

# Class of 2025 summer associates join Plunkett Cooney

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The Bloomfield Hills office halls of Plunkett Cooney, one of the Midwest's oldest and most accomplished law firms, were buzzing yesterday as the five members of the firm's 2025 class of summer associates arrived for their first day.

This year's class includes standout law school students Dino Bucci, III, Scout Ciora and Lizbeth Lopez-Bermudez from Wayne State University Law School, as well as Grace Reilly and Rima Saad from Michigan State University College of Law.

Throughout the summer, Plunkett Cooney partners and associate attorneys will work with the summer associates in the areas of business law, general liability, governmental law, labor and employment law, and professional liability. The 12-week program features two six-week sessions during which participants will receive hands-on experience with legal assignments along with opportunities to attend numerous professional organization and firm social events held throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. The program concludes on Aug. 14.

A former intern for the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office and in the Michigan State Senate, Bucci is scheduled to receive his law degree in 2026. He is a contributing editor for the *Wayne Law Review*, and he serves as president of the Wayne State University Law School Business Law Society. Bucci received his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University in 2022.

Ciora, who previously clerked at two southeast Michigan law firms, is scheduled to graduate in 2026. He currently serves as treasurer of the Wayne State University Law School Business Law Society and as an associate editor of the *Wayne Law Review*. Ciora received his undergraduate degree from San Diego State University in 2021.

A former paralegal at two southeast Michigan law firms, Lopez-Bermudez is set to receive her law degree in 2026. She recently worked as a law school research assistant and previously served as a judicial intern in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. Lopez-Bermudez received her undergraduate degree in 2017 from the James Madison College at Michigan State University.

Reilly is scheduled to receive her law degree in 2026. She is a member of the *Michigan State Law Review* and currently serves as the community service chair for the Michigan State University College of Law Women's Law Caucus. Reilly received her undergraduate degree from Loyola University

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Chicago in 2022.

A former legal assistant and paralegal, Saad is set to receive her law degree in 2026. She serves as treasurer of the Michigan State University Middle Eastern Law Student Association and as a student evaluator in the law school's legal writing department. Saad received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 2022.

Established in 1913, Plunkett Cooney is a leading provider of business law and litigation services to clients in the private and public sectors. The firm employs attorneys in seven Michigan cities, Chicago, Illinois, Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis, Indiana.

Plunkett Cooney has received the highest rating (AV) awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, a leading peer review service, and was recently named among the Best Legacy Law Firms by Michigan Lawyers Weekly, a leading news publication covering the state's legal industry.

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