The greatest resources at Pierce Law are the people of the Pierce Law community. We have been enriched by the people of New Hampshire, New England, and the rest of this great country, and also by our foreign visitors—faculty and students. Our international students may arrive as representatives of their countries, but they are also changed by their interactions with our community during their short stay with us. And when that interaction is a positive one, they depart as ambassadors for Pierce Law around the world. This feature contains just a small sampling of the diversity of culture, personality, and experience our foreign students bring to the school.

– Professor William O. Hennessey,
Chair, Graduate Programs

Celebrating Our Global Community



Professor Chaho Jung JD/MIP '99

Chaho Jung JD/MIP '99 of Daejeon, Korea recently joined the faculty of Chungnam National University's College of Law. A former patent examiner, Jung worked for nearly a decade for the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) before making his recent career change.

"I decided to become a professor of law so that I could invest 100% of my time and energy on researching and lecturing on patent-related subjects," says Jung. "The College of Law operates a Master Intellectual Property Program which is similar to the MIP program at Pierce Law. In this program, I teach patent-related subjects to students from KIPO and many research and development institutes around the University," adds Jung.

While at KIPO, Jung served as an examiner in the Machinery Examination Bureau from 1992–1996, and later as deputy director in the Examination Coordination Division. He was also the Korean delegate to the Diplomatic Conference on the Adoption of the Patent Law Treaty. In 2001, he was appointed senior deputy director of the International Cooperation Division, and his duties expanded to include lecturing at PCT seminars. He also served as vice chair to the fifth and sixth sessions of the World Intellectual Property Organization's Standing Committee on the Law of Patents.

Jung, who earned a BS degree in mechanical engineering from Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, began his career in the Industry and Energy Trade Administration Division of the Ministry of Trade, and worked at KIPO for several years before enrolling in Pierce Law's Juris Doctor/Master of Intellectual Property (JD/MIP) Program.

"My education at Pierce Law opened my eyes to the wide world of patents," says Jung. "I hope to return for additional studies."

Jung resides in Daejeon with his wife, Sooyeon, and a 13-year-old daughter, Kathy.

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Pooja Dodd LLM '02

Alumnus Pooja Dodd LLM '02 of New Delhi, India is a senior associate in the Intellectual Property Department at Fox Mandal in New Delhi where she is responsible for conducting enforcement raids, IP litigation, filing and prosecuting trademark and copyright applications, and preparing opinions on intellectual property issues. Founded in 1896, Fox Mandal is India's oldest and largest full-service law firm.

"I enjoy working at Fox Mandal. I handle varied portfolios of both domestic and international clients," says Dodd. "The firm offers a client-focused service and also an opportunity to give proactive advice."

"The LLM program at Pierce Law gave me an in-depth insight into intellectual property issues which not only prepared me for the kind of work I now handle at my current job, but also prepared me to excel in it. The educational opportunity at Pierce Law went far beyond what I had previously experienced."

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Before joining Fox Mandal, Dodd served as a legal intern at law firms in New York and Minnesota. At Bazerman & Drangel, P.C., NY, Dodd prepared strategy for anti-counterfeiting measures, conducted trademark conflict searches, and updated a publication on the impact of the Madrid Protocol on U.S. trademark practice. As an intern for Abdo, Abdo, Broady & Satorius, PA in Minneapolis, MN, she assisted attorneys on various intellectual property related entertainment issues, as well as filing trademark and copyright applications.

Dodd's legal background also includes work as an editor for both the *News Time* of Fox Mandal, an in-house legal update and *ia*, an Indian legal portal. While working as an associate in the Corporate Department of Fox Mandal in 20001, she worked on corporate takeovers and mergers and acquisitions, in addition to serving as editor of *News Time*. In 1999–2000, she served as editor of *ia* while working for AP&J Chamber, New Delhi.

Fluent in English, Hindi and Punjabi, Dodd is presently pursuing a beginner course in Spanish. She earned an LLB degree from the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, in July 1999, and a BA in English literature from the University in 1996. She is a member of the Bar Council of Delhi and a patent agent.



Gloria G. Isla MIP '88 (rt.) and former Pierce Law roommate Blandina Gogadi MIP '88 at the 2004 alumni reception held in Atlanta in May. Gogadi, a former prosecutor for the Ministry of Justice in Tanzania, was Pierce Law's first African student. She is currently working in intellectual property law at a firm in Dar es Salaam.

Gloria G. Isla MIP '88

General Director of Clarke, Modet & Co. Group, Mexico, Gloria Isla MIP '88 has worked in intellectual property law and licensing in Latin America for more than twenty years. Today she the managing director of Clarke, Modet in Mexico, with offices in Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries, including Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Portugal, Peru, Venezuela and representation in Miami, FL. She is responsible for all areas of intellectual property and licensing at the firm.

