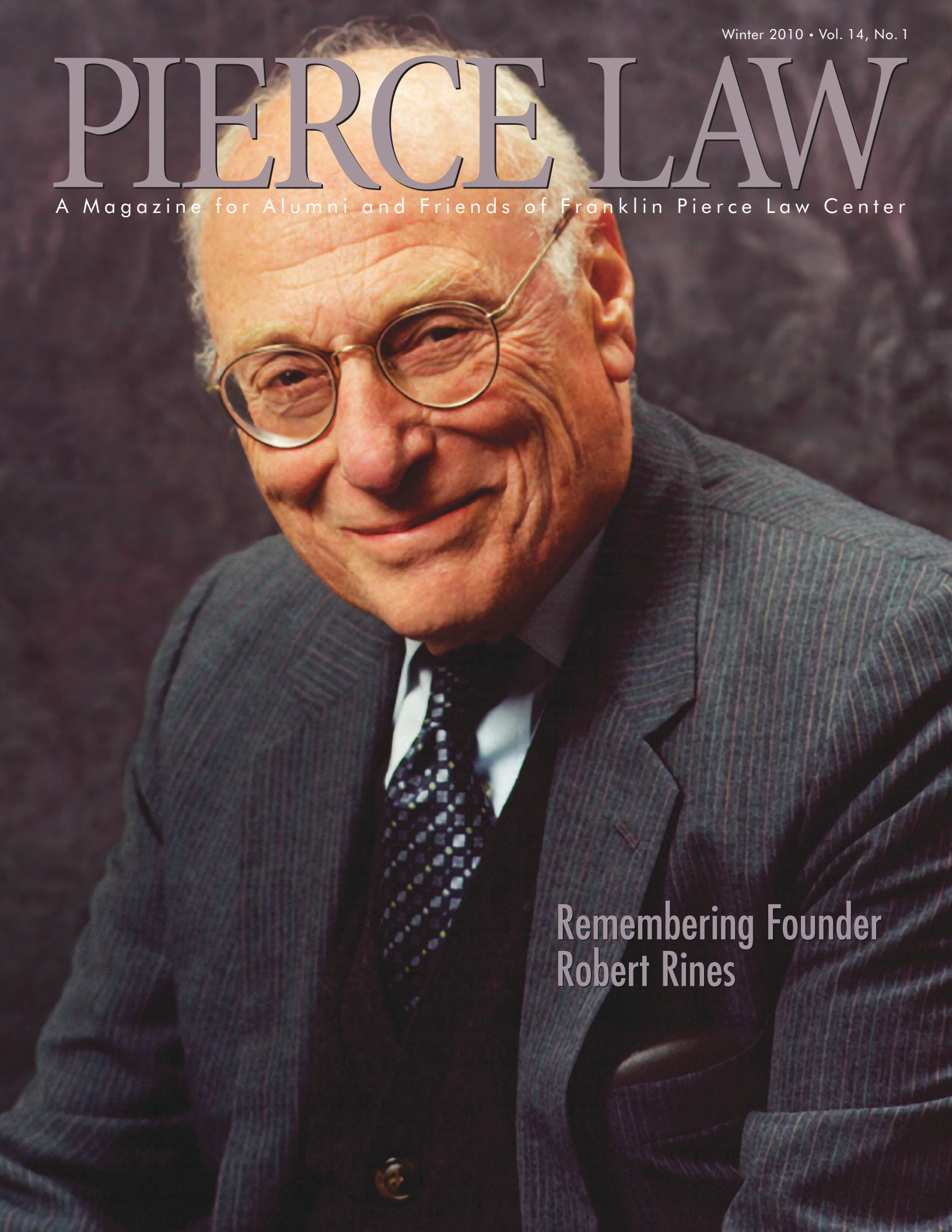
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Remembering Founder Robert Rines

DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Franklin Pierce Law Center's accomplishments were many in 2009. Sadly, along with the successes came the loss of two major figures critical to our history, founder and visionary Robert H. Rines and retired Professor Homer O. Blair. It is a gross understatement to say that Bob and Homer were instrumental in making Franklin Pierce Law Center the intellectual property powerhouse it is today. They were giants in legal education. In addition, I acknowledge the passing of inventor and scientist Kenneth J. Germeshausen, co-founder of EG&G, who initiated the formation of The Germeshausen Center for the Law of Industrial Innovation and Entrepreneurship, first directed by Blair.

2009 brought professional recognition to several members of the Franklin Pierce Law Center community. Among them, Professor Ellen Musinsky was the honored recipient of the Marilla M. Ricker Achievement Award from the New Hampshire Women's Bar Association, joining a long line of alumni and faculty recipients. Professor Jordan Budd was appointed by the United States Commission on Civil Rights to the serve as chair of the New Hampshire Advisory Committee. Two of our graduates, Jacalyn Colburn JD '96 and Marguerite Wageling JD '84, as well as one of our adjunct faculty members, David A. Garfunkel, were appointed to the New Hampshire bench. Trustee Jack Middleton was inducted into the New Hampshire Business Excellence Hall of Fame. The Honorable Carol Conboy JD '78, also a trustee, was elevated to the New Hampshire Supreme Court in July.

