



UW College of Law
Commencement

May 13, 2023





COMMENCEMENT

Buchanan Center for the Performing Arts, May 13, 2023

Processional

“Trumpet Voluntary,” G.F. Williamson

Greeting

Dean Klint W. Alexander

Class of 2023 Student Speaker

Clayton Culbreath

Outstanding Faculty Award Recipient

Professor James M. Delaney

Presented by Darby Clark, JBSG President

Graduation Address

Mel C. Orchard, Trial Lawyer, The Spence Law Firm, LLC

Presented by Brad Bonner, University of Wyoming Trustee

Presentation of the Graduating Class

Dean Klint W. Alexander

Professor Dona Playton

Hooders

Professor James Delaney

Professors Jason Robison and Jacquelyn Bridgeman

CONFER DEGREES

Kermit Brown

University of Wyoming Trustee

Closing Remarks

Dean Klint W. Alexander

Recessional

“Trumpet Fanfare,” G.F. Williamson

Class photo immediately after ceremony.

Reception in the lobby.

Farewell Message

University of Wyoming
College of Law Dean
& Professor of Law
Klinton Alexander



Dear Class of 2023,

On behalf of the University of Wyoming College of Law, I want to congratulate each and every one of you for completing law school and earning your *Juris Doctorate* degree! You should be proud of this achievement, and we applaud you for your commitment, hard work and dedication to reach this point in your lives and careers.

Your class was confronted with extraordinary challenges, including the COVID-19 Pandemic and the renovation and expansion of the law school, that were unique in the history of this institution. Your 1L year was entirely online while the world was in crisis, making it difficult to interact with each other and your professors. During your 2L year, as you re-emerged from social isolation, you were required to wear masks in class and straddle a hybrid learning environment. As 3Ls, you found a way to overcome the noise and distractions of a major construction project to complete your studies. Without a doubt, the challenges you faced as law students were unprecedented. But you persevered and overcame. You truly deserve the degrees that are being conferred upon you in this moment.

The conferral of the Juris Doctorate (JD) degree means that you are now part of an exclusive club of legal professionals representing less than one percent of the world's population. The JD is the most flexible advanced degree, allowing you to practice and serve before the judicial branch of government and work in most other professions beyond the legal field. You are now better equipped to handle life's problems and to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves in society. The late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg once said, "Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

The world needs more good lawyers and leaders who will fight to preserve the rule of law and our democracy. The challenges confronting us today are enormous and require innovative problem solvers and thinkers to solve them. We are looking to you, Class of 2023, to step up to these challenges and to do so in a civil and responsible way. With a JD comes great responsibility, and I hope that you will utilize your legal knowledge and training received at UW to make the world a better place.

Congratulations again to all of you for this tremendous accomplishment,
and good luck in your future pursuits!

Klinton W. Alexander, Ph.D., J.D., M.Phil.

Law Class of 2023

Steven Anselmi-Stith
Logan Y. Armstrong ^{H J}
April Baker
Madison Barber
Andrew Barnes ^J
Ronald Beardslee
Kenna Blaney
Sterling J. Bowers
Hope Bringhurst ^H
Jonathan Brummet
Remi Bullock ^H
Maridi Choma
Gage Clawson
Brayden K. Cochran
Samuel Cornia
Clayton Culbreath
Caleb Dahill
Luke Dainty ^H
Benjamin Daniels
Maxwell Delzer ^M
Kathleen Genevieve Dow ^H
Kevin Doyle
Rachel Edelman ^H
Nicholas Espenan ^J
Julianna Franklin ^J
Sam French ^M
Troy Gilbreath ^M
Blake Godwin ^H
Jordan Michaela Haack
Chandler Harr
David Harrison Holmes ^{H D}
Jack Holt ^H
Alex Iglesias
Michie Lee Johnson ^{H D}
Kimber Logan ^J
Kyra Lukens
Jordan Martin
Emily E. McClarty

Nicholas Switzer McDaniel ^M
Steven Millward ^J
Hannah Mink ^H
Leanna Mirick
Chase Montoya
Morgan Nance
Joshua P. Neal
Darbi Neil
Zane Nelson
Lauren J. Newell ^H
Shelby Nivitanont ^M
Nathan Olin ^M
Chandler Pauling
Jen Pavlikowski ^H
Anne Petrov
Mariah Sabados-Downey
Jessie Salas ^H
Cristina Salazar ^H
Brinae Sanders ^H
Bradley Sankey
Joseph William Iacino Scheitler
Clay Simpson ^M
Evangeline Sinkiewicz
Nicholas Spanos
Caren Speckner ^H
Joe Speckner
Jacob Stewart ^H
Matthew Stone
Carson Tanner ^J
Sean R. Thompson ^J
Cody Townsend
Cheyenne Elsie Troughon
J.R. Twiford ^{H D M}
Molly Ann Ullrich
Jenna VonHofe ^H
Austin Waisanen ^D
McCade Wing
Mark Yocum ^H

H Projected Honor Graduate: Projected to graduate with a 3.400 GPA or higher and complete 59 hours at the University of Wyoming College of Law. **D** December 2022 Graduate **J** Joint Degree **M** Military Service

Burman Student Government

Outstanding Student Award

Clayton Culbreath



Clayton Culbreath is from Kremmling, Colorado. He did his undergraduate studies at Central Wyoming College in Riverton and Colorado State University in Fort Collins. After graduation, he returned to Kremmling where he and his wife, Amy, leased and operated a cattle ranch in partnership with Clayton's grandparents, Grady and Gail Culbreath. During that time, they were blessed to have two wonderful daughters, Maggie and Raleigh. After 13 years of leasing ranches in Kremmling, Clayton and his family decided to try to purchase a ranch in Thermopolis, Wyoming. They were unsuccessful in this endeavor and only stayed on the Thermopolis ranch for a year and a half.

