



UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

# COMMENCEMENT

*School of Law*  
May 17, 2024 ♦ 3:00 P.M.

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Since 1855, the University of San Francisco has dedicated itself to offering a daring and dynamic liberal arts education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. As a community, we empower and hold accountable our students, faculty, librarians, staff, administrators, alumni, and community partners to be persons for and with others, to care for our common home, including the native lands on which our campuses reside, and to promote the common good by critically, thoughtfully, and innovatively addressing inequities to create a more humane and just world.

We seek to live USF's Mission by nurturing a diverse, ever-expanding community where persons of all races and ethnicities, religions, sexual orientations, genders, generations, abilities, nationalities, occupations, and socioeconomic backgrounds are honored and accompanied. We are committed to educating hearts and minds to cultivate the full, integral development of each person and all persons; pursuing learning as a lifelong humanizing and liberating social activity; and advancing excellence as the standard for teaching, scholarship, creative expression, and service. Inspired by a faith that does justice, we strive to humbly and responsibly engage with, and contribute to, the cultural, intellectual, economic and spiritual gifts and talents of the San Francisco Bay Area and the global communities to which we belong.

*Approved by the Board of Trustees, September 24, 2021.*

165th Annual Commencement Exercises

# UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

SCHOOL OF LAW

**MAY 17, 2024, 3:00 PM**

Today, the University welcomes you — the graduates and candidates of the classes of 2024 — into the ranks of the proud alumni of the University of San Francisco.

We also welcome your families and friends to the celebration, mindful and appreciative of their contribution to your achievement, through their support, sacrifice, and encouragement.

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*The University of San Francisco has made every attempt to include in this program all persons deserving of recognition. If there have been any errors or omissions, please accept our sincerest apologies.*

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## Program

# ORDER OF CEREMONY

## Procession

The University Mace  
The University Commencement Marshals  
The Class of 2024  
The Faculty of the School of Law  
Members of the Law Society Board  
of Governors  
Members of the Law Society Board  
of Counselors  
The Student Speaker  
The Dean of the School of Law  
The University Leadership Team  
The Members of the University Board  
of Trustees  
The Honorary Degree Recipient and  
Commencement Speaker  
The President of the University

## Prelude Processional

Baroque Ceremonial Music  
"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar

## Opening of Ceremonies

**Eileen Chia-Ching Fung**  
*Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*

## National Anthem

**Donna L. Creasman**  
*Associate Director for Administrative Services,  
School of Law*

## Invocation

**Rev. Dónal Godfrey, S.J.**  
*University Chaplain*

## Official Opening of the Ceremony

*Member, Board of Trustees*

## Master of Ceremonies

**Eileen Chia-Ching Fung**  
*Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*

## Remarks from the Dean

**Susan A. Freiwald**  
*Dean and Professor of Law*

## Remarks on Behalf of the Class of 2024

**Rosibeth Cuevas**  
*Candidate, Degree of Juris Doctor*

## Presentation of the Honorary Degree

**Susan A. Freiwald**  
*Dean and Professor of Law*

Recipient:  
**Lindbergh Porter**  
*Senior Shareholder Emeritus,  
Littler Mendelson, P.C.*

## Commencement Address

**Lindbergh Porter**

## Presentation of Degrees and Conferral

**Susan A. Freiwald**  
*Dean and Professor of Law*

and

**Lindsay Harris**  
*Professor, Director, International Human Rights  
Clinic, and Academic Director, International Programs*