In this issue, we recognize the importance of you, our alumni, and your generous support that is so necessary to the viability of our institution. Beginning on page 7, "Giving Back to Franklin Pierce Law Center," tells the story of several alumni and ways they have chosen to give back to the school and to their communities, either through financial support or volunteerism, or a combination of both.

As we enter a new decade, the Board of Trustees will continue to guide us through the goals of our Strategic Plan and our affiliation discussions with the University of New Hampshire. As I write this, in early January, we are still working on the affiliation agreement with UNH. Because of the potential impact and great importance of this to our future, we are being very careful to ensure our continued academic and financial integrity. I will update you as we move along this path.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and comments. I wish you good health, prosperity and happiness in 2010.

John D. Hutson
Dean & President

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Pictured: *Beth George JD '92 (center) brought her award-winning Spelt Right, Inc. bagels to Hannaford's supermarket in Concord, NH, this fall. Pictured with her are Marilyn Hennessey (l.) and Charity Cox (rt.); Robert Rines at Loch Ness, Scotland, in 2003 (Photo by Markus Kassesmaa) and in Boston, MA, in 2004.*

Your Opinion

With this issue, we inaugurate a new column in Pierce Law *magazine welcoming your comments on articles as well as your thoughts on activities and events at your alma mater. Please let us know if you would like us to share your letters with readers. We do, however, reserve the right to edit as needed. Please email your comments to alumni@piercelaw.edu*

Remembering Robert Rines

"Robert Rines was a visionary and a person who accomplished more in his lifetime than most. He remains an inspiration for all who seek to make the world a better place. All of us owe this man gratitude for the quality of our professional education as well as to "the other Bob," Robert Viles. Their legacy lives on in the excellence of FPLC!"

— Dan Eastman JD '87, Mequon, WI

"'Some men see things as they are and ask why. I dream of things that never were and ask why not.' This quote has been referenced time and time again, but I cannot think of a more appropriate tribute to Bob Rines."

— Anthony Dziepak JD '97, Bay Shore, NY

"Bigger than life, and very charismatic. Powerful. Gracious. Assured and assuring. Glad to have known him. Even grown-ups need role models, and Bob was one for me."

— Robert Kost JD '84, Cortlandt Manor, NY

"How profoundly sad to lose a visionary. He epitomized the independent streak by which Franklin Pierce graduates are so well known. Anyone familiar with patent doctrine is likely keenly aware of the fundamental case he argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on collateral estoppel and patent validity, viz., Blonder-Tongue Laboratories, Inc. *v.* University of Illinois Foundation, 402 U.S. 313, 169 USPQ 513 (1971). You will be long remembered and certainly lived our motto: Inspiring Excellence."

— Brad Olson JD/MIP '94, Arlington, VA

"I so regret that the present and future generations of FPLC students will never know this true Renaissance Man. His talents in music, science, adventure, his appreciation for art and travel, his personal kindnesses and grace under pressure only begin to explain who he was. Bob's mantra was, "Don't tell me why I can't; show me how I can." Thus fell legal precedents and arose new ways of looking at all manner of innovation."