Inspired by Ben McClelland, a graduate of the University of Wyoming College of Law, Clayton chose to go to law school. After graduation, Clayton and his family plan to return to Kremmling, where Clayton will join The Whitmer Law Firm, LLC. He plans to specialize in business, real estate, and water law.

Burman Student Government

Outstanding Faculty Award

James Delaney



Introduced by Darby Clark, Burman Student Government President

Professor James Delaney serves on the faculty as the Centennial Distinguished Professor of Law. From 2013 through 2016, Professor Delaney served as the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the College of Law. He is an Academic Fellow of both the American College of Tax Counsel (ACTC) and the American College of Trust & Estate Counsel (ACTEC). In 2012-2013, Professor Delaney was appointed as the Counsel to the Chief Judge of the United States Tax Court in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining the University of Wyoming College of Law faculty, Professor Delaney practiced law at Perkins Coie, LLP in Seattle, Washington. Prior to practicing law, Professor Delaney served as an Attorney Advisor to the Honorable Robert P. Ruwe, Judge, United States Tax Court. He teaches courses in Federal Income Taxation, Taxation of Business Entities, Estate & Gift Taxation, Estate Planning, Contracts and Trusts & Estates.

Graduation Speaker

Mel C. Orchard

Trial Lawyer, The Spence Law Firm, LLC, Jackson, Wyoming



Introduced by Brad Bonner, University of Wyoming Trustee

Mel Orchard has tried cases in courtrooms across the U.S. for 30 years. He has litigated and/or tried hundreds of cases and has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars in settlements and verdicts for his clients. He has been part of record-breaking civil jury verdicts in jurisdictions including Wyoming, Arizona, and Iowa. For his work as a trial lawyer, Orchard has been inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, International Society of Barristers, the Inner Circle of Advocates, the American College of Trial Lawyers, and the Summit Council.

Orchard earned his J.D. from the University of Wyoming in 1992 and was the Potter Law Club (student government) president in 1991. Board certified as a Trial Attorney by both the National Board of Trial Advocacy and the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), he is currently president of the ABOTA Wyoming Chapter. He has been named as a Rocky Mountain “Super Lawyer” for the last ten years.

Orchard devotes time to pro bono work through Lawyers and Advocates for Wyoming and local and national charities. He is a senior faculty member at The Trial Lawyer’s College, where he has taught for more than a decade.

Student Recognition

2022-2023 Brimmer Scholarships

Brimmer Scholars exemplify dedication to excellence and service, as the award honors the career and service of Judge Clarence A. Brimmer. The selection committee includes representatives from College of Law faculty, the judiciary, and the Wyoming Bar Association, former clerks of Judge Brimmer and members of the Brimmer family.



Brimmer Scholars Jessie Salas and Cristina Salazar



Brimmer Scholarship Finalists

Hope Bringhurst, Hannah Mink, Jenna VonHofe, and Austin Waisanen

Student Recognition

2022-2023 John Burman Student Government
Executive Board and Representatives

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Student Recognition

2022-2023 Outstanding Graduates



2023 CLEA Outstanding Graduate
Kenna Blaney

Clinical Legal Education Association Outstanding Student Award

Awarded annually to recognize law students who have excelled in a clinical course in law school. An outstanding clinical student is selected by the clinical faculty of each law school.



2023 NAWL Outstanding Graduate
Jordan Haack

National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student Award

Awarded annually to the graduating student who best exemplifies the following:

- Contributes to the advancement of women in society
- Promotes issues and concerns of women in the legal profession
- Exhibits motivation, tenacity, and enthusiasm
- Demonstrates high academic achievement
- Earns the respect of the law school community.

Student Recognition



2022-2023 Editorial Board, Wyoming Law Review Volume 23

Editor-in-Chief Hannah Mink

Managing Editor Hope Bringhurst

Research Editor Jessie Salas

Article Editors Logan Armstrong, Morgan Nance, Cristina Salazar, Jenna VonHofe, McCade Wing

2022-2023 Legal Writing Teaching Assistants

Logan Armstrong, Jennifer Pavlikowski, Jessie Salas, and Jenna VonHofe

2022-2023 Board of Advocates

Kimber Logan, President

Davis & Cannon Natural Resources Law Moot Court Competition

Gabrielle Despain

Richard E. Day Client Counseling and ABA Regional Client Counseling Competitions

Jessie Salas and Cristina Salazar

ABA Negotiations Competition

Aleene Lydick

Wyoming Trial Lawyers Association Voir Dire Competition

Jacob Stewart

Student Recognition

2022-2023 Clinic and Practicum Programs

Civil Legal Services Clinic

Student Director

Kenna Blaney

Outstanding Student

Brinae Sanders

Defender Aid Clinic

Student Director and

Outstanding Student

Luke Dainty



Entrepreneurship & Business Law Practicum

Student Director

Kyra Lukens

Outstanding Students

Kyra Lukens and David Henrich

Estate Planning Practicum

Student Director

Chandler Pauling

Outstanding Student

Carson Tanner



Student Recognition

2022-2023 Clinic and Practicum Programs



Family & Child
Legal Advocacy Clinic
Student Director Kate Dow
Outstanding Student
Alex Taylor

International Human
Rights Clinic
Outstanding Students
Kyra Burke and Ingrid Bent



Local Government Assistance
Practicum
Outstanding Student
Shelby Nivitanont

Prosecution Assistance Clinic
Student Director and
Outstanding Student
Maridi Choma