and

**Jonathan Chu**  
*Associate Professor and Co-Director,  
Academic and Bar Exam Success Program*

## Benediction

**Rev. Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J.**  
*President of the University*

## Recessional

"Crown Imperial" by Sir William Walton

## 2024 Candidates

### DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR

Evan Allen

*B.S., University of Louisville*

*M.S., University of Louisville*

Dylan Artunian

*B.A., San Francisco State University*

Annie Lowey Austrian

*B.A., University of Colorado Boulder*

Jennifer Ayala

*B.A., University of San Francisco*

Paige Baker

*B.A., Willamette University*

*M. Ed., University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

Nathan D. Banks

*B.A., University of California, Berkeley*

William Brady Bauer

*B.S., University of California, Davis*

Margaret Shea Bernauer

*B.A., American University*

Piper Blank

*B.A., University of Redlands*

Autumn Boulton

*B.A., California State University, Long Beach*

Jasmine Brandes

*B.S., Oregon State University*

Corliss Brekken

*B.A., University of Colorado Colorado Springs*

Francisco Mistica Brosas II

*B.S., California State University, Sacramento*

Korina Buford

*B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara*

Alexa Lauren Cacao

*B.A., University of California, Berkeley*

Ariana Camarena

*B.S., University of California, Davis*

Michaela Carbaat

*B.A., California State University, Monterey Bay*

Tyler Carlo

*B.A., University of Vermont*

Hannah Carlson

*B.A., Purdue University*

Aleena Cesena ❖

*B.A., University of San Francisco*

Kasia Cherubin

*B.A., Hofstra University*

Monica Chinchilla

*B.A., University of San Francisco*

Alejandra Chumbes

*B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz*

Rosibeth Cuevas

*B.A., Humboldt State University*

Angad Singh Dhadha

*B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz*

Ramneek Dhillon

*B.A., Trinity Western University, Canada*

Jessica Dimas

*B.A., Tufts University*

Madison Donahue-Wolfe

*B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara*

Eva Drexler

*B.A., California State University, Long Beach*

Daniel Duarte \*

*B.S., Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University*

Grace Emily Dublin

*B.A., Whitman College*

Michael Esquivel-Cheung

*B.A., Saint Mary's College of California*

Jeff Feit

*B.A., University of Arizona*

Emily Fitzpatrick

*B.A., California Polytechnic State University,  
San Luis Obispo*

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## DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR

Alicia Flynn <i>B.A., Sonoma State University</i>	Gurinder Singh Jassar <i>B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara</i>
Cameron Freeman <i>B.A., San Francisco State University</i>	Diana Jimenez <i>B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz</i>
Ronald Manuel Galvan <i>B.S., University of Southern California</i>	Cleo Krupa <i>B.A., University of Hawaii</i>
Nathan Gandrud ❖ <i>B.A., Bard College</i>	Abygail Lao <i>B.A., University of California, Irvine</i>
Benjamin Gold-Matejka <i>B.A., University of Arizona</i>	Thao “Annie” Le <i>B.A., University of California, Irvine</i>
María Alejandra Gómez-Garrett <i>B.A., San Francisco State University</i>	Christina Grace Leung <i>B.A., San Jose State University</i>
Gray Matteoni Goodman <i>B.A., Santa Clara University</i>	Benjamin Libbey <i>B.A., Oberlin College</i>
Kevin Grasell <i>B.A., University of California, Davis</i>	Corey Lopez <i>B.A., San Francisco State University</i>
Lily Grace Grigsby-Brown <i>B.A., New York University</i>	D. Alex Mack <i>B.S., United States Military Academy MFA, California Institute of the Arts</i>
Clare Henry <i>B.S., Northern Arizona University</i>	Julia Ashley-Burd Mainini <i>B.S., University of Oregon</i>
Anthony Hidalgo <i>B.A., La Salle University</i>	David Masterson <i>B.S., United States Naval Academy M.A., Indiana University</i>
Kathleen Elise Hinkson <i>B.A., University of California, Davis MSW, University of Denver</i>	Kirsten Audrey Co Mauban <i>B.A., Concordia University Irvine</i>
Elizabeth House <i>B.A., University of San Francisco</i>	Amanda McKee <i>B.A., University of Puget Sound</i>
Amy Hung ❖ <i>B.S., Northwestern University M.S., DePaul University</i>	Eanna Marie Roxas Mejia <i>B.A., University of California, Riverside</i>
Hannah Mae Hutton <i>B.A., University of San Francisco</i>	Adriana Mercurio <i>B.A., Gonzaga University</i>
Vivian Huynh <i>B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara</i>	Brennan Alexander Myers <i>B.A., University of Colorado Boulder</i>
Kasey Yoshimi Isobe <i>B.S., Portland State University</i>	Gabriel Navarrete <i>B.A., San Francisco State University</i>

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## 2024 Candidates

### DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR

Neha Nayak  
*B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara*

Alex Vu Nguyen  
*B.A., University of California, San Diego*

Samuel Nickle  
*B.A., George Mason University*  
*M.S., George Mason University*