— Nancy Richards-Stower JD '76, Nashua, NH

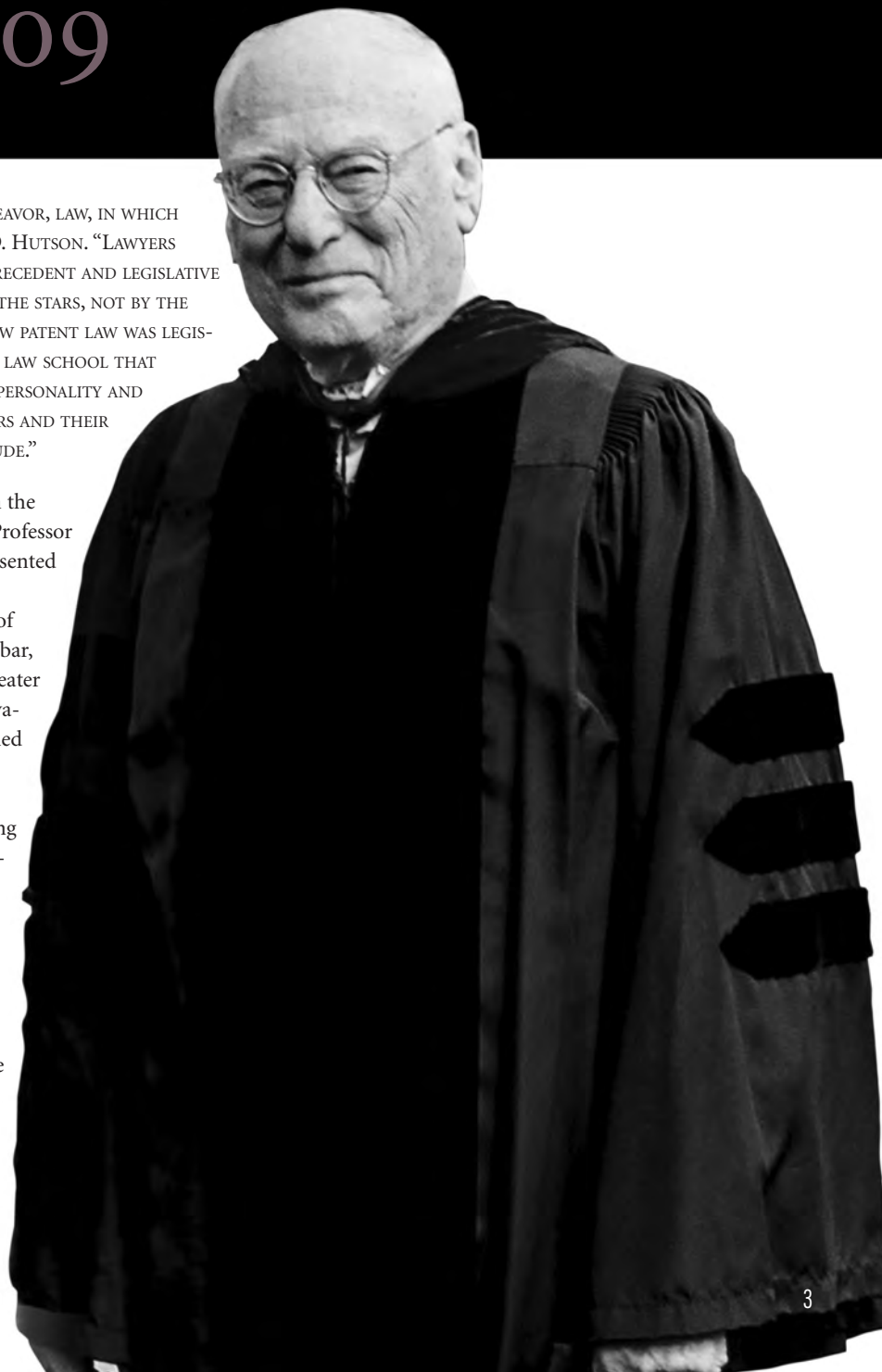


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By Sharon Callahan, Director of Alumni Relations

Remembering Franklin Pierce Law Center Founder

ROBERT H. RINES
1922-2009



"Bob Rines was a true visionary in a field of endeavor, law, in which visionaries are in short supply," says Dean John D. Hutson. "Lawyers tend to look back for guidance to things like precedent and legislative history. Bob always looked ahead. He steered by the stars, not by the wake. His way of addressing the ills he saw in how patent law was legislated, practiced and adjudicated was to create a law school that would train lawyers to do it right. By force of personality and perseverance, he succeeded. Thousands of lawyers and their inventor clients owe him a great debt of gratitude."

"Rines' impact on United States patent law in the post-war era has been truly unique," says Professor William O. Hennessey JD '86. "Rines represented many of the most important American inventors of the 20th century, including a number of MIT professors. He was a vocal advocate — in the bar, Congress, the courts, and the law schools — for greater recognition of the critical role invention and innovation play in the American economy, and championed the rights of the inventors who have made and continue to make America the most innovative society on earth. He was also a visionary in predicting as early as the 1960s the transformative technological challenges that would face the United States from Asia, and particularly China, long before anyone else."

"Dream, and make your dreams happen," advised Rines at commencement ceremonies held in May 2004. "Work for what you believe in. Don't let your children grow up without a parent because you are so busy being a lawyer. Be happy."

Inventor, Composer, Teacher

It was sage advice from Rines, a prolific inventor, musical composer, accomplished international patent attorney and professor of law. Rines' daily schedule would have been considered frenetic for someone half his age. He taught patent law at MIT, spoke frequently at conferences throughout the United States, met with inventors and entrepreneurs worldwide and composed music, while maintaining a law practice.

During his lifetime, Rines assisted hundreds of inventors. His own patents numbered more than 80, many for electronic apparatus to improve the resolution of radar and sonar scanning. The scanning systems used to locate the wrecks of the *Titanic* and the *Bismarck* were dependent on Rines' prototypes, as were medical ultrasound imaging systems.

Born in Boston, MA, in 1922, the son of a patent lawyer, Rines spent much of his life inventing. He attempted to file his first patent at the age of six. While visiting his sister at summer camp in Maine, he saw his first pocketknife. He asked his father why he had to carry a pocketknife, a fork, spoon and scissors when they could all be included in the pocketknife. His father, a patent attorney, was very impressed with his son's idea, and showed him how to research patents in Washington, DC. Together, they discovered that a similar idea had already been patented.

Rines studied and played the violin at the age of four and began his musical performance career at age eleven, playing a violin duet with Albert Einstein at summer camp in Maine. During high school, Rines created musical arrangements for his band, *The Six Aces of Rhythm*, and was later invited to attend composition classes at Harvard University.

While attending MIT, Rines composed a musical suite, entitled *Life at MIT*, which was performed as a ballet in 1999 at New York's Lincoln Center. Rines also composed scores for more than ten Broadway and off-Broadway shows, including: *Blasts and Bravos*, a play on the life of H.L. Mencken; O'Casey's *Drums Under the Windows*; O'Neill's *Long Voyage Home;* and Strindberg's *Creditors*. Rines' music for the television and later a Broadway play, *Hizzoner the Mayor*, about former New York City Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, earned him a share in an Emmy with playwright Paul Shyre in 1987.

