

COMMENCEMENT

Buchanan Center for the Performing Arts May 17, 2025

Processional

"Trumpet Voluntary," G.F. Williamson

Greeting

Dean Julie Andersen Hill

Class of 2025 Student Speaker

Janghan (Jay) Lee

Outstanding Faculty Award Recipient

Kipp Coddington Presented by Connor Campbell, President, John Burman Student Bar Association

Graduation Address

Honorable John G. Fenn Wyoming Supreme Court

Presentation of the Graduating Class

Dean Julie Andersen Hill

Hooders

Professor Kipp Coddington Professor James M. Delaney and Professor Jacquelyn L. Bridgeman

Confer Degrees

Kermit Brown Chair, University of Wyoming Board of Trustees

Closing Remarks

Dean Julie Andersen Hill

Recessional

"Trumpet Fanfare," G.F. Williamson

Family and guests please join us for a reception in the law school lobby.

Law Class of 2025

Amanda E. Adam H
Cody William Adamson
Reed William Allen H
Mary Ann Bennett H
Griffin John Boehm J
Madison April Brigham H
Brandon Calloway H M

Tia Chhoeup Kristen Covello H Kaycee Barrett Dellos Morgan Erickson Gwen Fellows

Matthew D. Flaherty M Mitchell A. Foght Michelle Ganey D

Nicholas Theodore Garcia Samantha M. Gaudern H Miles Timothy Gilbert H Gaige Joseph Graham

Garrett Gwin Parker Hamill H Emily Shae Harmon H Chandler Bliss Helvey

Sara Horsley H
Matthew Johnson J D
Sam Johnson J H
Lainee Rae Jones H
Noah Z. Jones
Aileen Y. Kim J
Paris Chantal Lambert

Brandon Alexander LaMere D

Janghan (Jay) Lee Jacob N. Lewis H Jacob Somera Lirio J M

BriAnna Logan Aleene Lydick H M Kayla Lyons Joey Madsen J Adeline Blue Mager Dylan Matchette H Haley Morgan Mathers Jaél Michelle Morsett H Hailey Rai Morton H

Mark Celentano Pabst

Ethan D. Paddison H Molly Elizabeth Pickerill

Dakota Leigh Anne Marie Monique Reeves

Matthew James Riekens J H M

Davin LeRoy Roark H Ana Rodriguez J Chad E. Rosenblum Jacy Rudloff H Karlee Renay Salas H

Sofia Macarena Salgado Cisneros

Bennett L. Smith H M Daniel N. Sou M Jayden R. Stebritz Anthony Stoeter H Russell Thayne Styler

Emma MacRitchie Sunness H

Eilish Rose Tanner Chris Thomas M Sally Marie Thomas M James Weck H M

Alex Joseph Wendlandt H Warren Bruce Wood

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 2024 Graduate **J** Joint Degree **M** Military Service



John Burman Student Bar Association

Outstanding Student Award

Janghan (Jay) Lee

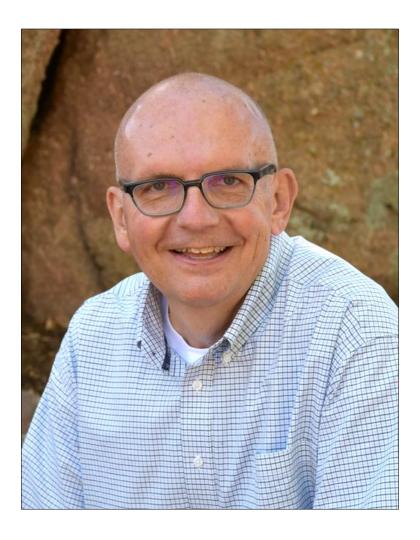


Janghan (Jay) Lee is from South Korea and lived in China for 10 years, where he attended an international school. He earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Michigan State University and a master's in social and consumer psychology from NYU. He worked in marketing research, analyzing consumer behavior in cars, electronics, and fast-moving consumer goods. Inspired by his mother, he chose the law to help people seeking justice. He picked Wyoming for its strength in natural resources and leadership in blockchain. During law school, he co-founded the Blockchain Law and Innovation Club (https://www.instagram.com/blic.uwyo) in his first year and served as First Vice President of the John Burman Student Bar Association in his second year. He plans to practice civil defense litigation in Casper, Wyoming, after graduation.



John Burman Student Bar Association

Outstanding Faculty Award Kipp Coddington



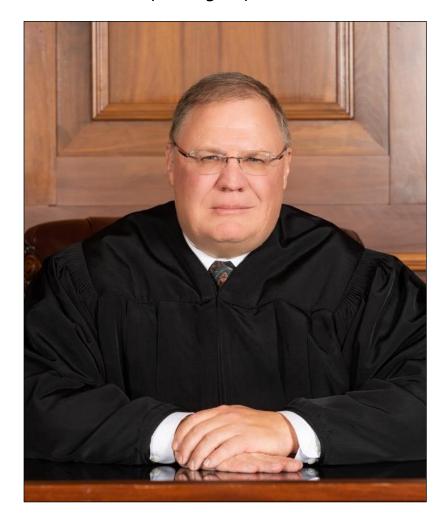
Kipp Coddington practiced law in Washington, D.C. for more than two decades (Covington & Burling; Alston & Bird), including a brief stint in London to help Alston & Bird launch its office there. He then co-founded a boutique environmental law firm and led its Washington office. He moved to Laramie a decade ago to work for the UW School of Energy Resources before joining the College of Law two years ago. At the College of Law, he directs the EENR Clinic, and teaches courses such as Administrative Law, Environmental Law, and Law & Technology. He has a BS in Chemical Engineering from Purdue (With Highest Distinction; Outstanding Senior Engineer) and a JD from Georgetown (Magna Cum Laude; Order of the Coif).



