

## **Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

Distinguished faculty, proud families, guests, and most importantly, the Class of 2026.

These past years, at Seton Hall Law, have been transformative for each of us and the conclusion of this journey begins a new one. One that is a vocation of service to others. It has been my honor to serve as the Student Bar Association President this year and I am proud that my final act shall be to introduce our keynote speaker Ms. Camille Vasquez.

Ms. Vasquez is a nationally recognized trial attorney who specializes in high-profile litigation in entertainment and defamation law. Just before we started our tenure here, at Seton Hall, many of us watched Ms. Vasquez serve as co-lead counsel for Johnny Depp. As we were studying for our LSATs and wondering what lawyering looked like, we saw Ms. Vasquez on our screens as a confident and driven attorney who, despite public pressure showed up as a strong advocate for her client. She exemplifies poise, upliftment, and tenacity, traits we all strive to possess.

Ms. Vasquez is also committed to mentoring and is proud to lead by example and inspire young attorneys. She is a sought-after legal analyst for conferences, panels, and podcasts and she is often seen as a contributor for NBC News. In addition to her legal work, she serves as a Foundation Trustee for the Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Ms. Vasquez shared with me that she is inspired by her defamation clients who stand up for the truth and who embody our Seton Hall Hazard Zet Forward motto, *at whatever risk, yet go forward*.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Camille Vasquez.