

Annual Awards for Graduating Students

ABA/Bloomberg BNA Award for Excellence in Intellectual Property

The American Bar Association and The Bloomberg Bureau of National Affairs present this award for excellence in Intellectual Property law to the student who has excellent academic performance and dedication to the field.

ABA/Bloomberg BNA Award for Excellence in Health Law

The American Bar Association and The Bloomberg Bureau of National Affairs present this award for excellence in Health Law to the student who has superior academic performance and dedication to the study of Health Law.

ACC Ethics Award – Northeast Chapter

This award is presented to the JD student who demonstrated an outstanding commitment to ethics in a clinical program.

American Law Institute-American Bar Association Scholarship & Leadership Award

This award is presented to the law student in the graduating class who best represents a combination of scholarship and leadership.

Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property Award

The Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property Excellence in Intellectual Property Law Award is presented to the graduating JD and Graduate student who has demonstrated an outstanding ability in, and passion for, intellectual property law through outstanding coursework and substantial participation in extra-curricular activities.

UNH Law Graduate Student Award

This award is given to the current UNH Law graduate student who demonstrates exemplary leadership and global perspective by teaching, learning, or contributing productively to a global legal system.

National Association of Women Lawyers

This award is presented to the law 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, and demonstrates academic achievement.

The Howard James Nedved Award

This award is presented to a JD student who performed admirably in the Association of Trial Lawyers of America Student Trial Advocacy Competition and the National Trial Competition.

Patent Law and Practice Award

This award is presented to the graduating JD, LLM, or Masters student who has demonstrated an outstanding ability in, mastery of, and passion for patent law and practice. The student will be selected based on factors that may include academic achievement in relevant coursework; successful completion of an independent project related to patent law,

such as a student note; strong performance at a patent-related legal residency; student leadership; and a level of professionalism that predicts success in the field.

SELI Entertainment Law Award

This award is presented to the graduating student who has demonstrated an outstanding ability in, mastery of, and passion for entertainment law theory and practice. The student has demonstrated academic achievement in relevant coursework, strong performance at an entertainment-related legal residency; student leadership, and a level of professionalism that predicts success in the field.

SELI Sports Law Award

This award is presented to the graduating student who has demonstrated an outstanding ability in, mastery of, and passion for sports law theory and practice. The student has demonstrated academic achievement in relevant coursework, successful completion of an independent project related to sports law, strong performance at a sports-related legal residency; student leadership, and a level of professionalism that predicts success in the field.

Wayne Hersher Graduation Award

This award is presented to the graduating JD student most likely to selflessly make a positive difference in the lives of his or her clients, through dedication and perseverance, by always putting the client first, without regard to the monetary value of the matter but always with regard to the value of the matter in the life of the client.

Warren B. Rudman Award

This award is given to the UNH Law JD student who demonstrates a commitment to social justice. Throughout the student's law school tenure he or she has been a leader on campus, advocating for assisting underserved and vulnerable populations. This student demonstrates his/her commitment by dedicating time to organizations that serve these populations.

Yacos Prize

The Yacos Prize honors the memory of Judge James E. Yacos who sat on the bench of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New Hampshire for 15 years. This award is presented to the UNH Law Student who has shown exceptional merit in commercial legal studies.