

UNIVERSITY OF
WYOMING
COLLEGE OF LAW
COMMENCEMENT

MAY 16, 2026

COMMENCEMENT

**Buchanan Center for the Performing Arts
May 16, 2026**

Processional

“Trumpet Voluntary,” David Plank

Greeting

Dean Julie A. Hill

Class of 2026 Student Speaker

Carson R. Lougee

Outstanding Faculty Award Recipient

James M. Delaney

Presented by McKenna Kail, President, John Burman Student Bar Association

Graduation Address

Honorable Lynne Boomgaarden
Chief Justice, Wyoming Supreme Court

Presentation of the Graduating Class

Dean Julie A. Hill

Hooders

Professor James M. Delaney
Professors Jacquelyn L. Bridgeman and Melissa B. Alexander

Confer Degrees

Kermit Brown
Chair, University of Wyoming Board of Trustees

Closing Remarks

Dean Julie A. Hill

Recessional

“Trumpet Fanfare,” David Plank

Reception for Family and Guests in the College of Law Lobby

LAW CLASS OF 2026

Maggie Arlene Asay
Joshua Rhys Ayer **M**
Adam E. Baker
Connor J. Balliet **H**
Sanford Frederick Ballou **H**
Cormack S. Bardol
Daisy E. Bearden
Bleu Duncan Bennett **H**
Streeter R. Boatright **H**
Britanie N. Bonaguidi
Anthony Jens Bonfiglio
Phillip Robert Borlet
Michael Boyce **H**
Tyler Bradshaw **H**
Molly Bretthauer **J**
Reina Britt **H**
Sierra Burleigh **H**
Kenneth Charles Burns
Marie Burton **D**
Connor B. Campbell
Jordan Carlson **H J**
Megan Leah Carter **H**
Caylie L. Coffelt-Schulz **J M**
Yessica Contreras Vargas **H**
Isabelle Josephine Marie Cruz **H**
Junuenth Alexandra Daniels
Ethan C. Drewes **H**
Tori A. Dunivan **H J**
Gabriel L Ewing **H**
Tianne Marie Fischbach **H**
Colton Goldfarb **J**
Nayely Gomez **H**
Andrew J. Goodpaster **H**
Josephine C. Griesinger
Sean R. Hall **H**
Shifa Hamid
Michael Hammer **H**
Chance Harper **H**
Luke Francis Haug **H M**
Lisa Nichole Hoffman
Ryan T. Jenson **H**
Marshelle Nicole Johnston
Kayla M. Jones
Allison E. Karasiewicz **H J M**
Ryan W. Killpack **H**
Nicholas F. Kipp
McKyla Knight
Clayton W. Long **H**
Madison McKenzie Looper **H**
Carson R. Lougee **H**
Isibeala Aurora Manayan Moody
Tanner L. Martin
Kylie Elizabeth Mathews-Worthen **H**
Aidan Scott McCurry
Kaileigh Mae McNellis **H**
Isaac Peter Meline **H**
McKena Metzger-Coyle
Heidi Mirabal
Jesse Nelson **H**
Abbey Pederson
Kyla S. Pull
Natalie D. Quillen
Jessica P. Ralston
Mavjuda N. Rassel
Joshua Ricker **H D**
Haley Marie Rockwell **H**
Paolina Rose **H J**
Francesca I. Scheitler
Sophia Sgarrella **H**
Matthew Sharp
Jessica L. Shelby **H**
Kurtis Silvernale **H M**
Ryan Michael Slattery **H M**
Kali Soudani **H**
John R. Sparks **J**
Mason Teague
Kennedy Elizabeth Templeton **H**
Olivia R. Thomas **H J**
Banaz Wadi
Emily Jo Wangen **H J**
Alexis Weekly
Gregory Wyche **D**

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. Official Honor Graduate calculations will be determined after final grades have posted.

D December 2025 Graduate **J** Joint Degree **M** Military Service

John Burman Student Bar Association

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Carson R. Lougee



Carson Lougee was born in Laramie, Wyoming, and raised in Casper. After high school, he served a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Philippines. He later attended the University of Wyoming, where he earned a degree in criminal justice with a minor in Spanish. While at the University of Wyoming, Carson met his wife, Julia. They welcomed their son, Jack, just weeks before Carson was accepted into the University of Wyoming College of Law. During law school, Carson has been actively involved in competitions, both competing and hosting events that provided fellow students with opportunities to develop their skills. He spent his second year in the Family and Child Legal Advocacy Clinic, where he developed a passion for working with victims of domestic violence. During his second year of law school, Carson and Julia welcomed their daughter, Jane, into their family. Carson takes great pride in his wife, children, and the relationships he has built with his classmates, whom he describes as “the most impressive group of people he has the privilege to know.” After graduation, Carson and his family plan to move to Sweetwater County, Wyoming, where he will serve as a deputy county prosecuting attorney, fulfilling his lifelong goal of working as a prosecutor and trial lawyer.