Graduation Speaker

Honorable John G. Fenn

Wyoming Supreme Court



John G. Fenn was appointed to the Wyoming Supreme Court by Governor Mark Gordon and was sworn in on January 18, 2022. Before his appointment to the Supreme Court, Justice Fenn served as a district judge in the Fourth Judicial District in Sheridan from 2007 through 2021. He received his B.S. from the University of Wyoming in 1984, Master of Engineering with honors from the Air Force Institute of Technology in 1989, and J.D. with honors from the University of Wyoming in 1993. He practiced law in Sheridan, Wyoming, with the firm of Yonkee & Toner, LLP from 1993 to 2006.



Student Recognition 2024-2025 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, the Wyoming Bar Association, former clerks of Judge Brimmer and members of the Brimmer family.



Brimmer Scholars Miles Timothy Gilbert and Hailey Rai Morton









Brimmer Scholarship Finalists

Emily Shae Harmon, Lainee Rae Jones, Jacy Rudloff, and Karlee Renay Salas



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National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student Emily Shae Harmon

Awarded annually to a graduating student who 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, and earns the respect of the law school community.



2024-2025 Clinic and Practicum Programs

Clinical Legal Education Association
Outstanding Student
Miles Timothy Gilbert

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.

Defender Aid Clinic Student Director and Outstanding Student Miles Timothy Gilbert







Civil Legal Services Clinic Student Director and Outstanding Student – Jaél Michelle Morsett

Family & Child
Legal Advocacy Clinic
Student Director –
Kayla Lyons
Outstanding Student –
Carson Lougee

Estate Planning and
Probate Clinic
Student Director —
Emily Shae Harmon
Outstanding Students —
Eilish Rose Tanner
Samantha M. Gaudern







2024-2025 Clinic and Practicum Programs

Prosecution
Assistance Clinic
Student Director –
Matthew James Riekens
Outstanding Students –
Jacob N. Lewis
Chad E. Rosenblum







Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resource Law Clinic Student Director and Outstanding Student – Jacy Rudloff





International Human Rights Clinic Outstanding Student – Warren Bruce Wood





Business Planning
Practicum
Student Director
Ethan Drewes
Outstanding Students –
Ethan Drewes
Noah Z. Jones





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Outstanding Staff Award

Laurie Kempert Selected by the Graduating Class





Amanda Adam

Thank you to my family, friends, and colleagues for your support in this journey.

Reed William Allen

I would like to express my gratitude to the following people: My mother, Meg, and my siblings—Amy, Paige, and Brett, for their unwavering support. I also would like to thank my late Father, Phil, who first suggested I go to law school.

Lastly, I want to thank my son, Joseph, whose presence fills my life with joy.



Mary A. Bennett

To my Dad and Mom – I cannot thank you enough for everything you have done for me since day one. Your unwavering love, sacrifice, and support throughout this journey has meant everything to me. You both have taught me how to work hard and to never give up on myself. You have helped me to grow into the woman I am today. I know I have given you guys more headaches than anyone, but I love you both so much and I wouldn't be here without guys.

To Peter and Bleu – Thank you for being the best brothers and friends I could ask for. I know I can always count on you guys to be there for me. You have always encouraged me to be the best that I can be and have taught me to fight for what I want. I love you both so much.

Amy Iberlin and Craig Silva – Thank you for everything you have done for me. Ever since you guys hired me, you have taught me so much about not only being a great lawyer but also about being a great person. You have become some of my dearest friends, and I cannot thank you enough for everything you have done for me. I could never have gotten through law school without you both.

To all of my friends – You guys mean the world to me. You have been my crutch throughout this whole process. You've put up with my complaining, crying, and overall craziness and I love you all so much for it. Thank you all for the amazing memories, the endless laughs, and just everything you do for me.

Tito – You are my rock. You've had to put up with more sh*t than anyone and you continue to be there for me every day. All of this is for you little nugget.

Above all, I thank God for all the blessings he has given me in this life. Thank you for guiding me to this point and helping me to become the person I am today.







Griffin Boehm

For my family—who taught me the value of hard work and the importance of finishing what you start. Thank you for always being there for me :)

Madison Brigham

To My Parents, April & Howard: You both put in so much effort to set me up for success before I ever started college. In doing so, you gave me a gift not everyone has the luxury to receive – the freedom to choose my own path and direct my higher education and future career according to my various whims and interests. I know that you guys originally expected to attend a chemical engineering graduation, but I don't think that I ended up in a bad spot. I would never have made it as far as I have without your constant love and support. Thank you for paying for my high school debate trips. Thank you for dealing with my emotional phone calls where I second-guessed my career path. Thank you for never doubting my capabilities. I love you both.

