

ALUMNI

We are pleased to share Maryland Carey Law's 2021 Alumni Honors Awardees. Selected annually by the Alumni Board Awards Committee and confirmed by the board, honorees have demonstrated excellence in their chosen careers and commitment to the law school community. This year's honorees will be celebrated in December.

Distinguished Graduate Award Christine A. Edwards '83



The Distinguished Graduate Award is presented to an alum who has achieved prominence through professional excellence and service to the community. Edwards, a recently retired partner of Winston & Strawn in Chicago, is regarded as a leading financial services attorney in the nation and served as chair of the firm's Bank Regulatory Practice. Edwards is a former long-standing member of Maryland Carey Law's Board of Visitors, serving as chair from 2011 to 2015.

Judicial Excellence Award The Hon. Alexander Wright, Jr. '74

The Judicial Excellence Award is presented to an alum who exemplifies the highest standards of judicial excellence; displays extraordinary courage, energy, and tenacity in the handling of controversial and difficult cases; and embodies strength of character, service, and competence as a jurist, lawyer, and public servant. Judge Wright served in the judiciary for 26 years, retiring in 2019 from the Maryland Court of Special Appeals.



HONORS



Benjamin L. Cardin Public Service Award Michelle Daugherty Siri '02

The Public Service Award is presented to an alum who has demonstrated significant and substantial contributions to furthering ideals of public service in the law. Siri is executive director of the Women's Law Center of Maryland, and previously served as president of Maryland Carey Law's Alumni Board.

Star Award Elva E. Tillman '87

The Star Award (awarded in alternating years) recognizes the unsung heroes among the alumni population. Those alumni who volunteer for Maryland Carey Law behind the scenes with little fanfare, and who are steadfast in their support, loyal in their hearts, and deserving of special recognition. Before retiring in 2016, Tillman worked for the City of Baltimore as its principal counsel for the Department of Law and served on Maryland Carey Law's Alumni Board until 2020.



Rising Star Award Marshall E. Jackson, Jr. '13

The Rising Star Award recognizes a recent graduate whose exemplary contributions of service and leadership, either professionally or at Maryland Carey Law, have brought credit to the graduate and this institution. Jackson is a partner in the DC office of McDermott Will & Emery, with a practice focused on transactional and regulatory counseling for clients in the healthcare industry, along with advising clients on the legal, regulatory and compliance aspects of digital health.