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OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD

James M. Delaney



Professor James M. Delaney is the Centennial Distinguished Professor of Law. Despite teaching in the areas of tax, estate, and business law, he has been a beloved classroom instructor at the University of Wyoming for more than two decades. His scholarly work includes research in both domestic and international tax law. His expertise has earned him recognition as an American Fellow of both the American College of Tax Counsel and the American College of Trust & Estate Counsel. From 2013 to 2016, Professor Delaney served as the Associate Dean of the College of Law.

Prior to entering the legal academy, Professor Delaney worked in the tax group at Perkins Coie, LLP and served as an Attorney Advisor to Judge Robert P. Ruwe on the United States Tax Court.

Professor Delaney holds a juris doctor degree from Gonzaga University School of Law and an LL.M. in taxation from the University of Florida – Fredric G. Levin College of Law.

GRADUATION SPEAKER

Honorable Lynne Boomgaarden

Chief Justice, Wyoming Supreme Court



Chief Justice Lynne Boomgaarden of the Wyoming Supreme Court began her legal journey as a student at the University of Wyoming College of Law, earning her juris doctor degree with honors in 1991. Since then, Justice Boomgaarden's distinguished career has demonstrated her commitment to excellence in the legal profession. Following law school, Justice Boomgaarden clerked for Judge Wade Brorby of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit before practicing at Holland & Hart LLP and Crowley Fleck LLP. She also served as an assistant professor at the University of Wyoming College of Law.

From 2003 to 2010, Justice Boomgaarden was the Director of the Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments, overseeing about four million acres of state trust land and chairing the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Justice Boomgaarden was appointed to the Wyoming Supreme Court in 2018 and became Chief Justice in 2025.

Justice Boomgaarden passionately supports the rule of law, access to justice, the University of Wyoming College of Law, and all things related to rodeo and the outdoors.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

2025–2026 Brimmer Scholars

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 Ethan C. Drewes and Tori A. Dunivan



Brimmer Scholarship Finalists Connor J. Balliet, Gabriel L Ewing, Madison McKenzie Looper, Emily Jo Wangen

STUDENT RECOGNITION

2025 John Burman Student Bar Association Executive Board and Representatives

President – Connor B. Campbell

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STUDENT RECOGNITION

2025-2026 Clinic and Practicum Programs



Clinic Legal Education Outstanding Student

Banaz Wadi

Awarded annually to recognize a law student who has excelled in a clinical course in law school. The outstanding clinical student is selected by the clinical faculty.

Civil Legal Services Clinic

Student Director – Mason Teague
Outstanding Student – Mason Teague

Defender Aid Clinic

Student Director – Maggie Arlene Asay
Outstanding Student – Maggie Arlene Asay



Family & Child Legal Advocacy Clinic

Student Director – Haley Marie Rockwell
Outstanding Student – Phillip Robert Borlet

STUDENT RECOGNITION

2025-2026 Clinic and Practicum Programs

Prosecution Assistance Clinic

Student Director –

Banaz Wadi

Outstanding Student –

Banaz Wadi



International Human Rights Clinic

Outstanding Students –

Kali Soudani

Kennedy Elizabeth Templeton



Business Planning Practicum

Student Director –

Isabelle Josephine-Marie Cruz

Outstanding Students –

Connor J. Balliet

Olivia R. Thomas



Estate Planning & Probate Clinic

Student Director –

Tori A. Dunivan

Outstanding Students –

Tianne Marie Fischbach

Madison McKenzie Looper



STUDENT RECOGNITION

2025-2026 Editorial Board, Wyoming Law Review Volume 26

Editor-in-Chief – Ethan C. Drewes
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Kennedy Elizabeth Templeton



2025–2026 Board of Advocates

Natural Resources Law Moot Court Competition
Streeter R. Boatright, Carson R. Lougee, Emily Jo Wangen

ABA Negotiation Competition
Carson R. Lougee

Wyoming Trial Lawyers Association Voir Dire Competition
Ryan Bainter, Michael Hammer, Carson R. Lougee, Isaac Peter Meline

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Mario Rampulla	Professor of Practice; Director, Estate Planning and Probate Clinic
Tara K. Righetti	Occidental Chair in Energy and Environmental Policies; Professor of Law
Jason Robison	Carl M. Williams Professor of Law and Social Responsibility; Co-Director, Gina Guy Center for Land and Water
Grant Smith	Assistant Professor of Law; Director, Defender Aid Clinic

Michael R. Smith

Professor of Law; Director, Legal Writing Program; Director, Center for the Study of Written Advocacy

Temple Stoellinger

Associate Dean, Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources; Associate Professor of Law; Co-Director, Gina Guy Center for Law and Energy Resources in the Rockies; Wyoming Excellence Chair

Emeritus Professors of Law

Kenneth D. Chestek
Debra L. Donahue
Stephen D. Easton

Harvey Gelb
Timothy G. Kearley
Debra A. Person (Librarian)

Dee Pridgen
Elaine A. Welle

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Eric Alston
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Brian Blumenfeld
Kenneth Chestek

Walter Eggers
Becky Farley
Toni Hartzel
Jeremy Kidd

Michael Sims
David Singleton
Jeff Van Fleet

Director, Summer Trial Institute

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Laurie Kempert