To My Partner, Drew: I don't think that you knew what ride you were signing up for when you started dating a girl who said that she was interested in applying for law school, but I am so happy that you never jumped ship. You have been with me through every bad day, every moment of exhaustion, every second of stress, self-doubt, and existential dread. You brought me countless amounts of snacks while I couldn't pry my eyes away from a computer screen. You did an endless amount of laundry so I could always have clean clothes. You made an infinite amount of jokes, through my barrage of moodiness, until I finally cracked a smile. You decided to love me, even when you saw the worst of me. Thank you. I cannot begin to tell you how much I love and appreciate you. I am excited to experience our next chapter of life together.





To My Family: I would like to thank you all for your kindness and patience with me throughout the last few years. I know that I was not as present as I should have been, and I should have been a lot more diligent about reaching out. Yet with all of my shortfalls, you're still here to celebrate this triumph with me, thank you for that. I really, really appreciate and love you all. *Special note to Ethan and Ryan:* Thank you all for never letting me take myself too seriously. I always knew that I could call you guys and be guaranteed to laugh and to be made fun of. Thank you for being there when I needed your help, I hope to do the same for both of you.



Brandon Calloway

To my wife, Shelby – No words are vast enough to capture what you mean to me or how deeply I appreciate you. From the first day of this journey, you have been my rock, my refuge, and my greatest source of strength. Every late night, every exhausted morning, every doubt, and every triumph—you were there, holding me up, reminding me why I started, and believing in me when I struggled to believe in myself. You sacrificed so much, carried burdens that weren't yours to bear, and gave me the courage to push forward when the weight of it all felt unbearable.

You have stood by me through every season of my life—from my time in the Navy to the uncertain transition into law school. You endured the lonely nights when I was away on missions and deployments, shouldering challenges on your own with unwavering resilience. You left behind the warmth and endless comforts of San Diego to move to a small town in Wyoming, facing brutal winters, relentless winds, and scarce conveniences—all to stand beside me as I chased this dream.

More than anything, you became the heart of our family, stepping up to be a mother to Anya and giving her a love that knows no bounds. You stayed up late with me when I needed to vent, helped me prepare for trials, and calmed me when I came home from court fired up. You made sure I ate when I forgot, rested when I refused, and never once let me lose sight of who I am or why I am here. You have loved me at my weakest, lifted me when I couldn't stand on my own, and shown me a strength deeper than anything I have ever known.

This achievement is not mine alone—it is ours. I stand here today because of you. As I step into the next chapter as an attorney, I do so knowing that every case I fight, every life I strive to impact, and every battle I take on will be done with you by my side. You are my greatest love, my life partner, my everything. Thank you—now, always, and forever.

To my daughter, Anya – My sweet little bird, you are the heart of everything I do. From the moment you entered this world, you became my greatest motivation, the most profound source of strength, and the purest reminder of what truly matters. Every long night, every challenge, and every sacrifice along this journey has been made with you in my heart, knowing that one day, I would be able to show you what perseverance, hard work, and love can accomplish.

There were days when I felt exhausted, when the weight of law school, trying cases, and life itself felt unbearable—but then I would see your smile, hear your laughter, or hold you in my arms, and suddenly, none of it seemed so complicated. You are my greatest joy, deepest inspiration, and the heartbeat behind everything I do. This degree, this achievement, this milestone—it is for you. So that one day, when you chase your own dreams, you will know that anything is possible. No matter how hard the road may seem, you are capable, you are strong, and you are never alone. I love you more than words can ever say, baby girl. You are, and always will be, my most tremendous success.

To my parents, Charles and Sylvia – Everything I am today is because of you. From the beginning, you instilled in me the values of hard work, resilience, and integrity, shaping the foundation that has carried me through every challenge. You taught me to stand tall in the face of adversity, to fight for what is right, and to never settle for anything less than my best.

Through every stage of my life—from my time in the Navy to the grueling years of law school—you have supported me in ways I will never be able to repay. You celebrated my victories, lifted me through my struggles, and never once let me forget that I could and would achieve this dream. No matter how far life took me, I always felt your unwavering love, and that love has been my strength in the moments I needed it most.



This achievement belongs to you as much as it does to me. I am standing here today because of the sacrifices you made, the wisdom you passed down, and the belief you always had in me. I hope to honor you in everything I do, and I will spend the rest of my life trying to make you as proud as I am grateful. I love you both more than words can express.

To my sisters and brother, Daniela, Tatjana, Nadja, and Elijah – Even though life took me away from home when you were still little, I have carried you with me through every journey. From the Navy to law school, no matter how far I was, I always thought of you, hoping to set an example that proves you can accomplish anything you put your mind to. Life will challenge you. It will test you. But if there's one thing I hope my journey shows you, it's that no obstacle is too significant when you refuse to give up. Whatever dreams you have, chase them. Whatever goals you set, work for them. And when things get difficult, remember that resilience and determination will carry you through.

I am so proud of each of you and the people you are becoming. No matter how far apart we may be, I will always be here, cheering you on, believing in you, and reminding you that you can do anything. Keep pushing forward and never stop believing in yourselves.

To my parents-in-law, Jamey and Shari – From the moment I became part of your family, you have welcomed me with open arms and endless support. You never hesitated to encourage me, believe in me, and stand by me as I navigated this journey, and I am deeply grateful for all the kindness and love you have shown me.