Rines graduated at the top of his class at MIT in 1942 with a BS in physics. He worked in MIT's new radiation laboratory, helping to develop high-resolution image-scanning radar, knowledge that he later applied to his wartime service with the U.S. Signal Corps. Rines joined the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II as a radar officer, serving in both Europe and the Pacific. He invented the microwave modulation and a scanning technique, essential in building the Army's then top-secret Microwave Early Warning System.





Pictured in 1990: (l. to rt.) Co-founders Robert M. Viles and Robert H. Rines, Professor Karl F. Jorda and Alfred E. Hirsch, lead counsel, AT&T; Robert H. Rines and Congressman Richard "Dick" Swett, Commencement, May 1992

After the War, Rines worked as an examiner for the United States Patent Office while earning his law degree from Georgetown University in 1947. He later joined his father's law practice in Boston. He completed his PhD thesis at Chiao Tung University in Taiwan in 1972, while consulting on the development of the patent systems in Taiwan.

In 1963, he founded the Academy of Applied Science, a Massachusetts and New Hampshire-based, private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of science and technology education and the encouragement of invention.

In 1973, he founded Franklin Pierce Law Center, along with Robert M. Viles, to help save the patent system in the United States and more generally to modernize legal education in a technological era.

"We have one of the finest legal systems in the world," said Rines, who often consulted on the nation's patent laws. "Unlike any other, our Constitution recognizes the rights of individuals, inventors and novelists, to their creative endeavors. We have gone on to try and tailor our laws to match that recognition, that an inventor has as a 'right.'"

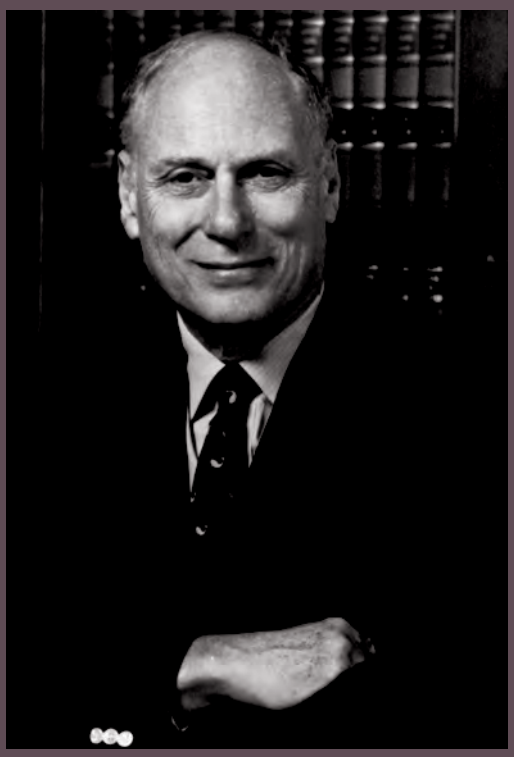
"As a member of the first class at Franklin Pierce Law Center, I was greeted by Bob in 1973 and accepted his challenge to the legal world: defy convention, join him, and reshape the way law was taught. He pushed the classroom into the courtroom, he stressed hands-on clinics with real clients, and he pushed us all to learn to practice law in a way that served our clients, not some arcane legal theories long discredited by the practicalities of the business world. We were the first of what was to become many classes representing his vision. And from the first graduating class in 1976, thousands of graduates have carried on his vision, bringing a practical understanding of what the law means to those most affected by it."

"He broke the rules because they needed to be broken. He saw things as they should be and spent his life inspiring others to see the light. While he was stubborn, he was also a listener. While he was passionate, he was always considerate. But most of all, he cared about his family, his students, and the school he founded. An inventor, adventurer, composer, performer, writer and advocate, he never slowed down nor backed off a challenge. Eventually, I came to know Bob as a friend and remain inspired by him every day. He will be missed, but his vision and a testament to his willpower — the Franklin Pierce Law Center — will remain his legacy."

— Douglas J. Wood, JD '76
Chair, Board of Trustees



Robert H. Rines with sons Robert and Justice, Commencement 1992; Robert H. Rines, 1997



Leaving a Legacy

"In the United States, inventors are not encouraged to hurry into the patent office with their first idea," explained Rines. "Test it in the marketplace. Perfect it first. Then file with the patent office. We demand under oath, that inventors prove their acts of conception, what was done to try to build it, and the diligence that led up to filing an application. This is not done anywhere else in the world. It's a more cumbersome system, but democracy is cumbersome," said Rines. "It's tough. It's hard."

"While we have championed creativity and updated our legal system, our patent system may still, however, be outmoded," said Rines. "But the legal system is slow to change. At some point, someone will stand back and say, 'Can we invent another way of balancing incentive, balancing risk taking of innovation, and teaching the art so that others can use and improve on it too?'"

