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# COMMENCEMENT

Wayne State University  
Law School

Thursday, May 13, 2021

A photograph of the Wayne State University Law School building, featuring a large, modern glass and steel structure with a prominent triangular roofline, set against a backdrop of other city buildings.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

## **Welcome**

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## **Greetings**

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## **Professors of the Year**

Assistant Professor William Ortman  
First Year  
Professor Noah Hall  
Upperclass

## **Commencement Address**

Kathleen Wilson-Thompson  
Former Executive Vice President and Global Chief Human Resources Officer,  
Walgreens Boots Alliance

## **Presentation of the Graduates**

Rachel Settlage  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Wayne State University Law School

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Graduates who successfully completed a co-curricular or clinical program, served as a Free Legal Aid Clinic board member, or donated 50 or more hours of supervised pro bono legal services have been awarded cords in recognition of their dedication.

**Clinic**  
Green, gold and purple  
**Free Legal Aid Clinic**  
Purple  
**Jaffe Transactional  
Law Competition**  
Green and white  
**Jessup International Law  
Moot Court**  
Blue and white  
**Journal of Business Law**  
Black, gold and burgundy

***The Journal of Law in Society***  
Burgundy and white  
**Mock Trial**  
Gold, green and black  
**Moot Court**  
Silver, royal blue and white  
**Warrior Pro Bono Award**  
Orange  
***Wayne Law Review***  
Green and gold

# **RECIPIENTS of DEGREES in LAW**

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**December 2020**

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Daniel Anthony Balavitch

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Malak Y. Beydoun

George M. Cobane

Mazen Hajali

Jenna Doulat Hajhassan

Brian Patrick Markham

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Matthew W. Ryder

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in United States Law**

Cagdas Akinci

Titisha Mukherjee

**Master of Laws  
in Labor and Employment Law**

Danielle Louise Kennebrew

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May 2021

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Mayuri S. Naphade

Christopher R. Picard

Edwin Piner

## 2021 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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### **Kathleen Wilson-Thompson, J.D. '82, LL.M. '96**

Kathleen Wilson-Thompson is the former executive vice president and global chief human resources officer for Walgreens Boots Alliance.

Prior to her role at Walgreens, she held several positions of increasing responsibility in the operations and legal departments at Kellogg's. When she left to join Walgreens, she was senior vice president of global human resources. She also worked as vice president and staff counsel of litigation and banking law for Michigan National Corporation.

Wilson-Thompson received a bachelor's in English from the University of Michigan, and she earned both her J.D. and LL.M. in corporate and finance law from Wayne State University Law School. In 2016, the Law School presented her with the Distinguished Alumni Award. In 2017, Wilson-Thompson was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Wilson-Thompson is a member of the board of directors at Tesla and a former board director of Vulcan Materials and Ashland Global Holdings. Currently, she serves on the board of directors for the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan and the NAACP Foundation. She formerly served on other nonprofit community organizations' boards. *Black Enterprise magazine* has repeatedly named Wilson-Thompson as one of its "Top 300 Most Powerful Executives in Corporate America," and *Savoy magazine* has featured her in lists such as "Most Influential Black Executives in Corporate America" and "Most Influential Black Corporate Directors."



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