George Oakes  
*B.A., University of California, Davis*

Nick Ondrish  
*B.A., University of Maryland, College Park*

Kim Ong  
*B.S., Arizona State University*

Ruhani D. Patel  
*B.A., University of California, Riverside*

Nhi Pham  
*B.A., University of California, Riverside*

Samantha Amy Phelan  
*B.A., University of San Francisco*

Kanella Pragastis  
*B.A., Santa Clara University*

Imani Amaree Pree  
*B.A., University of California, Merced*

Tessa Puetzer  
*B.A., Indiana University*

Timothy Paul Eugene Qualls  
*B.A., University of Montevallo*

Stephen Ramos  
*B.A., University of Phoenix*

Natalie Helen Ravis  
*B.A., American University*

David Nicholas Reignier  
*B.A., University of California, Davis*  
*M.S., Northeastern University*

Vanessa Rivas  
*B.A., University of California, Berkeley*

Elisa Riva  
*B.A., San Francisco State University*

Juan Miguel Rizo Jr.  
*B.A., University of California, Berkeley*

Courtney Rockwell-Gehrett  
*B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz*

Micah Russell  
*B.A., Brigham Young University*

Jordan Sabater  
*B.A., University of California, San Diego*

Alexander Salazar  
*B.A., University of California, Berkeley*

Alondra Elizabeth Saldivar  
*B.A., University of California, Los Angeles*

Shari Sanders  
*B.A., University of Nevada, Reno*  
*M.A., University of California, Santa Barbara*  
*Ph.D., University of California, Santa Barbara*

Morgan Sellers  
*B.S., University of Oregon*

Ariba Siddiqui  
*B.S., University of Maryland, College Park*

Lauren Silva  
*B.A., University of San Francisco*

Erica Pearl Silva  
*B.A., San Jose State University*

Ryan Wayne Sloan  
*B.S., DePaul University*

Christina Priscilla Jabar Smith  
*B.S., Georgetown University*  
*M.A., City University of London, United Kingdom*  
*PGDL, BPP University, United Kingdom*

Jada Nicole Smith  
*B.A., Hastings College*

Emma Stephens  
*B.A., San Francisco State University*

## DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR

Isabella Strimling

*B.A., McKendree University*

Katherine Stromin

*B.A., The New School*

*M.A., The New School*

Richard Tang

*B.A., University of California, Riverside*

Gianna Taormina

*B.S., University of San Francisco*

Noah Thomas

*B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz*

Sihin Tsegay

*B.S., Saint Mary's College of California*

Thomas Tuon

*B.A., San Jose State University*

Alyssa Vallero ❖

*B.S., University of California, Santa Cruz*

Emily Verrill

*B.S., Bay State College*

Emma Carlisle Walsh

*B.A., Mills College*

Alison Walter

*B.A., University of California, Berkeley*

David Watson

*B.S., Miami University*

Alexis Wilkins

*B.A., University of California, Irvine*

Payton Wilson

*B.S., University of Kansas*

Anthony Wong

*B.A., California Polytechnic State University,  
San Luis Obispo*

Rex Yoshida

*B.A., University of San Francisco*

Sachiko Yoshitsugu

*B.A., DePaul University*

Yong Zhao ❖

*B.A., University of California, Berkeley*

Yuxia Zhou

*B.S., University of Rochester*

*B.A., University of Rochester*

## DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR AND MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Sophia Abey Abebe

*B.S., George Mason University*

Khusbeen Dhillon

*B.S., California State University, Northridge*

## MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES IN TAXATION

William Matthew Amon  
*B.A.BB.A, Southern Methodist University*

Kwame Amporful ★  
*MBA, University of Bangor, Ghana*  
*CB, Chartered Institute of Bankers, Scotland, United Kingdom*  
*CA, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, United Kingdom*

Celal Çelik ★  
*B.A., Ankara University, Turkey*  
*M.A., Boston University Metropolitan College*  
*Ph.D., Marmara University, Turkey*

Nathaniel Andrew Yin Yau Chan ❖  
*B.A., University of San Francisco*

Peter Chang  
*B.A., University of California, Irvine*

Katelyn Claussner ★  
*B.S.B.A., Washington University in St. Louis*

Tristan Patrick Dickenson  
*B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara*

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*B.Com, Calcutta University, India*  
*MBA, Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management, India*

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*B.A., University of Washington*