Beyond your support for me, I am forever thankful for the incredible daughter you raised. Shelby's strength, love, and selflessness are a direct reflection of you, and because of that, I have been blessed with a wife and partner who has been my rock through every challenge. Your influence, values, and love have shaped not only her but also the family we have built together.

Law school has been one of the most challenging experiences of my life, but knowing I had you both in my corner made all the difference. Your belief in me, your generosity, and the love you have shown me as a son mean more to me than I can ever express. This achievement is not just mine—it belongs to everyone who stood behind me, and I am so grateful to count you among them. Thank you for everything. I love you.

To Hailey, Mary, Karlee, and Griffin – We came into law school as strangers, but somewhere between the panic attacks over finals, the late-night study sessions, and the *many* questionable life choices, we became something else—an unshakable, slightly dysfunctional, and absolutely irreplaceable team.

We did everything together. We celebrated each other's birthdays, grabbed drinks to decompress (or to forget), studied until our brains went numb, and somehow, through it all, managed to push each other to be better. We created memories that will last long after we've left the classroom—though I don't think we'll ever forget the soul-crushing moment our exam answers were declared "abominations." That one still stings.

Law school tested, exhausted, and probably aged us more than we'd like to admit, but we survived it *together*. I couldn't have asked for a better group to share this wild ride with. No matter where our careers take us, I know this bond—built on caffeine,

shared suffering, and sheer stubbornness—will last a lifetime. I'm proud to have gone through this with you, and I can't wait to see the incredible things you all accomplish (and to remind you that I knew you *before* you were famous attorneys).





Tia Chhoeup

As I stand here today, reflecting on a journey that began amidst adversity, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for those who illuminated my path. To my family and friends, your unwavering support transformed obstacles into steppingstones, and your belief in me never wavered. To my boss, Raymond Macchia, your mentorship has been invaluable, providing guidance and opportunities that have shaped my professional growth. And to the ever-supportive Linda Goerner, your encouragement has been a constant source of strength. As I embark on this new chapter, I carry with me the lessons learned, and the confidence instilled by each of you. Thank you for being the pillars of my success and for inspiring me to reach heights I once thought unattainable.





Kristen Covello

To my fiancé: Thank you for being my biggest support throughout law school. When I was stressed and anxious, you always offered a kind word, told me you believed in me, and gave me a big hug. Your daily calls brought me joy, and I always looked forward to your voice interrupting my homework. I also appreciated the sweet gestures you made while I was studying. Whether it was buying me a fancy dinner (even when you weren't in town) or sending me loving messages and gifts, you always found a way to bring a smile to my face. I love you and I can't wait to marry you next weekend!

To my parents: Thank you for always encouraging me to pursue my goals. You raised me to believe that I can achieve whatever I put my mind to. This degree is a testament to that. You taught me how to work hard and pushed me to value my education. Now, after 21.5 years of studying, we are finally here. Thank you for loving me and having

faith in me. I am grateful for all of the sacrifices that you have made for me over the years, and I am so glad that you live nearby now. I love you!

To my grandparents: Thank you for being the best grandma and grumpa on the planet. You are the most generous and kind people I know. I look forward to chatting on the phone with you whenever I can, and I appreciate how you prioritize our relationship. Thank you for all of the boxes of sweet treats and cheerful messages over the years. I love you and I am so grateful that you are here to celebrate.

To my siblings: Thank you for distracting me from the stress of law school. FaceTime Pilates, walks around Laradise, and Xbox dates helped me retain my sanity. You were always a pleasant distraction from studying, and chatting with you brings me joy. Even though all of you live far away now, I love that I am still close with all of you. I have the greatest built-in best friends. Thanks for believing in me and encouraging me throughout this process. I love you all!

To my in-laws: Thanks for being the world's greatest in-laws. You have always been incredibly kind, welcoming,

and generous. I am very grateful for the countless hours I have been able to spend with each of you. From bonding at the gym to living in your basement, you have shown me why the Strubes are some of most beloved people in Wyoming. I am honored to become a part of your family, and I hope to be more like all of you. I love you!





Kaycee Dellos

So, it turns out law school is actually very hard (and Legally Blonde is a farce). Who knew? Luckily pain is temporary, and a law degree is forever.

I'm so thankful for my life, my family, my friends, the people who love and care for me, the love within me, the blessings that continue to come, the lessons, the growth, everything.

Mom: You are a beacon of unwavering love. You have shaped me into the person I am today. Thank you for the countless sacrifices, the endless support, and the warmth of your embrace that always feels like home. You have inspired me to face life's challenges with grace and resilience. You were my rock during the late nights of studying, my voice of reason when the stress felt overwhelming, and my unwavering source of love and encouragement when I needed it most.

Dad: You have sacrificed so much to see me succeed, and your strength has been my greatest inspiration. Your wisdom has shaped my character, your resilience has taught me perseverance, and your love has given me the courage to chase my dreams. You showed me, not just through words but through your own example, what it means to work hard and never give up, even in the face of challenges. Every case brief, every exam, every long hour spent studying was fueled by the values you instilled in me—hard work, integrity, and compassion. Your belief in me never wavered, even when mine did.