Law Faculty

Klint W. Alexander	Dean and Professor of Law
Sam Kalen	Associate Dean and William T. Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Law, and Co-Director, Center for Law and Energy Resources in the Rockies
Lindsay A. Hoyt	Assistant Dean
Melissa Ballengee Alexander	Carl M. Williams Professor of Law and Ethics
Autumn Bernhardt	Assistant Professor of Law
Jacquelyn Bridgeman	Kepler Professor of Law and Director, School of Culture, Gender and Social Justice
Kenneth D. Chestek	Professor of Law, Assistant Director, Legal Writing Program Program; Assistant Director, Center for the Study of Written Advocacy
Danielle R. Cover	Professor of Law and Director, Civil Legal Services Clinic
James M. Delaney	Centennial Distinguished Professor of Law
Stephen M. Feldman	Jerry W. Housel/Carl F. Arnold Distinguished Professor of Law and Adjunct Professor of Political Science
Jerry Fowler	Asst. Professor of Law and Director, International Human Rights Clinic
Mark Glover	Professor of Law
Darrell D. Jackson	Winston Howard Distinguished Professor of Law and Director, Prosecution Assistance Clinic
Lauren McLane	Professor of Law and Director, Defender Aid Clinic
George Mocsary	Professor of Law
Noah B. Novogrodsky	Professor of Law and Director, Center for International Human Rights Law and Advocacy
Debora A. Person	Law Library (retired as Director, January 2023)
Dona Playton	Dyekman Professor of Law and Director, Family and Child Legal Advocacy Clinic

Tawnya K. Plumb	Director, Law Library
Tara K. Righetti	Professor of Law and Occidental Chair in Energy and Environmental Policies, School of Energy Resources and the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources
Jason Robison	Carl M. Williams Professor of Law and Social Responsibility and Adjunct Professor, Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources
Alan Romero	Professor of Law and Director, Rural Law Center
Michael R. Smith	Professor of Law; Director, Legal Writing Program; Director, Center for the Study of Written Advocacy
Temple Stoellinger	Assistant Professor of Law, Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources and Co-Director, Center for Law and Energy Resources in the Rockies

Emeritus Professors of Law

Debra L. Donahue	Timothy G. Kearley	Dee Pridgen
Harvey Gelb	Jerry R. Parkinson	Elaine A. Welle

Adjunct Faculty

Keith Aurzada	Becky Farley	Devon Petersen
Sharon Buccino	Julie Hill	Mario Rampulla
Matthew Chudacoff	Toni Hartzel	David Singleton
Jessica Cordero	Robert Jarosh	

Law Staff

Tammy E. Ackerson	Law Library Specialist
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Shelby Nivitanont	Law Library Head of Public Services
Lisa M. Nunley	Director of Admissions and Student Services
Ashli Tomisich	Director of Career Services and Professional Development

2022  2023

Outstanding Staff Award

Selected by the Graduating Class



Tim D. Crawford

Director of Experiential Learning



Graduation dedications

this law school rollercoaster
the texts, the phone calls
Onward and upward!
keep being cute



Steven Anselmi-Stith

To my Mom and Dad, thank you for your constant support throughout all my studies, especially the last three years of law school. I appreciate how willing you both were to visit, get lunch or dinner, and spend time with me when I came home. I will never forget what you have both done for me. Mom, thank you for letting me stay with you and bring both my dogs to terrorize you over the summer. Thank you for the constant supply of food, expired or not. Dad, thank you for teaching me and letting me work with you. Thank you for your patience, trust, and all the conversations we've had over the chess board.

To my Grandmother, thank you so much for your support through school. Your constant support and encouragement have kept me going these last few years. I will always be so grateful for the opportunities you have opened for me. I will always be available to help put together your scrapbooks and help with whatever random tasks that come up seemingly only when I come home.

To Kirsi, thank you so much for the support my entire life. We have made some of my favorite memories together, from playing hockey together as kids, to traveling the world. You've been there for the small and big parts of my life

Logan Y. Armstrong

To my Mom, who gave me a heart: They say you can't pick your parents, but had I had the choice, I would have picked you. You taught me diligence, kindness, and faith. I continue to be inspired by the selfless way you live your life, and I aspire to be like you when I grow up (if that time ever

comes). **I love you, mom.**
Thank you.

To my Dad, who gave me courage: I love you and I wish you were here. My grit was forged by the fires of your expectations, and I would not be the man I am today without you. Thank you.

and I'm glad that will continue. Thank you for being there for me when I needed it.

To Caitlin, thank you so much for everything these past few years. Thank you for sitting by my side and listening to me rant about random topics that you never cared about. Thank you for all the love and affection. I'm not sure I would have survived law school without you. I'm excited for our future together.

To Everest and Eevee. You have both been something to look forward to when coming home. It may have been crazy getting two puppies during my 1L year, but you two were worth it and I don't regret it. Thanks for sleeping in everyday with me, playing with me, and causing as much trouble as possible.

I love you all so much.

Finally, thank you to all my classmates that I've studied with these last few years. A major shout out to Jacob, Brad, and Cody who have kept me on track. I will always appreciate that combined we had class notes from every day, even if they were just Jacob's.



And to my Jenny, who gave me a home: I love you so much. Thank you for helping get me through this thing called "law school." I could not have done it without you. The future can be a scary thing, full of doubt and uncertainty, but having you by my side gives me courage. Onward and upward!

April Baker

To my family, THANK YOU!!! No matter how old I get and how many challenges I decide to face you are always there to support me. Thank you for being behind me, beside me, and even at times in front of me, pulling me along. Thank you for your understanding through all the last-minute changes in my schedule and picking up the slack as the demands of law school turned out to be beyond anything I expected. As this chapter of our lives comes to an end, I would not and could not have written it without you. That being said, brace yourself! Our story has many more chapters.