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*MBA, Heritage Institute of Technology, India*

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*B.A., University of California, Los Angeles*

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*B.A., University of Namibia, Namibia*  
*B.Com, University of Cape Town, South Africa*  
*MBA, Midlands State University*

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*BB.A, University of Houston*  
*MBA, University of Houston*

Emily Wilson  
*B.S., Boston College*

Kevin C. Yuen  
*B.S., University of Maryland*

## DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS

### Intellectual Property and Technology Law

Fan Yongming  
*B.A., University of International Relations, China*

Savleen Kaur  
*B.A.LL.B., Panjab University, India*

Benno Loew  
*First Legal State Exam (Germany),  
State of Saxony, Germany*

Mara Martinez  
*B.A., University of the Philippines, Philippines  
LL.B., San Beda College Alabang, Philippines*

Jennifer Trefke  
*First Legal State Exam (Germany)  
University of Münster, Germany  
Second Legal State Exam (Germany)  
Ministry of Justice North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany*

### International Transactions and Comparative Law

Keerthi Gudimetla  
*B.A.LL.B., Karnataka State Law University, India*

Nikhita Pais  
*LL.M, World Trade Institute,  
University of Bern Switzerland  
BLS.LL.B., University of Mumbai, India*

## DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS

### Taxation

María Catalina Abuchaibe Del Hierro ❖  
*B.A., Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia*

José Rogério Lima de Araújo ❖  
*B.A., Universidade Mackenzie, Brazil*

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*B.L., Nigeria Law School, Abuja, Nigeria*

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*LL.B, University of Lorraine, France*

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*LL.B, Uganda Christian University, Uganda*

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*LL.M, London Metropolitan University, United Kingdom*  
*LL.B, University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom*  
*BL, The Inns of Court School of Law, United Kingdom*

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*B.S., California State Polytechnic University, Pomona*  
*J.D., Lincoln Law School of Sacramento*

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*LL.B, Université Jean Moulin, Lyon 3, France*

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*B.A., Wellesley College*  
*M.S., St. John's University*

David Prospero ★  
*Laurea Magistrale, Libera Università Maria SS. Assunta, Italy*  
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*J.D., UC Hasting College of the Law*

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*B.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology*  
*JD, Georgetown University*

Matija Urankar ❖  
*M.A., University of Ljubljana, Slovenia*

Cristian Xochimitl ★  
*J.D., Ohio Northern University*

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## Honorary Degree

# LINDBERGH PORTER

## SENIOR SHAREHOLDER EMERITUS, LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C.

Committed to leading a life of purpose and impact as a man for justice. Respected litigator who gets things done. Powerful voice for diversifying the legal profession by creating an equitable and inclusive community for all. Esteemed alumnus, engaged mentor, and tireless advocate for young people of color pursuing dreams and opportunities to build meaningful careers in the law.

Lindbergh Porter built his stellar career and sterling reputation in the law case-by-case over four decades. As a prominent litigator in the San Francisco office of Littler Mendelson, he represented employers in a broad spectrum of employment-related proceedings, including class actions, wrongful termination, discrimination, and arbitration. Always prepared, professional, and tenacious, he demonstrated the highest level of legal proficiency and personal integrity in advocating for his clients. His broad knowledge and deep understanding of law and business made him a formidable litigator and an invaluable adviser for his clients. He anticipated problems and formulated solutions to avoid the wasted time and high cost associated with litigation. When going to court was the only way forward, he defended his clients with an all-encompassing command of the law.

Mr. Porter first joined Littler as a summer associate. In 1981, with his USF law degree in hand, he went on to represent clients across the nation in a range of employment litigation cases. He specialized in employment, wage and hour, and whistle-blower litigation, including more than 75 class actions in state and federal courts. He represented employers before the National Labor Relations Board in more than 100 arbitrations. In appellate practice, he briefed or argued more than a dozen state and federal cases, including several precedent-setting appeals before the U.S. and California courts of appeal. He also chaired Littler's Board of Directors and remains an emeritus member of the firm's Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity Council. In honor of its star litigator's retirement in 2023, the firm established the Lindbergh Porter San Francisco Pro Bono Champion Award to recognize "his efforts in giving back to the community and for being an inspiration to others."