In 1994, Rines was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame and became the first inductee into the U.S. Army Signal Corps Wall of Fame. He was also the recipient of the Boston Patent Law Association's first "Lifetime Achievement Award" in 2004 for the many contributions he has made during his over fifty-year career in the field of intellectual property law.

Over the years, Rines used his advanced scanning technology to search for "Nessie" in Scotland's Loch Ness, first in the early 1970s and again with his son, Justice, in 1997.

His underwater photographs of Loch Ness hang in the American Inventors' Hall of Fame along with a painting of how he imagined "Nessie" might look.

Rines taught for more than 50 years at MIT, focusing on invention, patents and innovation, before retiring in May 2008. Throughout his life, Rines' desire to invent, to improve life for others and to give back to society remained unchanged. Rines donated his radar patent to the United States government, and gave the imaging patent to the rest of the world to use for nothing. For a man whose life work affected so many people, Rines remained extremely humble.





Founder Robert H. Rines in front of the school in 1999; Aboard the fishing vessel Boy David in August 2003, Rines displays a recovered bottom glacial clay sample from Loch Ness. His 2001 and 2002 expeditions recovered similar samples, and ancient marine shells and organisms, confirming the sea (pre- and post-glacial) incursions into Loch Ness.

Giving Back
to Franklin Pierce Law Center

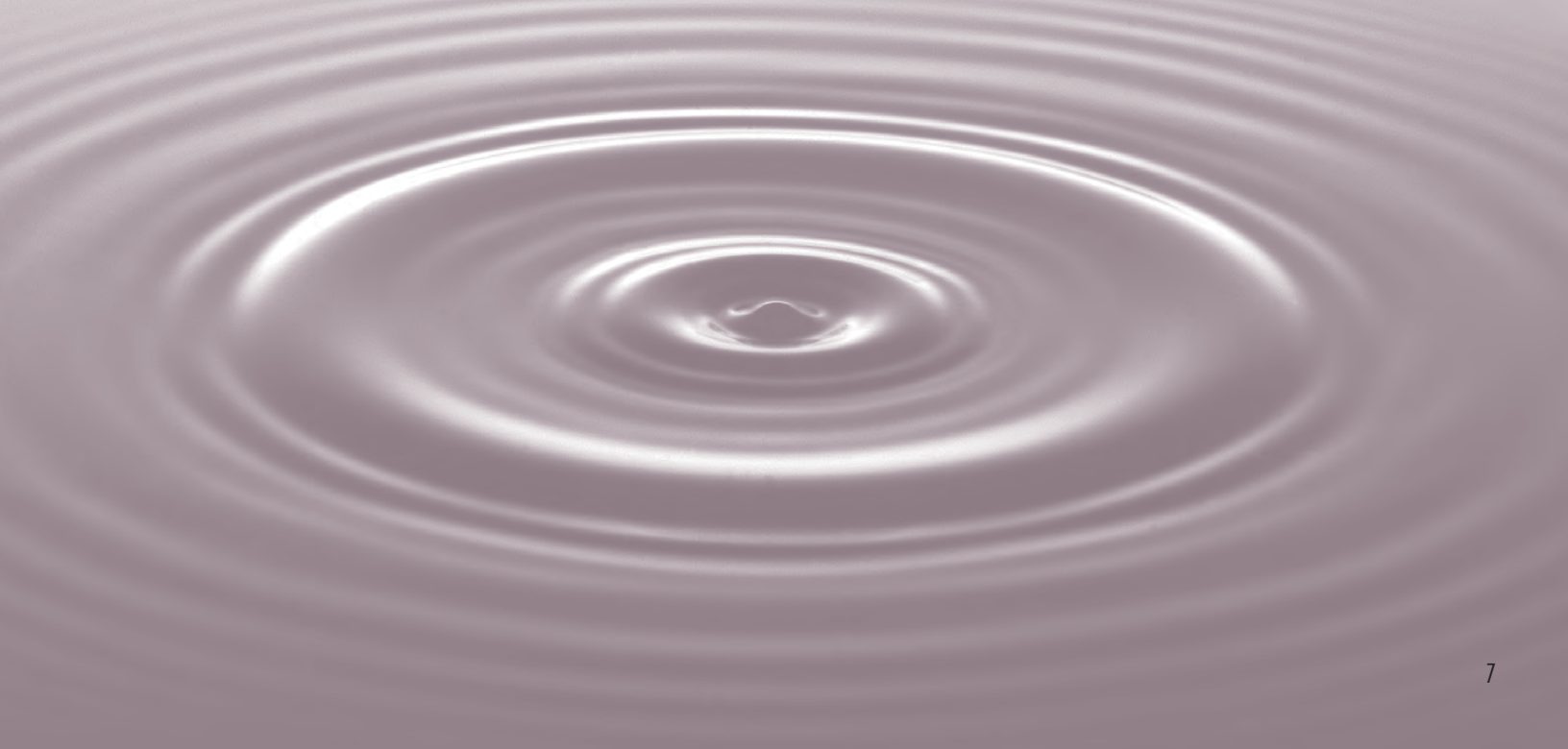
'Wanting to make a difference by helping others to succeed' — this theme permeates the following profiles of four alumni who have made it a priority to give back to their alma mater and their communities. In fact, the two seem to go hand-in-hand.