Madison Barber

To My Parents: Mom & Dad – As I celebrate my graduation today, one of the most rewarding things is having you both here. Today marks the end of a long and hard-fought journey through law school. It also commemorates every day you supported me with unwavering love and patience. I have always wanted to make you both proud. There were many years where you both made sacrifices to get me through school, sports and whatever else struck my fancy – all at the expense of your wallet. I hope you see me today as the same outspoken, scraped-knee, brash, and stubborn little girl you raised from the ground up. I hope you see how your parenting and those qualities have shaped me into the woman I am today. But, most of all, I want you to know how grateful I am that you have always been in my corner – rooting for me, showing up for me, and putting up with me. I would not be here today if it wasn't for the two of you. **I love you.**

To My Brother: Aaron – Thank you for always giving me your vote of confidence and keeping me honest and true to myself. You're often my first call when things don't add up because you know exactly what to say to rationalize my racing mind. You push me to be my best self and the best example for the next person in line; I am eternally grateful for that. Thank you for your remarkable comedic timing. God knows how often I needed a laugh over the last few years, and you never missed a beat. **I love you, Bear.**

To My Significant Other: Ben – while you consistently smiled, laughed, and made the very best out of the last three years, I can't help but believe it probably felt more like thirty years to you. Thank you for your endless enthusiasm and optimism. You truly have been strapped in tight on this law school rollercoaster, and I can't look back and imagine doing this ride without you. Thank you for always being the calm to my storm. Thank you for the countless bottles of wine. Thank you for being my safe place to land. **I love more.**

Kenna Blaney

To my husband Michael: Thank you for being my biggest supporter. Your unwavering encouragement and unconditional love have been my rock throughout my law school journey. I am so grateful for your belief in me, your words of wisdom, and your endless patience. I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for being my partner in life and for marrying me right in the middle of it all. **I love you** more than words can express.

To my family: Thank you for all you've done to help me achieve my goal of going to law school. Thank you for your belief in me and for your words of encouragement. I appreciate your love and support throughout the past three years, and all the years before that. Thank you for making sure that I had every opportunity to pursue my dreams, and for raising me with values that have guided me on this journey.

To my classmates: Thank you for challenging me, inspiring me, and teaching me so much. The perspectives and experiences that you've shared with me have enriched my education and broadened my horizons. Together, we have achieved a remarkable milestone. Go out and make a difference. Congratulations everyone; we did it!

Sterling J. Bowers

To my darling Amy, **I love you most.** Thank you for always being shelter from the storm.

To my mom, thank you for giving me your eyes and your wild spirit. To West Africa and back xoxo.

To my dad, thanks for the grit. I'm eternally grateful to you and Sheila for always believing in me, no matter how crazy the dream.

To my brothers and sisters, thank you for always keeping me grounded.

To my surrogate folks, my in-laws, and all my buddies, Walt Whitman said that a man's family is the people who love and comprehend him. Thanks for always comprehending me. You're forever family in my book.

To my peers, you're all tougher than a bodark fence post. Thanks for being the interesting, principled, and brilliant folks you are. I'm proud to know each of you. Let the party begin!



Jonathan Brummet

To my wife, Eunjeong: You have made all of this possible. Thank you for your unwavering support. I know this adventure has come with challenges, but I could not have done it without you. This accomplishment is also yours. We have reached the end of this tunnel, and I look forward to traveling the coming roads with you. I am sure the rest of our lives will be full of opportunities for our children and us. Let's get to it. **사랑해요!**

To my Parents: Thank you for your help and guidance these years. You helped provide the stepping stone needed to pursue my dreams. This degree would not have been possible without you. I am very fortunate and glad to have shared these years with you.

To my Parents in South Korea: Thank you for accepting me into your family. I am so lucky to have you in my life. Your support and love are felt across the ocean. You have made such an impact on our lives. Thank you for all the encouragement and confidence.

To my brother and sister, Tom and Sydney: Thank you for the moral support and relief from the study days. Our children are lucky to have you as an aunt and uncle, and I am fortunate to have you as siblings. Sydney, thank you for your help with the kids throughout the years. Tom, I may not have made it through without card openings and Soju.

To my children, Liam and Ella: We made this decision for you. You won't remember this, but maybe you will see it someday. I promise to support you and provide you with many opportunities. You belong to two amazing cultures, and I will make sure you get to take advantage of both. **I love you!**

Maridi Choma

To Mom, Dad, and Mikey: Thank you for your constant support. I truly could not have done this without you. Thank you for always encouraging me to keep going and for being there when I wanted to talk. I am so excited to share this accomplishment with you!

To my Grandparents: Thank you for always supporting me. Knowing that you are in my corner helped me to push through the rough days and get to where I am now. I am proud to call myself your granddaughter.



Brayden K. Cochran

To Mom and Dad, thank you for all your support from kindergarten to today. You guys have always encouraged me to push myself academically and have been there for me since day one. To Isabella and Henry, you two will always be my inspiration to work harder and do better every day. Thank you for being there for me. **I love you all.**

Samuel Cornia

To my Mom, Dad, Destiney,
and the friends I have met
along the way.

Success through this arduous
journey could not have been
possible without your
unwavering support. You are

my heroes, my guiding light in
the darkest hour, my riverbed
withstanding the raging
torrents of emotions that have
flowed since the first moment I
decided to begin this
adventure. I cannot express
enough gratitude for being
there for me every step of the
way.

I love you all!