Mr. Porter was born into a loving family in a small town in Mississippi's Holmes County. "White Only" and "Colored Only" signs were displayed everywhere when he was growing up. From first through the 12th grades, he attended "separate, but unequal" schools that would close when children were needed to pick cotton. His mother often reminded him that his job was to stay in school, so that one day he would have an opportunity to accomplish what he wanted. That opportunity presented itself after his high school graduation in 1968. He and 14 other graduates, including his future wife, from the county's impoverished school system were awarded scholarships to attend the University of Illinois. His inaugural class on campus marked the first time he sat in a classroom with white students. He and his wonderful late wife, Mary, whom he met before kindergarten, graduated in 1972. They married four years later and became the proud parents of Clara, a 2012 graduate of the USF School of Law, and Trey, a San Francisco start-up techie.

In 1978, Mr. Porter came to USF to attend law school and quickly found his purpose and passion. He has said that our diverse student body filled him with optimism. He soon felt that he could change the world — or at least the minds of judges. He has remained engaged with and supportive of his alma mater, making time to mentor our law students. He is a trustee emeritus of the university, an active member of the law school's Board of Counselors, an ardent fundraiser, and meets with faculty, students, and alumni. We deeply appreciate his generous investment of time, expertise, and resources in both our students and the law school, where he also has been involved in the Intensive Advocacy Program.

A National Moot Court finalist in law school, he has taught moot court at UC Berkeley School of Law and trial practice at Stanford Law School. He was president of the San Francisco Bar Association, and served on the San Francisco Giants Community Fund Board of Directors, among many other organizations. He appears annually on The Best Lawyers in America listing. He has received community service awards from the NAACP, Legal Defense Fund, and Charles Houston Bar Association, among other well-deserved honors. Mr. Porter now splits his time between San Francisco and Mississippi, where he dedicates his energies and expertise to a passion project aimed at developing and building up voting rights in the state.

That all may know of our great esteem for him as an extraordinary alumnus, exemplary trustee, and powerful voice for justice and equal opportunity, we therefore, confer upon Lindbergh Porter Jr., the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto, given this 17th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four, and of the University, the hundred and sixty-ninth, in San Francisco, California.



## FACULTY AWARDS

### John Adler Distinguished Professor Award

Presented annually by the graduates of the School of Law to the professor deemed to have contributed most significantly to the educational development of their students.

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### The Hon. Ira A. Brown Adjunct Faculty Award

Named in memory of Hon. Ira Brown Jr. who inspired and enriched scores of students throughout his many years of teaching. Presented annually to the adjunct professors who bring the same quality, character, and dedication to the education of our students.

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## UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

### Educational Effectiveness Award

The Educational Effectiveness Award (EEA) is given out annually to one team in recognition of excellence in assessment practices at the University of San Francisco. The recognized assessment work should show evidence of student learning, use of student learning evidence, and help the University, or any part of the University or community, achieve its learning outcomes, goals or mission. Exemplary assessment work should also support a culture of assessment at USF, and include a plan for closing the loop.

*Amy Flynn*

### Innovation in Global Education Award

The Innovation in Global Education Award recognizes a faculty, librarian, or staff member who demonstrates innovation in facilitating global educational opportunities (study abroad, immersion programs, internships, research opportunities) or bringing a global perspective to campus (incorporating global into courses, developing new global courses, or broadening access to global perspectives).

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### Innovation in Teaching with Technology Award

The CIT Awards honor faculty or staff who have demonstrated excellent use of technology in education. Recipients have supported the development of teaching and learning contributing to the overall quality of the USF learning environment.

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### Archbishop Oscar Romero Award

Recognized for his ability to become a voice for the voiceless while the Archbishop of San Salvador, the Archbishop Oscar Romero Award is given to an undergraduate or graduate student who strives to alleviate poverty and oppression, and is awarded to:

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### Graduate Student Leadership Award

This award will be given to students who have consistently worked and succeeded in enriching and having an impact on student life and the values of University Life (leadership, social justice, and cultural competency) throughout their careers at USF. This year’s student is:

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### Andersen Tax Awards

This award is sponsored by Andersen Tax and is given to both a graduating J.D. student and a graduating LL.M. in Taxation student for superior academic performance and excellence in the tax curriculum and demonstrated commitment to the field.

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Presented to the graduating student who has made an extraordinary contribution to the intellectual life of the School of Law.

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