"When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked. And I wanted to say thanks for all the things you did when you thought I wasn't looking." – Mary Sill

To Nene & Grampa: You always told me to "just get through it." I did it! I love you both more than words can express. In this moment, in every moment, you are and always will be my heroes and role models. Today as I receive this law degree, I do so with deep appreciation for the legacy you have given me. I hope to make you proud, not just with this accomplishment, but with the person I strive to be every day.



To my Mentors (especially Mariah Downey, Cicali Vannoy, Baend Buus, Judge Singleton, Brittany Phillips, Angela Vanderveer, Sabrina Bianchi, Brendan O'Byrne, Grant Draughn, and Mr. Payne): Thank you for taking a chance on me. There were days when I felt overwhelmed, nights when the weight of law school seemed unbearable, but you were always there—reminding me of my purpose, pushing me to stay focused, and reassuring me that I was capable of overcoming anything.

To Magnolia May: --for being the best law school dog. I could not have gotten through these last three years without you. You're my best friend. You understand and love me without words or reasons. You have been on the receiving end of my silences, my tears, my mood shifts, my triumphs, and my routines, without judgement or expectation. You've been there for me every day, through the good and the bad. Here's to many more road trips, Taylor Swift playlists, swims, and sunny days!

"My dog has [taught] me that selflessness is needed, friendship takes you far, and loyalty should exist in every season, no matter who you are." — Courtney Peppernell

To Taylor Swift: --for creating the soundtrack to my life.

"Long story short, I survived." - Taylor Swift

Morgan Erickson

To My Parents: Thank you for your love and support, there are no words great enough fully express my gratitude. From every hard lesson learned growing up, to every accomplishment, I learned from you both. You instilled in me to chase my dreams and to never quit. Those are the reasons I am here today. Mom, whenever I called you always answered, it didn't matter if you were at home or traveling ¼ of the way across the world. You were always the voice of reason when I needed it most, whenever I felt lost, wrapped up in stress, or just wanted to tell you a fun fact, you were always there. Dad, though our time together has been too short since I left for undergrad in Alaska I have always cherished every summer working with you. You taught me so much about life, how to be a better person, and how to be a man. Your advice has carried me through law school, helping me navigate toughest situations, and I know it will guide me into this next chapter of my life. I appreciate you both always having my back and for believing in me every step of the way!

To My Brothers: Thank you for reminding me that sometimes it really isn't that deep, sometimes all you need to do is get in a good workout, go catch some fish, or just time spent outside. I have appreciated every time you have come to visit, it's always a relief because as my "built in best friends" I know we're going to always have a good time. I'm grateful to have you all cheering me on, even if you're all guilty of asking me suspiciously narrow legal hypotheticals regularly!

To My Grandparents: Thank you for planting the idea of law school in my mind, if not for you I would never have gone for it. Thank you for the continued support through this journey, from lending me a room to stay for my summer internship, to always being willing to lend a hand, your support has greatly contributed to my success, and I am beyond grateful.

To My Friends: From my friends 1L year to friends made last week, thank you. Without everyone's support (and mutual suffering) I couldn't have made it this far. From late night study session for tax class, playing pool, random hikes, and overall comradery, those moments formed bonds that will last a lifetime, and we got law degrees out of it which is pretty cool.



Gwen Fellows

Thank you to all the amazing people that I've met over the past three years, and the lessons I've learned from them. Getting to know all of you has been incredible, and I can't wait to see all the wonderful things you'll do. Thank you to all of my professors, for pushing me to learn and grow, and giving me the tools I need to succeed.

Thank you, Adeline, Jaél, Jayden, and Madison. Sometimes the only thing that made me push through is the promise of a girl's night to decompress and pretend to do crafts. Thank you, Emma and Nat, for being such amazing friends and being just as excited about women's sports, especially rugby, as I am.

Thank you, Sara, for being my first and best friend here. I don't think I would have made it this far if you hadn't been there to support me, and I've enjoyed every minute we've managed to spend together, even when it's just sitting in the same room reading different books.

Thank you to all the incredible family friends, including Pam and Jeff Osmonson, who have been so supportive and so excited for me every step of the way.

Thank you to my roommates, Basia and Logan, who have listened to me scream into pillows and breakdown in the shower without comment and celebrated my milestones with me for the past three years. You guys are amazing, and I have been quite happy to take advantage of your dogs.

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Matthew Flaherty

Today is just another day in accomplishing everything that is part of "The Plan". Today marks a monumental leap forward in its advancement. On that note, my parents are the primary reason for any of this.

My "Mama" is responsible for teaching me my deep-rooted values of empathy and kindness. I am the envy of all children because I indeed have the best mom in the world. I will apply this education with the values given to me by my mother close in my heart.

My Dad is the one who showed me that "Flahertys are hard workers". We are fully working class. With that I have a strong devotion towards earning everything through work and labor. Thank you Dad for all the wisdom.

To my parents, you two did this and I will do my best to thank you with as many moments like this as possible. My parents will likely counter and call on all my efforts in earning this degree. My efforts are minimal in comparison to everything that was necessary for me to witness this graduation ceremony. Any story of success is told best when it is shared among as many people as possible. Make your success the reason others can do the same.

To my brother Alex, I am absolutely excited to see you graduate as an engineer one day. You are smart as hell.

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Lastly, my time here will all be for the betterment for the American working class, just you wait and see. Semper Fi

Mitchell Foght

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To all of my law school friends, wishing you tremendous success in your life and careers.