Hilda Fleisher JD '81 supports Franklin Pierce Law Center graduates pursuing their dreams of careers in public interest law and artists in their pursuit of making a living doing what they love. Randolph Reis JD '76 strengthens the school's capacity to provide a quality education and is a public advocate for individuals seeking justice through legal redress. Paul Homer JD '05 invests monthly in Franklin Pierce Law Center's expanding Social Justice Institute, a program that reflects his own social justice efforts in Senegal and Venezuela. And Jeffrey Kobulnick JD '03 leads pro bono work throughout Los Angeles, CA, an extension of his professional career while assisting Franklin Pierce Law Center's Admissions efforts. Through the creation of an endowed fund, contributing to efforts close to the heart and volunteering assistance to students and graduates alike, these alumni are not only empowering the mission of Franklin Pierce Law Center, they are answering the call for justice.

All who give back impact Franklin Pierce Law Center's delivery of legal education, the law and justice. "Transformative Law," a theme coined by Professor Rachel Moran of the Berkeley School of Law for the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), writes about citizen-lawyers, members of the legal profession who embark on campaigns for change. The law is a powerful tool to challenge and reconfigure social institutions at international, national, state, and local levels. At Franklin Pierce Law Center, we see this daily in the work of our alumni. Citizen-lawyers, like the four alumni profiled here, use their professions to promote justice through transformative law and to support institutions that can bolster their efforts, like Franklin Pierce Law Center

If it takes a village to raise a child, it too takes an entire legal community to shape the future pursuits and abilities of a law student. Giving back to Franklin Pierce Law Center empowers our vision of preparing students to become change agents equipped to solve complex legal issues that inspire just and civil societies. We are grateful to all who, through a multitude of ways, are making a difference at Franklin Pierce Law Center and around the world.

—Laura S. Chaney, Director of Development



By Laura S. Chaney, Director of Development

Hilda Fleisher JD '81

Giving Back through the Fleisher Family Fund



"I loved my three years at Franklin Pierce Law Center ... Graduation was bittersweet, I really did not want to see it all end."

– Hilda Fleisher JD '81

Well-known throughout New Hampshire for her philanthropy, Hilda Fleisher JD '81 is making a difference in the lives of new Franklin Pierce Law Center graduates who choose careers in public interest law.

Fleisher applied to law school when two of her children were in college and another in high school. She had served in the New Hampshire legislature and realized a life in politics was not to be. At the suggestion of a fellow legislator, Fleisher decided to study law. She says that while the studies were challenging, she truly enjoyed Franklin Pierce Law Center's community and the friends she made while there. "I loved my three years at Franklin Pierce Law Center." exclaims Fleisher. "Graduation was bittersweet, I really did not want to see it all end."

In talking with Fleisher about why she decided to endow a scholarship at Franklin Pierce Law Center, she explains that law school was "easy" for her. The classes were not easy, but her ability to attend was easy. She received both encouragement and financial investment from her husband. Her children were at ages where they were mostly independent. With the support of her family, Fleisher could focus fully on her studies and the school community. She understands that many are not as fortunate — many have to work and/or care for family, balancing other demands on top of a full course load. Because of this, Fleisher wanted to find a way to help make life a bit easier for those struggling to make ends meet.

She learned that she could help by creating an endowment that would provide funds to help new graduates offset their student loans. Acknowledging the financial disparities public interest lawyers face with their career choice, Fleisher made a three-year pledge to fully fund the Fleisher Family Fund, a permanently endowed fund at Franklin Pierce Law Center. In July 2009, Fleisher completed her pledge. The first Fleisher Family Fund award will be given to a qualifying student through the school's Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) in July 2010.

The Fleisher Family Fund award is one of many ways Fleisher helps others fulfill their dreams. She is supporting new graduates whose passion is to work in a public interest capacity in New Hampshire. Elsewhere, she has served on boards, helped in fundraising and contributed to the acquisition of important works of art by New Hampshire artists for public enrichment. Fleisher has served on the Advisory Council of the Currier Museum of Art, Manchester, NH, and as a trustee of the New Hampshire Symphony Orchestra. She served on the Advisory Committee of the Greater Piscataqua Community Foundation of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundationto plan an initiative to increase support for individual working artists in the state. In 2003, Fleisher was presented with the New Hampshire Governors' Individual Arts Patron Award.

Dean John Hutson smiles as he remembers his first meeting with Fleisher, "It was the first, and only, time a graduate has described herself as a 'patron of the arts.'"

Fleisher is an inspiration to others who, too, want to contribute to the well-being of their communities and society. Her investment through the Fleisher Family Fund will provide needed assistance to many for years to come.

