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Pro Bono & Public Service

Honors Societies

2025 Induction Ceremony & Employer Appreciation

*Special thanks to all of those who helped make the
2025 Induction Ceremony & Employer Appreciation*

for the Pro Bono and Public Service Honors Societies possible.

*The Career and Professional Development Office greatly appreciates the
support of CWSL Deans, staff, and faculty.*

*We also sincerely thank the participating employers for their dedication
and commitment to the*

Pro Bono and Public Service Programs and our students.



April 1, 2025

California Western School of Law

350 Cedar Street

San Diego, CA 92101

Welcome

John McKee

Assistant Dean of Career and Professional Development

&

Bhashini Weerasinghe

Assistant Director of Pro Bono & Public Service

Introductions

Sean M. Scott

President & Dean of California Western School of Law

Special Awards and Recognitions

John McKee

Assistant Dean of Career and Professional Development

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Noelle Dorman

Assistant Director of Projects and Employer Development

Keynote Address

Anne S. Bautista, Esq.

Casa Cornelia Law Center

*Recognition of Inductees for the 2025 Pro Bono &
Public Service Honors Societies*

Bhashini Weerasinghe

Assistant Director of Pro Bono & Public Service

Kathryn Cox

Department of Child Support Services

Kendall Decker

Department of Child Support Services

Luke McKay Turner

US District Court for Southern District of California

Madison H. Motsenbocker

San Diego County District Attorney

Madyson Grosset

US District Court for Southern District of California

Maria Garcia Baldizzone

San Diego Superior Court

Mitch McCarthy

US District Court for Southern District of California

Natalie Valentine

Family Law Facilitator & San Diego Superior Court

Nicholas Olamendi Smith

United States Office of the Trustee

Ragan Fowzer

United States Office of the Trustee

Raymond A. Vasquez

United States Attorney's Office

Steven Wong

US District Court for Southern District of California

Tanner Hoyle

San Diego County District Attorney

Taylor Oliphant

Second Judicial District Court State of Nevada

Washoe County



“Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else’s help.”

Heather French Henry

Public Service Honors Society

Dean Scott and the Career and Professional Development Office are proud to recognize this exceptional group of students who completed the California Western School of Law Public Service Program. These 29 students volunteered more than 5,025 hours with city, county, state, and federal governmental organizations, including the judiciary.

The Public Service Program provides law students the opportunity to establish their commitment to public service while gaining valuable practical legal training.

We congratulate the following students and proudly induct them into the California Western School of Law Public Service Honors Society:

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| <i>Aaron Mannis</i> | <i>US District Court for Southern District of California</i> |
| <i>Allie Miller</i> | <i>US District Court for Southern District of California</i> |
| <i>Anika Paz Lopes</i> | <i>California Attorney General's Office</i> |
| <i>Annalisa Jenrich</i> | <i>United States Attorney's Office</i> |
| <i>Ashleen Herrarte</i> | <i>United States Attorney's Office</i> |
| <i>Benjamin DeCarlo</i> | <i>Executive Office of Immigration Review</i> |
| <i>Brandon Reese Castro</i> | <i>US District Court for Southern District of California</i> |
| <i>Grace Banny</i> | <i>San Diego County District Attorney</i> |
| <i>Isaac Tanori</i> | <i>US District Court for Southern District of California</i> |
| <i>Jacob Sanchez</i> | <i>California Attorney General's Office</i> |
| <i>Jared Paulson</i> | <i>US District Court for Southern District of California</i> |
| <i>Jessica Eve Richer</i> | <i>San Diego Superior Court</i> |
| <i>Johana Roque</i> | <i>Orange County District Attorney</i> |
| <i>Kaitlyn Peabody</i> | <i>Department of Child Support Services</i> |
| <i>Kate Moore</i> | <i>Department of Veteran's Affairs</i> |

The American Bar Association Model Rule 6.1 and the State Bar of California encourage all lawyers to provide at least 50 hours of pro bono service annually.



Recognition of

2025 Josi Dixon PILF Grant Recipients

Analese Sandoval

Cristal Hernandez-Moreno

Freida Aguilar

Kaylina Castellanos

Maria Siliezar Siguenza

Michelle Del Real

Samantha Sepulveda

Tatiana Peregrina

Thelma Guerrero-Sanchez

Recognition of Anson Levitan Intern

Andrea Chavez

Recognition of the Jane Bishop Intern

Colleen R. Murphy

Pro Bono Honors Society

Dean Sean Scott and the Career and Professional Development Office are proud to recognize this exceptional group of students who completed the California Western School of Law Pro Bono Program. These 42 students volunteered more than 6,666 hours with local public interest agencies, providing legal services to the community in need on a wide variety of current legal and social issues.