Nicholas T. Garcia

To my beloved wife, Rachel:

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To my parents: Thank you for shaping me into who I am today. Your unwavering support, love, and the values you instilled in me have carried me through every challenge. This moment is a testament to everything you've given me, and I hope I've made you proud.

To my brother, Jarrod: You've been there through it all, and your support has meant more than you know. Having you in my corner has made this journey even more meaningful.

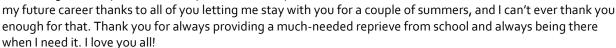
To my friends and classmates: This road has been long, but it wouldn't have been the same without you. Thank you for the camaraderie, the laughs, the late-night study sessions, and for making this experience unforgettable.



Samantha Gaudern

Mom & Dad: If I know what unwavering support means, it is because of you both. I would not be where I am today without your encouraging words, supportive attitudes, and unshakeable love. You've been there every step of the way without fault, and I couldn't be more grateful. Thank you for everything, and for always believing in me. I love you both!

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Jacob: There are truthfully no words that can bear the weight of everything you've done for me. There is no one else I would have wanted by my side for this portion of our lives. You've kept a smile on my face at my lowest points, celebrated my highest points, and have adamantly stood by my side through it all. You mean the world to me, and I can't wait to see what our future holds! I love you!



Miles Gilbert

Jess, three years ago you agreed to leave the familiarity of our favorite apartment, the proximity of our dearest friends, and the belonging that builds in the places we choose. You drove an hour north with me along the most dangerous stretch of highway in Colorado, two thousand feet higher less-of-air, to a town perched on the yawn of



the Earth's second largest wind depression basin, the Big Hollow—Laramie, Wyoming. A place I chose.

The awesome severity of this place has done nothing to tarnish your silver-lined realism. Over the past three years you have made this place a home, picked up fly fishing, invested in new friends, started a job, learned to bike in headwinds, made countless meals for us, and all the while cared for me and my dreams in a way that I have never know. You have placed yourself in such extremity for me and yet you continue to give, to joke, to laugh, to smile. I am so proud to get to walk across this stage, but I am doubly proud to be partnered to you.

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Gaige Joseph Graham

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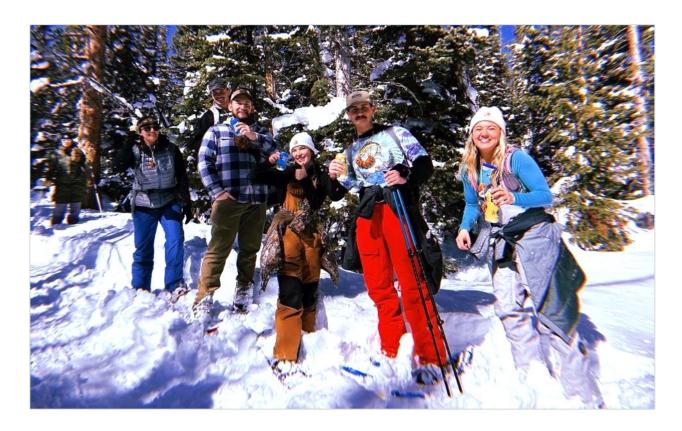






Garrett Michael Gwin

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Parker Hamill

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Emily Harmon

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Chandler Helvey

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Sam Johnson

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Lainee Rae Jones

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me on your drive home to talk school, work, sports, or anything else we could think of. Those calls were such a nice getaway from the chaos of our days (be prepared for me to call on my drive home from work now ©). Thank you for blessing me with my Wyoming genes. You have instilled those cowboy ethics in me and have helped me appreciate all this state has to offer. I am incredibly honored to begin my legal career in the same state grandpa did. I hope he is looking down at both of us and beaming with pride. I love you!

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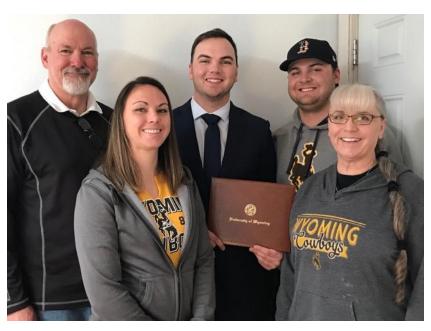
Noah Z. Jones

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Dictionary fell on my keyboard and smashed my "T" key, you were there to remind me that the world was not, in fact, ending. I could not have gotten to this day without every little thing you helped me out with. Thank you for absolutely everything. I am so lucky and excited to marry you in August. I love you more than words can express.



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Paris Lambert

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Janghan (Jay) Lee

Time flies by so fast! I want to dedicate my thanks to everyone who has supported me.

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연수: 연수야! 미국 멀리서 매번 신경 써줘서 고마워. 박사 과정은 마라톤 같은 거라서 힘들더라도 언제나열심히, 건강하게 잘 마무리해! You know Hove you, bro!

To Law School Buddies:

Gaige: I remember you were the first one I talked to during orientation. Thank you for supporting me throughout law school! I could not have made it without you!

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Sam: It was a pleasure living right next to each other. We had lots of memories, including carpooling to Rockies games, studying for environmental law, and hiking. Thanks for listening to all my complaints, worries, and problems and for helping me in PAD!

