

**Nicole Van Gundy**  
**Capital University Law School**  
**2020 WLFC Scholarship Winner**

Nicole Van Gundy is an evening student at Capital University Law School; however, she is also a consultant for a Fortune 100 company and a proud foster mom to three young children. It is from this later vocation that a passion developed for child welfare, adoption, juvenile justice, and family law in general. She is a member of the FYLaw Junior Fellowship program, is involved in various student organizations such as the Women's Law Association and Family Law Advocates and was also appointed to the Student Bar Association as the At Large evening representative. Professionally, Nicole has earned her Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation, is a Chartered Insurance Operations Professional (CIOP), and is also a certified Coaching Specialist. The goal between her educational journey at Capital Law School and via extracurricular platforms is to eventually be able to transform the lives of families and youth who come from complicated backgrounds, including complex trauma, within the boundaries of the legal system. Ideally, she would love to work with lawmakers and social services personnel to discover the balance between the recognition of the importance of natural family with prioritizing the protection and security of children.