By Angel Colarusso, Director of Annual Giving

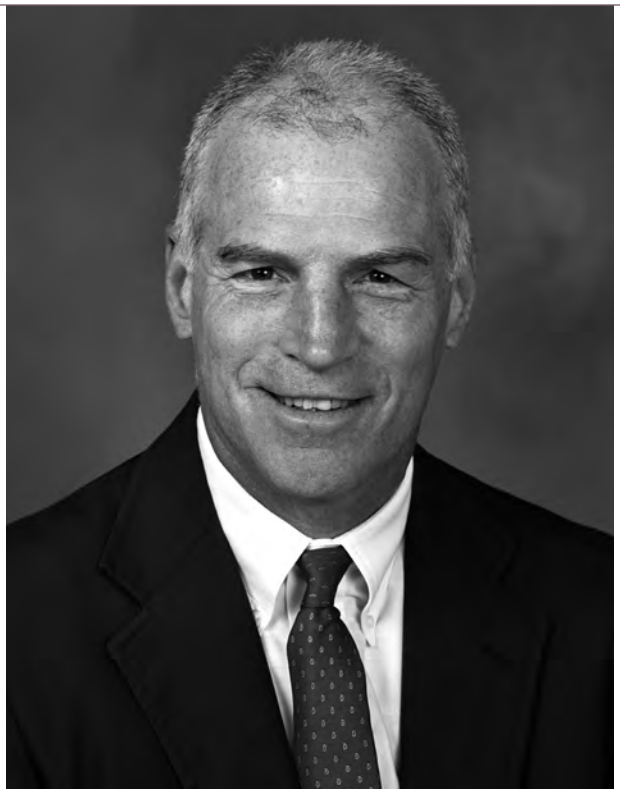
Randolph Reis JD '76
Giving Back through 25 Years of Annual Giving

In 1973, Randolph Reis JD '76 and his wife, Janet (now deceased), drove up to New Hampshire from New York to find the newly founded Franklin Pierce Law Center. Meandering up a country road in East Concord, they did not see a sign and had driven by what looked like a bull farm. They eventually turned around and went back to the bull farm, unsure as to whether it was the right location. It was then he spotted Dean Robert Viles in farmer overalls, pounding nails and doing handyman work. He had a five- minute interview with Viles and it was enough to convince Reis to stay. "Franklin Pierce Law Center presented itself as an opportunity that fortunately has paid off," Reis notes.

Since he graduated from Franklin Pierce Law Center and passed the New Hampshire bar exam in 1976, Reis has been making a difference. He has spent the last 34 years practicing law in New Hampshire, specializing in medical malpractice and personal injury. Reis has supported his alma mater, Franklin Pierce Law Center, for over 25 years through gifts to the Annual Fund and other endowed funds. He has also supported Franklin Pierce Law Center as a volunteer for Moot Court.

Reis recently accepted a volunteer position as a class ambassador for the Class of '76, committing to assist Franklin Pierce Law Center in increasing alumni support through annual giving and alumni communications. His dedication to supporting alumni annual giving empowers Franklin Pierce Law Center to increase its level of scholarship support for students, strengthen its nationally recognized clinics and groundbreaking Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program, enhance the school's facilities and continue to retain talented and accomplished faculty. Franklin Pierce Law Center has become the renowned law school it is in part because of his generosity over the years.

Reis has also made a difference in the state of New Hampshire. He is a court appointed special advocate (CASA) volunteer, advocating for abused and neglected children, and was a litigation volunteer for New Hampshire Legal Assistance in a class action case for children living in poverty in 2003. He previously served as chair of the New Hampshire Bar Association's Pro Bono Referral system, which encourages private lawyers to provide services to the indigent.



Reis looks back fondly at his time at Franklin Pierce Law Center and is pleased with the education he received. He feels he had excellent professors who were engaging and made the law understandable. He enjoyed his studies and found his law school career interesting and challenging, an important ingredient for success. "You have to enjoy what you are doing to really be effective at it," believes Reis.

When asked what stands out from their time at Franklin Pierce Law Center, many alumni cite former faculty and the impact they had on their development and career. Reis is no exception. "The Class of '76 had the benefit of some excellent faculty who had great depth of knowledge of the law and love for it. My class really couldn't do much better in terms of the wonderful foundation of the law they provided as teachers," says Reis.

Franklin Pierce Law Center's long-standing commitment to offer a practice-based education that provides students not only with an education in the rule of law but also clinical training and real-world experience began with its first graduating class. While attending school, Reis participated in two externships that well-prepared him for his future career — one a judicial externship clerking for the New Hampshire Supreme Court and another, an externship for a law firm which he later joined after graduation.

Reis clerked for Judge Laurence Duncan, who has been described by Justice David Souter as "a consummate master craftsman of the law." Reis found himself as a first-year law student on externship from a newly founded law school, working for and learning from a brilliant New Hampshire jurist.

In November of 2009, Reis tried a malpractice case in advance of a jury trial and challenged the constitutionality of the medical malpractice screening panel, RSA 5:19 B, which requires malpractice cases to go before a screening panel before they go to a jury trial. A unanimous finding at the screening panel is then admissible to the jury. Reis challenged the screening panel statute arguing that it violates several constitutional principles. Prior to his challenge there had been several decisions upholding the constitutionality of this statute. The presiding trial judge ruled in his favor, in a significant ruling which may affect how these cases are tried going forward. "Our system of justice allows those who believe they have been harmed to seek redress and to challenge the privileged and powerful," Reis says.