Jacob: My Asian buddy! You know you are still *byung*, but law school would not have been the same without you. We started BLIC, and we created a legacy. I know that was the best decision, and thank you for all your

hard work on that. It was a pleasure knowing you—stop golfing too much! \Box

Dylan: Another *byung*. Denver *byung* would not have been the same without you or Jacob. Thanks for giving me good advice and trusting me when I had doubts about myself. You know I cannot put into words how much your support meant to me.

Nick: Sec Regulation, Trust & Estate, and Transitional Justice—what more can I say? Thanks for acting like a big bro and always giving me encouragement. Like I said during our walk, you can be a good lawyer—you just have to believe in yourself!

BriAnna: My best female friend in law school! It was a pleasure knowing you! Thank you for being such a good friend and for giving me bright energy!



Noah: Another BLIC co-founder. I am so glad, Jacob, you and I created this organization. Thank you for being a great listener. Stop persuading me to support Chelsea! ☐ Thank you for being such a good friend—I could not have made it without you! Keep in touch!

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Thank you for being a great mentee! I am sure you will do great, and it was a pleasure serving as a mentor to you!

Hee In: 멀리서 언제나 도와줘서 고맙다! 건강하고, 뉴욕 가면 연락할 게.

지비 팸: 멀리 한국에서

Ali: Thank you for

being there with me, especially during Cambridge! I am glad that I got to know you! Korea is awesome! □

Parker & Bennett: Thank you for all the cigar nights, memories, and talks. You guys rock, and I am so glad I got to know you both!

Alex: Writing Alex separately since he was in all of my taxation classes. Same with Parker & Bennett—we had fun! Thank you for teaching me all the tax stuff.

Morgan: Gift & Estate tax master! I do not recall how I ended up talking to you first, but regardless, I'm glad I did! You are going to be an awesome lawyer for sure!

Reed: Mass buddies! I am sure I am going to miss your texts before Mass. Keep doing well, and keep in touch!

Garrett: Thank you for being such a great friend and always checking on me.

Mitch: Thank you for being such a great friend, and I appreciate your generosity. Whatever you do, you will be great!

JBSG Board 2024: We went through ups and downs, but thank you for listening to my opinion. It was rough but memorable.

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Final Thoughts: Lastly, this milestone is not just mine but ours. I am so glad I came to this law school.

We did it!





Jacob Lewis

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Jacob S. Lirio

Mom, Dad, Joshua, if you're reading this—I made it! Without your unconditional support throughout law school (and my entire life), I would never have soared so high. Mom and Dad: Though your words of guidance have been few, they've been profound. They remind me of Rudyard Kipling's poem "If", which echoes the same message.

"If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,

Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch, If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you, If all men count with you, but none too much; If you can fill the unforgiving minute With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,

And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!"

Joshua: You taught me four lessons: (1) never kill your creativity,

(2) anything worth doing is worth overdoing, (3) perseverance is a marker of true passion, and (4) patience paves the way to achievement. Much love big brother!

To my family and friends who've witnessed my long journey

and know the path I've walked (sometimes ungracefully stumbling or an outright faceplant)—you are the coauthors of my story, and I'm grateful to have you along for the ride. And to my four-legged friends, Tarzan and Thunda—thank you for those bursts of joy and dopamine right when I need them most.





To my closest friends: An old Irish proverb I learned while in the Navy captures our relationship the best. It goes: "There are good ships and wood ships, ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships, and may they always be." If you ever need anything, I'm always available. And don't worry, I won't bill you.

To c/o 2025: It is a privilege to be surrounded by such capable men and women. Observing you all for the past three years taught me so much. I wish you all well and the best of luck in your long and prosperous careers as lawyers, advocates, leaders, and everything and anything you make of this powerful degree.

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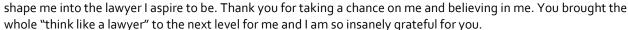
Ali Lydick

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Kayla Lyons

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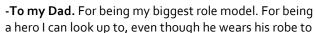
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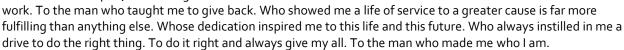
To everyone who ever said, "Law school is hard, don't do it," you were absolutely right, though I've never been good at listening, nor do I plan to start now.

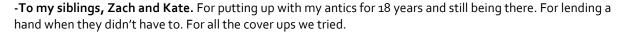


Chad Rosenblum

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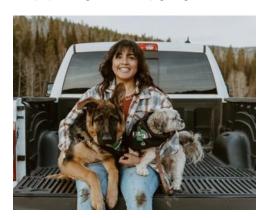
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– Jayden <3





Anthony Stoeter

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P.S.S. HIGH KNEES, TIMOTHY!





Chris Thomas

Congratulations to the University of Wyoming J.D. Class of 2025!!!

Three years has somehow been too long and too short. I suppose it is best encapsulated by the title of an article I recently found "The Reality of Law School: The Greatest Experience You Will Never Want to Relive." In the last three years I have celebrated and commiserated with most everyone. Each student in this class has experienced some of their highest highs and lowest lows in the past three years, both personal and academic. Bonding with this group has been one of my greatest privileges and so my first thank you is to the graduating class. Thanks for the trauma bonding.