Clayton Culbreath

Dear Amy – Thank you for dropping everything
to help me get through law school. I appreciate
your kind words when I was feeling discouraged
(which was a lot). I could not have made it
through without you. Love, Clayton

Dear Maggie – Thank you for letting me read
cases to you. Thank you for pointing out
grammar mistakes in the judge’s opinions. You
are right. The judge should have said people,
not “peoples.” I will never forget your
encouraging words, notes, and artwork.
Love, Papa

Dear Raleigh – Thank you for your wonderful
imagination. You inspire me to be more creative.
Thank you for your profound thoughts. I think
you are right. Adam and Eve probably did not
have belly buttons. I cherish the notes and
artwork that you give me to display at my desk.
Love, Papa

Dear Grady and Gail – Thank you for listening to
what I learned in class almost every day. I don’t
know if it was always very interesting. But, you
always wanted to hear about it. Thank you for
your love and sacrifice. Love, Clay



Luke Dainty

As Mariame Kaba articulated, "Everything worthwhile is done with others." I would like to thank the innumerable individuals and communities that have supported me throughout my life's journey. I am extraordinarily blessed to

have received loving support from family, friends, mentors, coworkers, preceding generations, and countless others.

To Mackenzie, the light that illuminates my life: Honey, we're the big door prize.

The love that I have received is cherished, appreciated, lifesaving, and reciprocated. Thank you all. And please remember, "Don't follow leaders, and watch the parkin' meters."

Kathleen Genevieve Dow

My time in law school has been filled with unexpected sweetness, all thanks to the people who carried me here to the finish line.



First, my friends in the law school and outside of it deserve all the praise in the world. Their patience, encouragement, humor, and unfailing joy have been infectious in some of the hardest years of my life.

I would be remiss not to also acknowledge the program which taught me every practical thing about lawyering that I know, so cheers to the UW Family Clinic. It has been an honor to work

in an environment so full of fierce loyalty and empathy – qualities which seem all the more precious for their rarity in today's legal field.

Thanks also to my parents and whole family for being my rock in every storm. Knowing that they were cheering me on grounded me and gave me the gift of perspective. I am reminded that my decision to attend law school stems from the eternal pursuit of tikkun olam, and that there is dignity and rebellious hope in choosing to fight the good fight.

My final thank you goes to my future husband. Denny, I could live a hundred lifetimes and never deserve the love that you give me. It is a privilege to be your partner, and I admire you more than you will ever know.

Last, a formal dedication. I would like to dedicate this milestone and achievement in my life to my grandmothers: Edna and Carolyn. Together they were the human embodiments of grace and grit respectively. When I think of what it takes to be a truly great attorney, it is the symbiosis of those two women. Though neither lived to see today, I continue to aspire to build a life that would make them proud.

Rachel Edelman

Today would not be possible without the endless love and support from many incredible people. I thank each of you that has believed in me along the way, but a special thanks to my family. To my dad, for

being my rock throughout this, and every challenging adventure I have undertaken. To my mom, for always lending an ear and encouraging me. I want to thank my brother and sister-and-law for being great role models. And to my friends,

thank you keeping life fun and reminding me that there's more to life than just law school. I am grateful beyond words to have each of you in my life, and **I love you all!**

Nicholas Espenan

To My Parents: I extend my heartfelt gratitude for being my foremost mentors, heroes, and unwavering supporters. Your love, guidance, and resolute belief in me have been the pillars of my success, and I cannot express enough how much I cherish you both. Mom, your steadfast presence in my life, and our weekly Sunday phone calls have been my lifeline, and I appreciate the unwavering love and support you have showered me with. Dad, your constant support and love throughout my academic pursuits have been invaluable, and I owe my victories to your sage advice and guidance.

To My Wife Morgan: Your unwavering love, encouragement, and inspiration have been my anchor, and I couldn't have come this far without your unwavering support. You have been the bedrock of my success, and I am immensely grateful for everything you have done for me. Your selflessness, kindness, and grace have made me a better person, a better scholar, and a better future legal practitioner, and my love for you knows no bounds. (P.S. Our furry family members Kiwi and Birdie also deserve a shoutout for their constant cuddle support during my long nights of studying.)

To The Rest of My Family and Friends: This milestone would have been unattainable without your unwavering support and encouragement, and I am privileged to share this momentous achievement with you all. As I step into this new phase of my life, I am humbled by the realization that I am surrounded by the most remarkable people in the world. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for everything.



Sam French

To Mom and Dad, thank you for the unwavering support for the last three years. While plenty has changed, your love and support has been a constant. Words can't express how grateful I am for everything you have done for me. Thank you, and **I love you**

Jordan Michaela Haack

To my parents: Mom and Dad, thank you for your support these past three years. From receiving the acceptance letter all the way until graduation you have been cheering me on every step of the way. I couldn't ask for better parents or role models to get me through. I couldn't have done this without you! All I can say is thank you, and **I love you!**

To my husband: Thank you for standing by my side through the rollercoaster of emotions of these past three years. Thank you for encouraging me when I was feeling my lowest and didn't think I could make it. Thank you for

helping me plan a wedding through the chaos. Thank you for being proud of me for even the smallest accomplishments. I couldn't ask for a more loving and supportive husband,
I love you!

To My Friends: Thank you for being my best friends. Thank you for always being there to talk when I needed it the most and giving me an outside perspective. Thank you for the constant support and love through my most difficult times. I am so grateful for you all and couldn't ask for better people in my life.

I love you all!

