



COMMENCEMENT

Wayne State University
Law School

Monday, May 16, 2022

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Commencement Address

Fadwa A. Hammoud
Solicitor General, State of Michigan

Presentation of the Graduates

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

Graduates who successfully completed a co-curricular or clinical program 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	<i>The Journal of Law in Society</i> Burgundy and white
Jaffe Transactional Law Competition Green and white	Mock Trial Gold, green and black
Jessup International Law Moot Court Light blue and white	Moot Court Silver, royal blue and white
<i>Journal of Business Law</i> Black, gold and red	Warrior Pro Bono Award Orange
	<i>Wayne Law Review</i> Green and gold

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2022 KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Fadwa A. Hammoud, '10

Fadwa A. Hammoud was sworn in as Michigan's 12th solicitor general on Jan. 15, 2019. Upon her appointment by Attorney General Dana Nessel, Hammoud became the youngest Michigan solicitor general and the first Arab American Muslim solicitor general in the United States. She also made history by becoming the first Arab American Muslim woman to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court. In *Brown v. Davenport*, a habeas corpus case, the State of Michigan argued that the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals applied the wrong test, and thus disregarded Congress's directive in the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act.

Hammoud supervises all appellate activity and, as bureau chief of the Criminal Justice Bureau, supervises all criminal divisions in the department as well as the newly created Conviction Integrity Unit. Additionally, she leads the Flint water crisis investigation and prosecution team of special agents and assistant attorneys general.

She assumed her role as Michigan's top appellate attorney after years of public service on behalf of the people of Wayne County. As lead attorney under Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy, Hammoud established the Business Protection Unit and prosecuted criminal enterprise, homicide, financial crime and identity theft cases.

She also served as a trustee and treasurer of the Dearborn Public Schools Board of Education and the Henry Ford College Board of Trustees and Officers, championing public education in her hometown. A first-generation American, Hammoud advocated on behalf of Wayne County's various ethnic and immigrant communities and advised state, county and city leaders on their affairs. She served as a governor-appointed commissioner on the Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs within the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, among other executive and legislative advisory bodies. Hammoud currently serves as vice president of the Arab American Political Action Committee, where she promotes civic engagement and impact within Michigan's Arab American communities.

Hammoud clerked for the Hon. George C. Steeh in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. She earned her bachelor's in political science and communication from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and her juris doctor from Wayne State University Law School.

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