The Pro Bono Program recognizes two types of volunteer legal services by California Western students: 1) pro bono legal services dedicated to the needs of persons of limited means with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, or private interests; and 2) pro bono legal service with nonprofit organizations working in other areas of the law.

We congratulate the following students and proudly induct them into the California Western School of Law Pro Bono Honors Society:

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| <i>Alaina Valdespino</i> | <i>San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program</i> |
| <i>Alexandra Diaz</i> | <i>San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program</i> |
| <i>Anne Skowron</i> | <i>San Diego County Public Defender</i> |
| <i>Anton Turcich</i> | <i>Legal Aid Society of San Diego</i> |
| <i>Ashlyn Plant</i> | <i>San Diego County Public Defender</i> |
| <i>Audrey Gallagher</i> | <i>San Francisco Public Defender</i> |
| <i>Bianca Carlos</i> | <i>Southern California Immigration Project</i> |
| <i>Brandon Reese Castro</i> | <i>San Diego County Public Defender</i> |
| <i>Caitlin Burns</i> | <i>California Western Community Law Project</i> |
| <i>Chelsey Tobiason</i> | <i>The Innocence Center</i> |
| <i>Christopher Johnson</i> | <i>California Western Community Law Project</i> |
| <i>Cristina Meisterling</i> | <i>New Media Rights</i> |
| <i>Cruz Salas</i> | <i>California Western Community Law Project</i> |
| <i>Danielle Vallejo</i> | <i>San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program</i> |
| <i>Emil Onanian</i> | <i>San Diego County Public Defender</i> |
| <i>Emily Rivera</i> | <i>California Western Community Law Project</i> |
| <i>Erik Berroteran</i> | <i>California Western Community Law Project</i> |

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| <i>Erik C. Jensen</i> | <i>Legal Aid Society of San Diego</i> |
| <i>Gabriel McInnis</i> | <i>Minnesota Board of Public Defender</i> |
| <i>Gabrielle Mark-Bachoua</i> | <i>New Media Rights</i> |
| <i>Grace Banny</i> | <i>California Western Community Law Project</i> |
| <i>James Thomas</i> | <i>New Media Rights</i> |
| <i>Jasmin Divas Villeda</i> | <i>ABA Immigration Justice Project</i> |
| <i>Jennifer Prater</i> | <i>Dependency Legal Services of San Diego</i> |
| <i>Jordan Bogdan</i> | <i>Appellate Defenders through Attorney Matthew Lopas</i> |
| <i>Lily Smith</i> | <i>California Western Community Law Project</i> |
| <i>Madison H. Motsenbocker</i> | <i>Legal Aid Society of San Diego</i> |
| <i>Michelle Valania</i> | <i>California Western Community Law Project & San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program</i> |
| <i>Miguel Renteria</i> | <i>California Western Community Law Project</i> |
| <i>Nora Sayegh</i> | <i>San Diego County Public Defender</i> |
| <i>Pafracio Vallente</i> | <i>Legal Aid Society of San Diego</i> |
| <i>Ragan Fowzer</i> | <i>San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program & California Western Community Law Project</i> |
| <i>Rebecca Perez</i> | <i>California Western Community Law Project</i> |
| <i>Riley Wagstaff</i> | <i>California Western Community Law Project</i> |
| <i>Robert James Wood III</i> | <i>San Diego County Public Defender</i> |
| <i>Ryan Roustas</i> | <i>Community Legal Aid SoCal</i> |
| <i>Sabreen Atwal</i> | <i>ABA Immigration Justice Project</i> |
| <i>Sage Gray</i> | <i>San Diego County Public Defender</i> |
| <i>Samantha Sepulveda</i> | <i>Legal Aid Society of San Diego & California Western Community Law Project</i> |
| <i>Sargena Nineveh Warda</i> | <i>Legal Aid Society of San Diego</i> |
| <i>Shae Daly</i> | <i>Legal Aid Society of San Diego</i> |
| <i>Verenice Vivienne Meza</i> | <i>California Western Community Law Project & San Diego County Public Defender</i> |