Chandler W. Harr

Haley, thank you for encouraging me to pursue law school. Your dedication to our family is unmatched. While I was studying, in class, or prepping for finals you were taking care of our kids, everything else, and growing your own successful photography business. Thank you for finding ways to help financially support our family. You have a lot of heart and I

appreciate your willingness to dive into the deep end and encouraging me to do the same. **I love you.**

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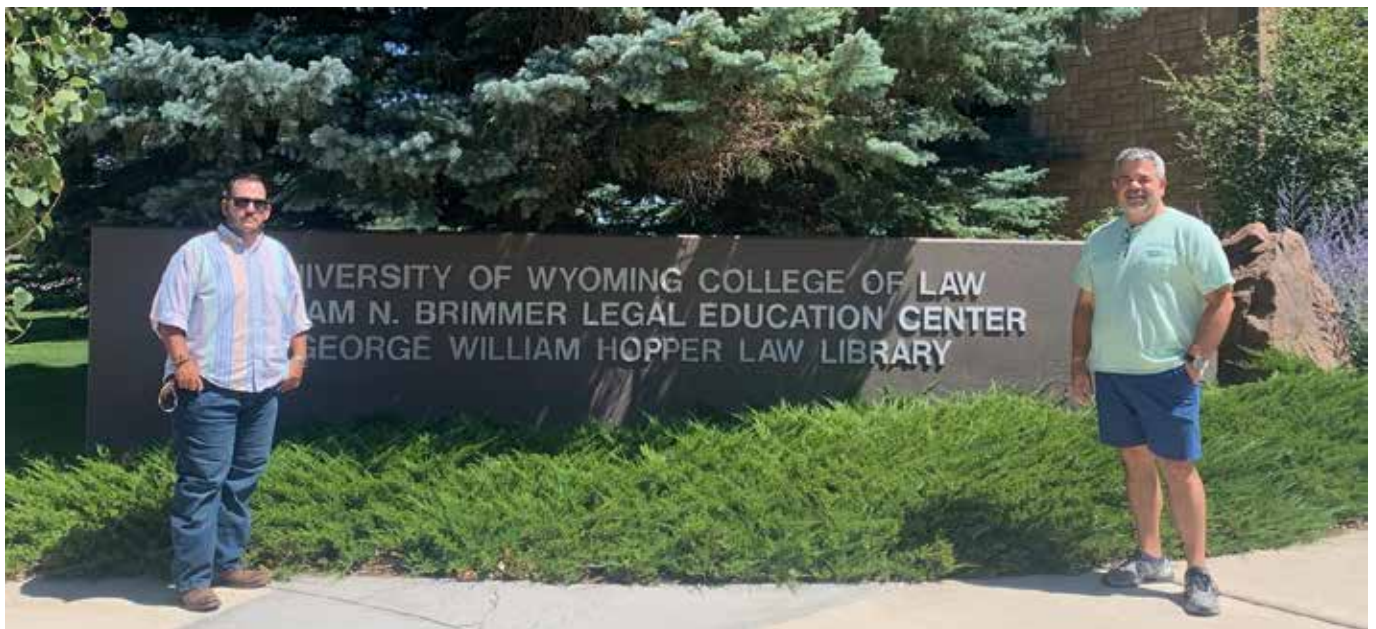
Mom and Dad, thanks for your love and support throughout this journey. I appreciated the phone calls/conversations we had, sometimes right when I needed them.

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Alex Iglesias

To my most perfect, loving Mother and my ever-supportive Stepfather, thank you for your encouragement, your love, your support, and for continuously pushing me to reach my greatest potential in life. Without you both, I would not be graduating law school today. As much as this day is a celebration of my accomplishments, it is also a day for me to say thank you and a day to make you proud. To Jose – I shall be telling this with a sigh,
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.



Michie Johnson

To My Parents: I'm blessed to have four amazing parents. I would not be where I am or who I am today without the influence of each of you in my life. All four of you have supported me throughout my life endeavors, and law school was no different. Thank you all for teaching me endurance, discipline, and perseverance. I am so blessed to have a group of parents who love me, support me, and encourage me the way you all have. I am forever grateful. Thank you!

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I love you all!

Kimber Logan

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Kyra Lukens

It took a village to raise me, but it took an even larger village to get me through law school.
And for that, **I love you all.**

Mom & Dad: This was the hardest dedication to write because words cannot describe how thankful I am to have you both as my biggest cheerleaders. Growing up you taught me the definition of grit and passion for the work we do. You both worked long days while continuing to pursue your dreams. You showed me that when things do not turn out as expected, you shift and figure out a way to finish strong.



To my siblings: Don't stop working towards your goals. I see big things for us Lukens' kids and I am excited to be there for each achievement and success story. This graduation today is just a small piece of what we are going to accomplish.

Elliot: We did it! Over the last three years, you have cheered with me on the good days and watched many tears fall on the harder ones. I cannot thank you enough. As I walk across the stage today know that I would not be here without you and all your support.

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To the Mowris/Krueger Fam: Thank you. For everything. I am truly joining an amazing family.

Jordan Martin

To my mom and dad, thank you so much for your constant support and love over the last 3 years. Although this law school journey has not always been smooth sailing, you both continued to reassure me and remind me that I am worthy and can overcome any obstacles in my way. I truly could not have done this without your encouragement and love. Thank you and **I love you!**

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Emily McClarty

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I am thankful for the sacrifices you have made and the values you have instilled in me. You gave me the best possible start in life, and I am incredibly blessed. Today, as I graduate, I want to dedicate this milestone to y'all. Thank you for everything, and I hope I can make you proud and continue to make the most of the opportunities that life gives me.

All my love. Emily

Steven Millward

Law school is an adventure I had never imagine taking. It is an endeavor for the academically motivated and gifted. I have never been accused of either. But somehow, graduation has arrived. This day, it represents the culmination of accomplishment. It is purely a reflection of those who have supported me before and during this process that bring it to fruition. The list is far too long to publish, but these individuals in my life cannot go without recognition. It is through the friendship of many and the DNA of a few, I have been given the fortitude to persevere in the most trying times. To each of you, I am eternally grateful!

Chase Montoya

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Now buckle up for the next adventure!

