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AWARDS

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Agenda

Welcome

Chalak Richards (JD '12)
Associate Dean of Student Life, Diversity, and Belonging

Dr. J. Goosby Smith
Vice President for Community Belonging and Chief Diversity Officer | Pepperdine University

Invocation

Paul L. Caron
Duane and Kelly Roberts Dean

Presentation of Alumnus Award

Paul L. Caron

Judge Beverly Bourne (JD '91)
*Superior Court of California Judge
Pasadena Court*

Presentation of Young Alumnus Award

Jessie Fahy (JD '11)
Director of Alumni Relations and Employer Outreach

Nathaly Medina (JD '19)
*Supervising Attorney
Eviction Defense Network*

Presentation of Larry Kimmons Award

Chalak Richards

Elizabeth Eubanks ('05, JD '08)
Partner, Rios Eubanks LLP

Keynote Speaker

Connie Chung Joe
*Chief Executive Officer
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles*

Presentation of Faculty Award

Michael Helfand
Vice Dean for Faculty and Research and Professor of Law

Finalists

Tanya Cooper
Associate Clinical Professor of Law

Shelley Saxer
Laure Sudreau Endowed Professor of Law

Sukhsimranjit Singh
*Judge Danny Weinstein Managing Director
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution*

Call to Action

Mavis Bortey-Fio
Director of Law Associates

Presentation of Student Organization Award

Naomi Harlin Goodno
*Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and Student Life and
Professor of Law*

Finalists

Advocates for Public Interest Law
National Latinx Law Students Association
OUTLaw

Presentation of Student Award

Linh Tran
SBA Diversity Representative

Finalists

Alina Ahmed
3L Student

Shayna Elian
2L Student

Rushabh Kapadia
Current Student, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution

About Our Guests



Keynote Speaker | Connie Chung Joe

Connie Chung Joe is the chief executive officer of Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Los Angeles (Advancing Justice - LA), the nation's largest legal and civil rights organization for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. Prior to joining Advancing Justice - LA in August 2020, Chung Joe served as the executive director of the Korean American Family Services for 11 years. A former public interest lawyer, she has held several leadership positions with Los Angeles organizations that address the needs of APIA communities. Chung Joe received her BA in Spanish and international relations from the University of Southern California and her JD from Georgetown University Law Center.



Alumnus Award | Judge Beverly Bourne (JD '91)

Judge Beverly Bourne has practiced in public service for 25 years. She was appointed to the bench by Governor Jerry Brown in 2013. Prior to her appointment, she was a senior felony trial attorney with the Alternate Public Defender's Office of Los Angeles County. Throughout her career Judge Bourne has been a leader in increasing access to justice for the disadvantaged by serving as a judge in mock trial competitions, chairing volunteer organizations that mentor students, teaching Sunday school, and founding an assistance program for youth experiencing homelessness. While at the Caruso School of Law, Judge Bourne served on the moot court board and was a finalist in the Vincent Dalsimer Moot Court competition. United States Supreme Court Justice Bryon White, who served as a competition judge, named her the competition's best oralist.



Young Alumna Award | Nathaly Medina (JD '19)

Nathaly Medina is a supervising attorney at the Eviction Defense Network, a nonprofit organization dedicated to closing the gap in access to justice in eviction proceedings. She serves as a board member for the National Lawyers Guild - Los Angeles Chapter. She has been an advocate for housing as a human right since 2016 and has lobbied for stronger tenant protections at the local and state level. Medina was a faculty scholar at Caruso Law and received the Parris Institute for Professional Excellence's Courage Award. As a student, Medina helped establish the National Lawyers Guild - Pepperdine Student Chapter and organized the first For People of Color Admissions Conference with the goal of increasing diversity at Pepperdine.



Larry Kimmons Award | Elizabeth Eubanks ('05, JD '08)

The Larry Kimmons Award is presented to an alumnus who advocates for social, racial, and civil justice. This year's recipient, Elizabeth Eubanks, has devoted her career to reforming disability rights across California. She served as the Inland Empire regional director for the Disability Rights Legal Center where she expanded her practice to include systemic litigation. Her firm, Rios Eubanks LLP works to ensure quality, affordable legal representation in special education and disability rights matters. Eubanks is an adjunct professor at the University of La Verne College of Law, and serves as the director of the law school's disability rights clinic. She also serves on the board of directors for the Autism Society, Inland Empire and is a commissioner on the American Bar Association's Commission on Disability Rights.

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Dear Students, Faculty, Staff and Alumni,

It is the privilege of the Civil, Human Rights and Equity Department (LA Civil Rights) to recognize the outstanding efforts of Caruso School of Law students, faculty, staff and alumni in setting a foundation for a more equitable, inclusive, and diverse campus. The ongoing work brings together a supportive network of professionals who have real-world impact in the lives of our communities, legal profession, and beyond.

The LA Civil Rights Department strives to maintain and strengthen Los Angeles' diversity, equity, and accountability through engagement, empowerment programing, and legal remedies. The latter of which would not be possible without knowledgeable professionals who understand the complex nature of law as it relates to civil and human rights, particularly when helping historically marginalized communities. The Caruso School of Law is an important partner in our department's discrimination enforcement work. They have been a key part of our working group on discrimination enforcement planning, and we look forward to our partnership in mediation programs, and to hosting a legal fellow with the launch of our discrimination enforcement operation.

It is paramount to honor the individuals and organizations who lead the challenging work of removing institutional barriers, hold spaces for difficult dialogue, and continue to advocate for greater understanding of the intersectionality of race and other identities in law. The efforts of the Caruso School of Law are ambitious and demonstrate the commitment that all Belong at Pepperdine University. We appreciate the Caruso School of Law's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and belonging, and we are grateful for their support of the LA Civil Rights Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Capri Maddox".

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Dear Faculty, Students, Staff, and Alumni:

I am pleased to congratulate the members of the Pepperdine Caruso School of Law on the occasion of your 2nd annual Belonging Awards.

For decades, Pepperdine University and its esteemed graduate programs have been a pillar of the Los Angeles region. The Caruso School of Law, in particular, has played a critical role in Los Angeles communities through its commitment to professional development, community engagement, and the various law clinics that advocate for a more just society by providing services related to education, economic equality, sustainability, and more. Since the beginning of my tenure as State Senator of the 27th District, I have always been proud to represent the students, staff, and faculty of this remarkable institution.

In light of the challenges we face as a society in 2022, we need dedicated individuals at the helm who will think critically, inclusively, and honestly; I have no doubt that the Caruso School of Law is producing such leadership. With that in mind, it is of the utmost importance that the leaders obtaining the skills and knowledge to lead us through our various challenges be representative of the world around us. To that end, the Belonging Awards is a critical event that honors and promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Once again, please accept my best wishes and congratulations on this special occasion. I look forward to celebrating the Belonging Awards with your community for many more years to come.

Sincerely,

Henry Stern
State Senator, 27th District

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“We stand on the shoulders of giants - and Sebert Williams is a giant of faith, love, and perseverance.”

Dean Chalak Richards and the Williams family honor Sebert Williams through supporting the Belonging Awards.



I am proud to support the 2022 Belonging Awards. Caruso Law is at the pioneering edge of making a difference in the law by graduating students who understand that our differences are to be championed and ultimately our shared space allows us to embrace our commonalities.

Zna Portlock Houston '84, JD '87

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Congratulations to all of
the awardees!



Patricia Park

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