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Sally Thomas

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Alex Wendlandt

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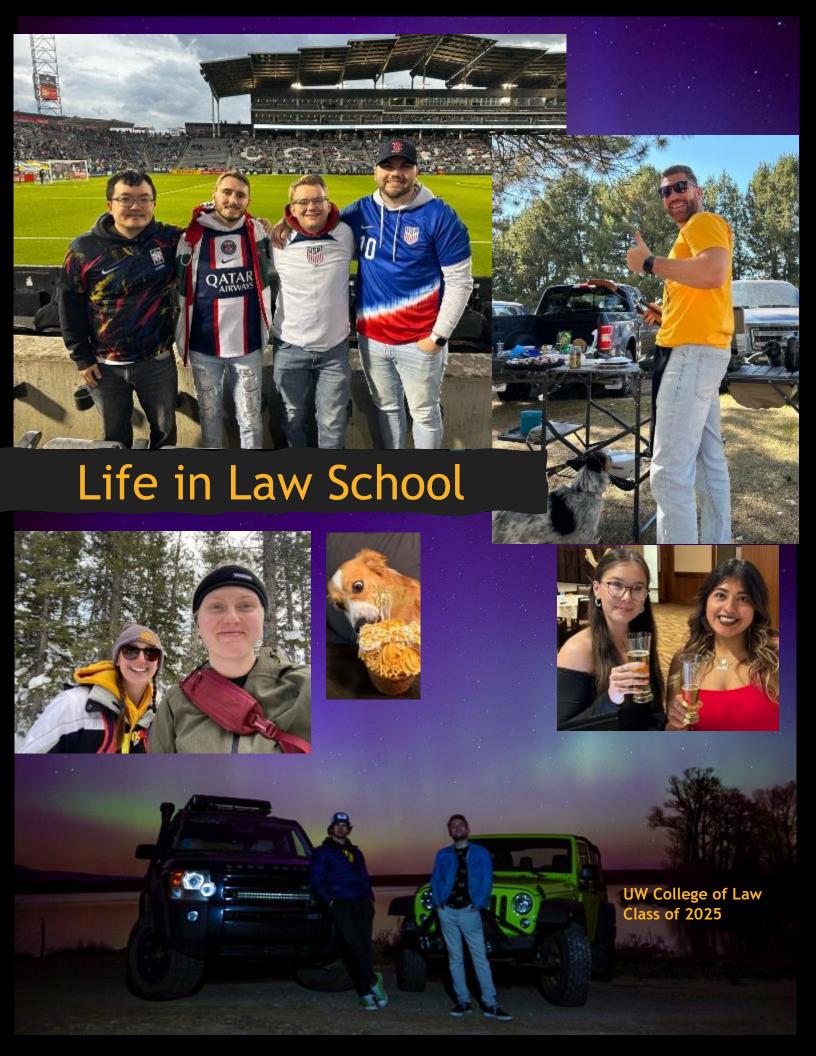
Saints. I believe that Christ lives! He is my Savior and Redeemer. My brother, my advocate with the father, and forever the cornerstone and foundation of the peace and joy in my life. 3 Nephi 11:10-11.



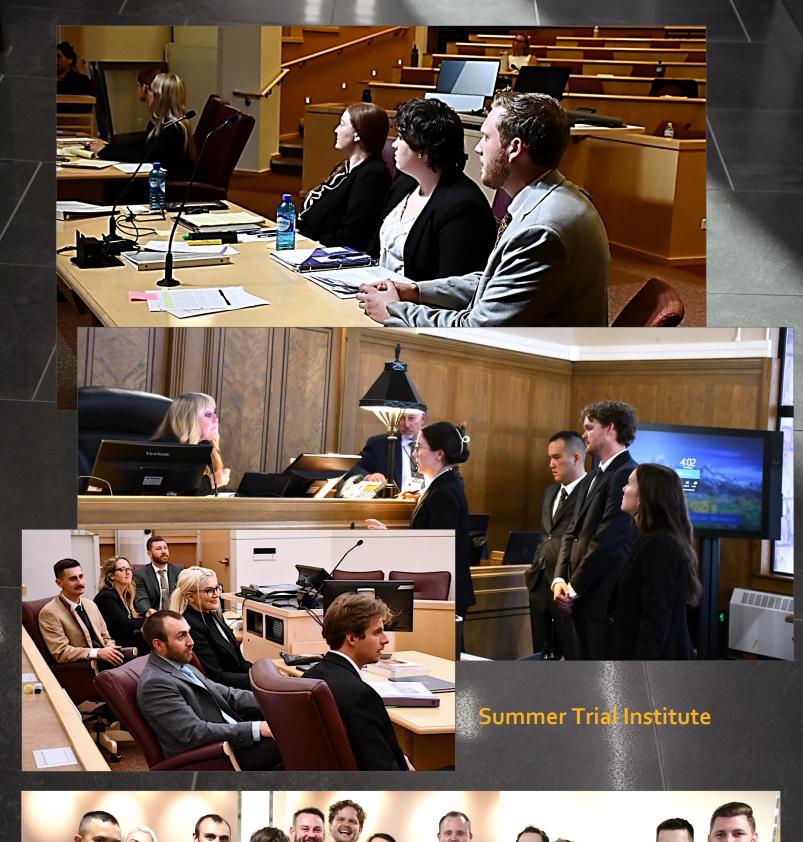






















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