Graduate Spotlight:

Destiny Ford

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To alumna Destiny Ford, justice for all includes protecting human rights and animal rights — serving fearlessly and zealously.

“I advocate for those who are underprivileged or underserved, never hesitating to speak up for what is right, not just what is acceptable," said Ford, a 2026 graduate. “I've demonstrated my propensity for advocating for the voiceless by partnering with rescues all over the state and building the Animal Legal Defense Fund Student Chapter (ALDFSC) organization from a very small organization to one that students know and love."

As president of the law school's ALDFSC, Ford placed first in the New York State Bar Association's 2025 Student Writing Competition. Her paper, entitled “Right to Rescue: When Saving a Life Breaks the Law," was published in Laws and Paws, the publication of the Committee on Animals and the Law.

Ford plans to use her legal expertise in the courtroom and the community — in public defense and political spaces.

“I plan to use this incredible education and power to advocate and practice law, first as a public defender, to advocate for indigent clients and protect the Constitution's grant of representation for all," said Ford. “Then, I hope to enter the field of politics, so that I can advocate for poor and minority communities on a larger scale."