I love you!

Morgan Nance

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Joshua P. Neal

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Lauren J. Newell

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Shelby Nivitanont

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Nathan Olin

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Chandler Pauling

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Jessie Salas

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Cristina Salazar

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Brinae Sanders

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Congrats and thank you Class of 2023!

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Joseph William Iacino Scheitler

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Clay Simpson

To my parents, Liz and Denny: Thank you for always being there for me. Thank you for all of the support and encouragement throughout my life. Thanks for being the incredible parents that you are to me and my sisters. Thank you for believing in me and always pushing me to become the best version of myself. **I love you.**

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Fun fact:

This law school journey involved approximately 40,350 miles of commuting these last two years.

Caren Speckner

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Let's go on an adventure!



Carson Tanner

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Thank you for loving me
and for being by my side.

*Here's to our next
adventure.*



Molly Ann Ullrich

To My Family: Thank you to each and every one of you for your support, encouragement, and love the past three years. I am so blessed to have endured the last three years with you all by side. Thank you for instilling strength and determination in me. Thank you for always encouraging me to persevere through the ups and downs of law school and life. Mom and Dad, thank you for loving me and supporting my decision to embark on this crazy adventure. **I love you** and appreciate you!

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I love you all!





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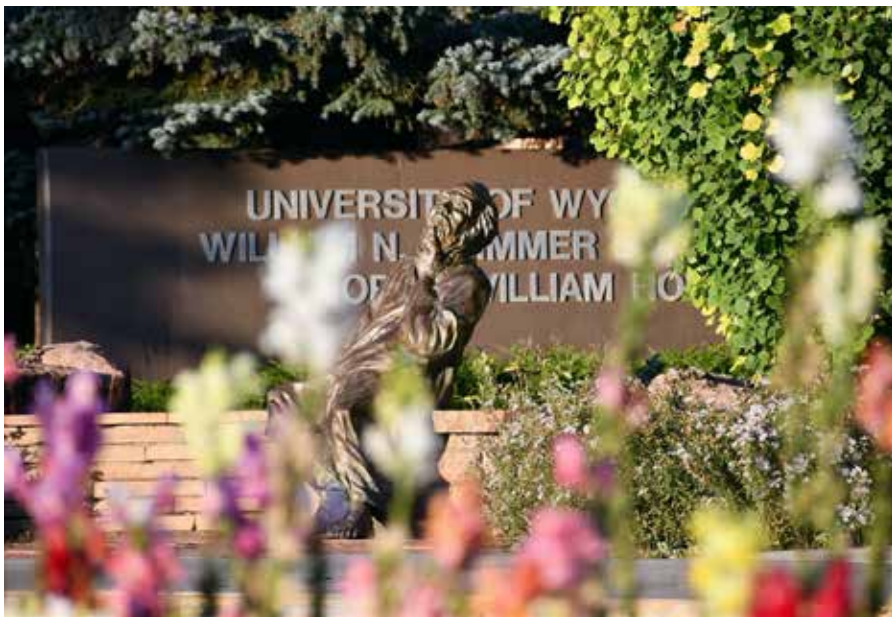
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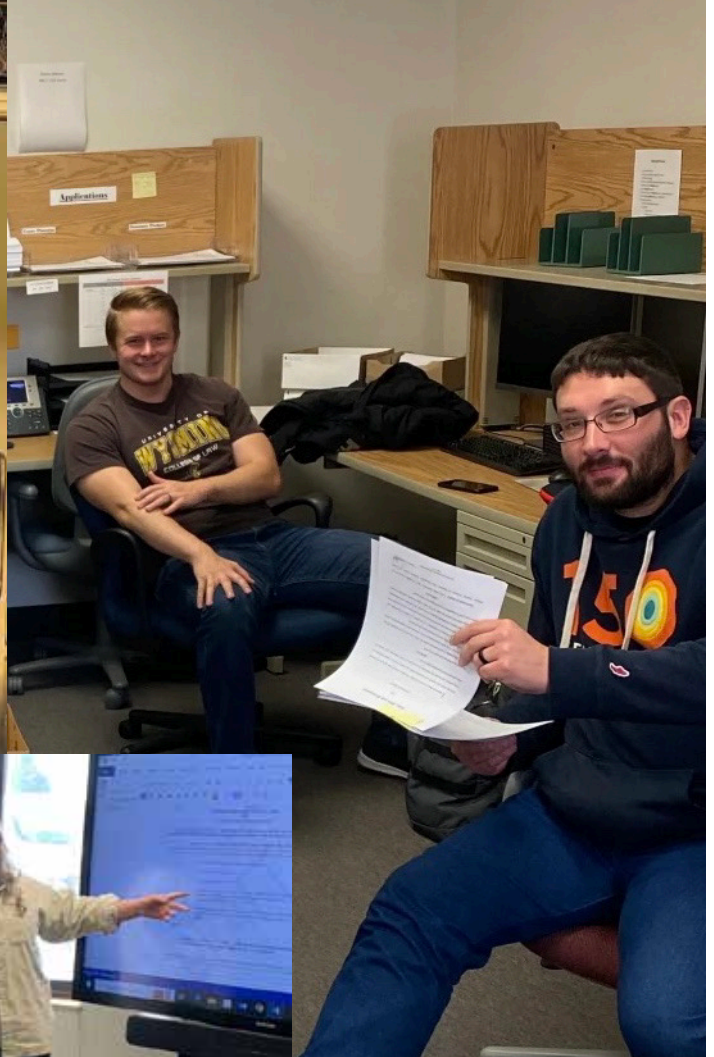