"The legal gap of the law between the United States and Latin America is narrowing," explains Isla. "But major disparities still remain on cultural and historical levels because of globalization. There are still some legal differences, such as 'first to file,' U.S. requests, and 'compulsory licensing' in many Latin American legislations."

Isla earned a law degree from the Universidad Iberoamerica, Mexico City and MIP from Pierce Law. She began her career at a major firm in 1979, and left in 2000 to fill her present position at Clarke, Modet. She practiced briefly as a visiting attorney in Toronto, Canada after graduating from Pierce Law in 1988, and also participated in the Visiting Scholar Program at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, earning a Certificate of Training.

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"Back in 1987, when I received the news about being awarded a scholarship to attend Franklin Pierce Law Center, I couldn't believe it at first. I was informed with such short notice, only three weeks before class, that I had very little time to prepare. I had to make my own arrangements that included finding housing which was totally new for me. The first four months were very difficult, but then things started to change for the good," says Isla.

"I honestly believe, looking back now, that my life can be divided between before Pierce Law, and after Pierce Law," says Isla. "I became a different Gloria in all respects, professionally and as a human being. It confirmed for me that being a lawyer was what I really enjoyed and wanted to be. Usually I joke when asked about life in New Hampshire, about the 'cosmopolitan way of life' you can enjoy in Concord. But honestly, Pierce Law is the place where, besides obtaining part of my education, I made friends for life. I am so emotionally connected to the school, and to New England as a whole, that I have tried to visit at least once a year since graduating. I had true piece of mind in Concord."

Isla has published extensively, writing articles on technology transfer, licensing and intellectual property matters, and related and applicable tax aspects. Her articles have appeared in the *Les Nuevelles*, Journal of Licensing Executives Society International (LESI) and the *IMEF Journal*. A member of many professional organizations, she has been invited to give presentations at forums in Mexico and internationally.

Isla is the past-president of the Mexican chapter of the Licensing Executives Society (LES). She now chairs the Pan-American Committee of LESI and is a member of the editorial board of the *Les Neuvelles*. Isla is also member of AIPPI, AMPPI, ASIPI, Mexican Bar Association, and an international delegate of the LES. "Pierce Law always encouraged participation in LESI, and I have always remained active," says Isla. "The international exposure has helped me all along the way."



Baraka Kanyabuhinya LLM ’06

Next year, Baraka Kanyabuhinya LLM ’06 of Tanzania will return to his home and his family to practice law and to teach classes at the University of Dar es Salaam, the oldest and largest university in Tanzania. He arrived in Concord last winter to enroll in Pierce Law’s Master of Laws in Intellectual Property, Commerce and Technology (LLM/CT) program, joining students from around the globe for Pierce Law’s unique degree program. His studies are fully funded by the William F. Sibley Foundation in Chicago.

“Initially I wasn’t used to this kind of learning and the preparation necessary for class. It is difficult to study in a second language,” says Kanyabuhinya. “Tanzania is a third world country. Everyone speaks Kiswahili, the country’s official and national language. English is a medium of communication in secondary schools and institutions of higher learning,” explains Kanyabuhinya who studied English in secondary school.

Kanyabuhinya, age 28, grew up in Minyinya, a small village in the Kigoma region, in western Tanzania. Before coming to Pierce Law, he worked as a legal officer while serving in an externship with Julius Chambers’ advocates in Dar es Salaam. As an extern, he carried out legal research, provided legal opinion, drafted legal documents and official letters, and interviewed clients. He also helped to prepare files for court work and notices of legal appeal.

Kanyabuhinya holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University, where he was an outstanding student and the recipient of numerous University awards. These included the Sheikh Muhammed Zulfrullah Khar Prize for “Best Final Student in Law, 2002–2003,” the Tanzania Breweries Prize for “Best Final Year Law Student, 2002–2003,” the Law Prize for “Student with Highest Marks in Third Year Examinations,” and the Family Law and Development Prize for “Student with the Highest Marks in Family Law.”

As an assistant lecturer at the University, he will teach courses in intellectual property law, specializing in copyright and trademark law. Tanzania is a member of the World Intellectual Property Organization, and according to Kanyabuhinya, “Tanzania has legislation governing intellectual property.”

“I also hope to practice family law and land law,” says Kanyabuhinya. “They are very good areas of law in my country.”

When Kanyabuhinya returns to Tanzania, he will rejoin his family that includes his wife Agnes and two children, Boniface, age 6, and Brandina, age 4.

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