer L. Ayala
Candice Nicole Banks
Stephen W. Beeson
Brianna Janee Bell
Scott M. Benzing
Jason Richard Bilger
Tiranee Shereen Blocker
Jennifer Nicole Boehm
Eunice Bones
Kendra Jene Briscoe
Keith Terrell Brookshire
Alex Raymond Brown
Danielle Burgarella
Isaiah Burist
Sydney Morgan Byrnes
Jacob Calvert
Megan L. Campeau
Nicole Marie Castellano
Rebecca Anne Cayler
Katheryn A. Chavez
Ashley Colby
Estelamarie Colmenero
Georgia Helen Cook
Michelle Cross
Yadanis Adita Duvalon-Bond
Maria Rayne Edwards
Malcomn Jermaine Elijah
Jessica Jean Emmons
Frank Edward Esslin
Jessica Webb Fanto
Jacob M. Farias
Kristiann Alice Ferreira
Lacey Noell Ferrell
Bernice Ann Figueroa
Rashad Fisher

Jessica Lynn Fletcher
Christina Marie Gambino
Kimberly Ann Garrison
Kyle M. Gettemeier
Cedric Osagyefo Kwesi Ghann
Krystle L. Gonyo
Bailey Ramirez Gonzalez
Michael Lawrence Graves
Andrea Marie Greene
Katelyn N. Hazlitt
Jonathan Andrew Helms
Heather Humphreys
Samanta Javanbakht
Bailey Kristine Johnson
Shelda Jozenville
Katherine Irene Karmel
Nicholas Aden Knudson
Dylan Jacob Law
Alexis Lawrence
Katharine Wyatt Lawther
Vada Layan
Marjorie Ann Lewis
Jill Mari Yamashirta Lira
Christopher Michael Lombard
Jerome L. Longbottom
Melanie Lucas
Kristen Madanat
Mohamed Magazuba
Esperanza Victoria Martinez
Moriah Mathis
Marcela Medina
Serenity M. Miller
Roberta Ann Moon
Matthew Musselwhite
Cameron Gale Myles
Zachary Nelson
Mayra O'Neill
Monica Irais Osorio
Ariel Nicole Parker
Elisabeth Kathryn Parker
Emma Ann Parker

Marian Patterson
Elizabeth Marie Petculescu
Angela Woodbury Peters
Tahre Ernett Pettit
Roy Pham
Francine Prasad
Cynthia M. Ramirez
Charles D. Reed
Brittany Dorothy Ann Romano
Tyler N. Schroder
Paige Schultz
Kaley Tanya Secody
Tana Lee Seehoffer
Edwin Sharp
Chaeli Shields
Rhoda Rochelle Siggers
Jordan Michael Stallworth

Ashley Ann Stewart
Molly Josephine Studer
Sonja Succo Delgado
Dylan Sybil
Shayna Rachel Thompson
Katherine Valdez
Kristen Marie Wallace
Nicole Patrice Walls
Olivia Warner
Xhaiden Eli White
Elaina Louise Wiggins
Cedric Latrell Williams
Harris Williams
Sandi R. Wilson
Sarah Ann Wise
Thomas George Yazzie
Margaret Khristine Zahm

Candidates for Master of Sports Law and Business (MSLB)

Kerwin Royce Ferrette
Riley F. Gallagher
Kyle J. Goodier
Mitchell D. Hansen
Cynthia Marie Homburger

Matthew Mauga
Flynn Oleary Murphy
Oluwadurotimi David Ogunjobi
Carter Pollack
Ana Kayla Sniffen

Pro Bono Distinction

Highest Pro Bono Distinction

Awarded to students who **contributed 150 or more hours of pro bono service** while attending law school.

Kyle Goodier (JD)

Sheng Qin (LLM)



Summer 2024 Graduates

Candidates for Juris Doctor (JD)

Sierra Murphy

Candidates for Master of Human Resources and Employment Law (MHREL)

Karla Castro

Guilherme Cavalcanti

Barbara Cormier

Lisa Dodson

Suzanne Drucker

Ally Gugick

Diana Rose Mercy

Jessica Marie Runyon

Victoria Arielle Sanchez

Emily Catherine Sexton

Devin Edward Whitmire

Candidates for Master of Legal Studies (MLS)

Amber Lynn Alyass

Grayson McKinley Bargo

Roger L. Beyal

Kimberly Susan Boninsegna

David Brena

Virgil Lee Davis

Jessica M. Fardanesh

Maris Janis Graudins

Emily Martha Guinther

Alexis Danielle Hayes

Amanda Kaye Hernandez

Nikkole Lynne Jeziorski

Erica Nichole Johnson

Sara Jones

Hannah Marie Krueger

Dominik Marie Lajom

Avannah Elisa Leichman

Jiovanni Lieggi

Justin Lindahl

Mina Marcoss

Rajvinder Murali

Mona Naji

Eric Joseph Pearson

Allana Beth Pettigrew

Jackson R. Pollock

Colleen Quantrell

Julissa R. Ramirez

Jane Friend Sacrey

Claire Kati Smith

Kelsey Stevens

Chad Eric Thompson

Hafsat Umar

Summer Rossoul Watson

Theodore Ryan Weber

Melissa Anne Wise

Karly Zamiar

Candidates for Master of Sports Law and Business (MSLB)

Kallyn Leigh Amundson
Brian Thomas Chambers
Kiara Lee
Austin Michael Peterson Hannah

Lexi Roth
William Scott
Airiana Elayne Zakiara Smith

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