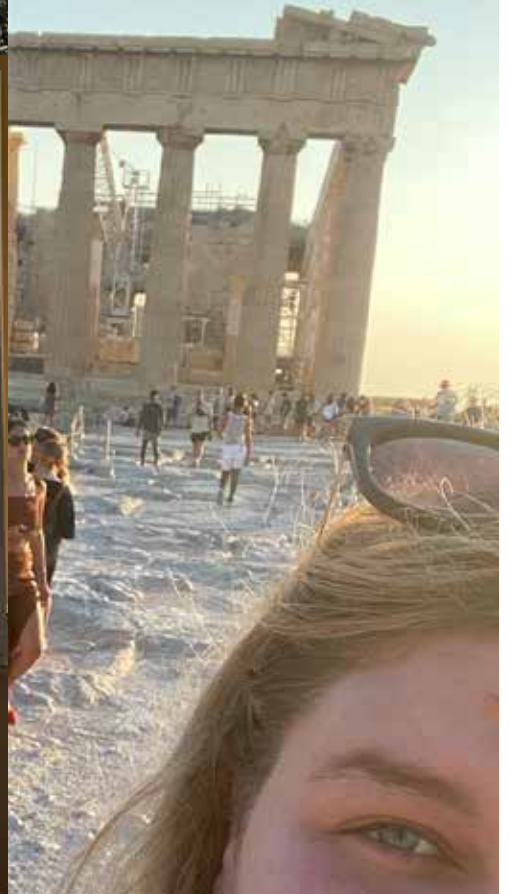














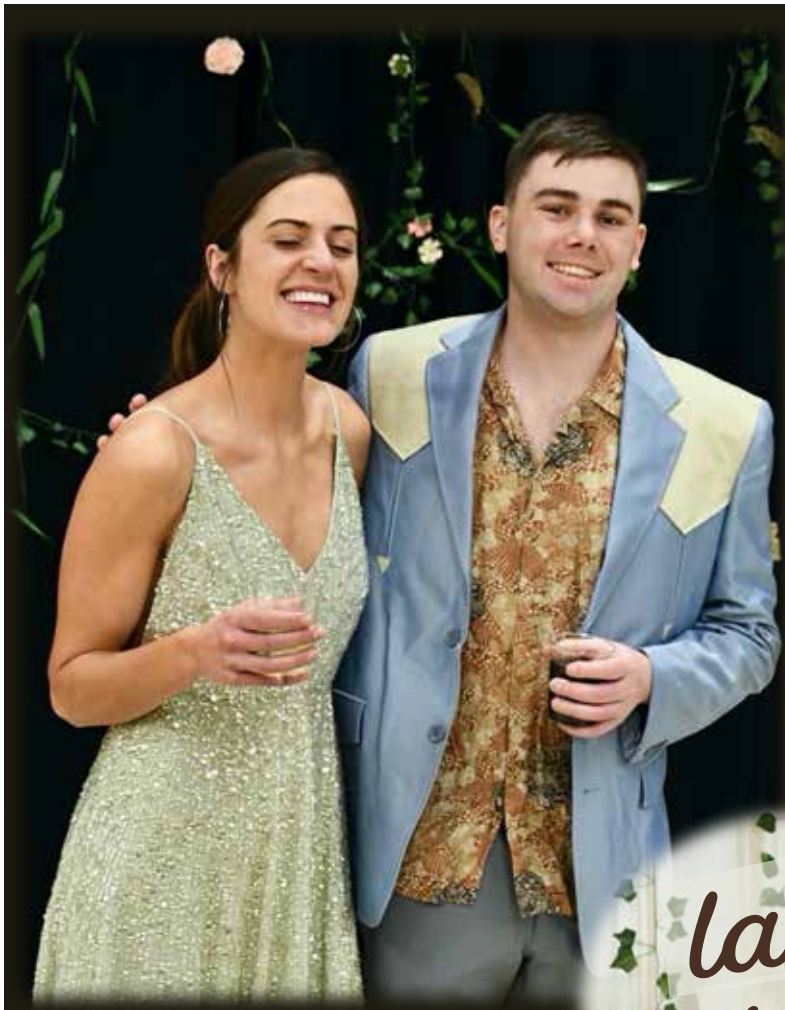








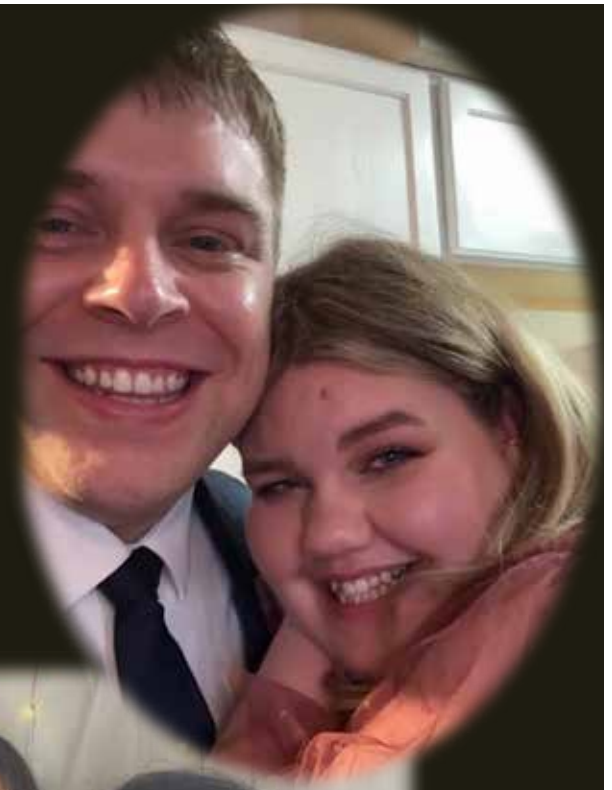




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