"I continue to give to FPLC every year because Franklin Pierce Law Center made a big difference in my life ... I give because of a sense of obligation and a desire to say thank you to FPLC." *– Randolph Reis JD '76*

"I was very lucky to work with him — it was quite an opportunity and privilege," Reis reflects. His second externship, at Brown & Nixon in Manchester, was during his third year of law school. "My second externship provided me with great experience, but perhaps more importantly and practically, it led me to a job and eventually my career."

In 2006, Reis founded Reis Law, which focuses on medical negligence and other cases involving serious personal injuries. "I have had some good verdicts, made a difference in clients' lives, and I have felt satisfied about helping people in need. I've had some Supreme Court decisions that may or may not have been of some import. When clients turn to a lawyer to represent them when they have been a victim of negligence and have lost a loved one, or find themselves badly injured and destitute, it is important that they have the right to seek redress for the wrongs done to them. I look at it as a noble endeavor if you can help out people in those circumstances and I enjoy doing it," reflects Reis.

Reis continues to work on behalf of his clients to answer the call for justice and give back to New Hampshire. His long-standing financial and moral support of Franklin Pierce Law Center stems from his gratitude for the education he received while in law school. When asked why he continues to give he stated, "I continue to give to FPLC every year because Franklin Pierce Law Center made a big difference in my life. The school did not just allow me to become a lawyer, but provided an excellent education in the law and wonderful externships. Those opportunities enabled me to engage in a satisfying and rewarding career. I give because of a sense of obligation and a desire to say thank you to FPLC."

By Sharon Callahan, Director of Alumni Relations

Paul Homer JD '05

Giving Back Twelve Months a Year

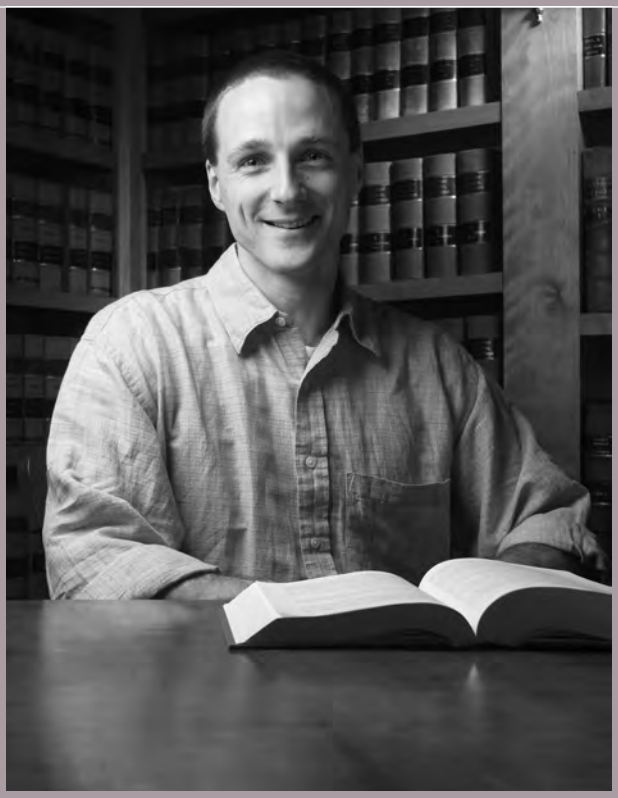
"I give to Franklin Pierce Law Center for several basic reasons. It gave so much to me," says Paul Homer JD '05, now an investigator with The Hartford in Connecticut. "The school was extremely generous in providing the financial assistance that I needed. I feel that the least that I can do is repay the school for its generosity and goodwill by supporting the Social Justice Institute," explains Homer, who makes a donation to Franklin Pierce Law Center each month using payroll deduction.

But before Homer ever arrived at Franklin Pierce Law Center, he had already accomplished a lot in the way of "repaying" society and helping others. He earned a BA degree with honors and distinction in international politics from Pennsylvania State University where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi in 1991. After graduating from Penn State, began a two-year service in Senegal as an environmental educator and forestry extension agent in the United States Peace Corps, after attending The Center of Human Potential in Thies, Senegal in 1992 and participating in a cross-cultural language and professional training program.

He later received a master's degree in music education from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston in 1999 and accepted a two-year assignment teaching music to children in grades K-12 and social studies to students in grades 9-12 at the Escuela Las Morochas in Ojeda, Venezuela. In addition to starting a school band, chorus, and guitar quintet, he taught the children about their local social and musical styles and traditions, and integrated other subjects, including art and dance, into the music education curriculum. In his social studies classes he worked to develop students' critical reasoning and writing skills, encourage students to take responsibility to act in their own communities, and connect students to the individual stories and characters that make up both historic and present day world culture and politics.

Homer has high praise for Franklin Pierce Law Center and the education that helped him to build his current career. "Franklin Pierce provided me the opportunity to work in small, practically-focused settings with wonderful instructors like Professors Chuck Temple, Mitchell Simon and Kimberly Kirkland, whose Employment Law class led to my interest and present occupation in the field," explains Homer.

"The training and experience that was provided to me has been essential to my work as a clerk, an employment lawyer, and now as an investigator," says Homer. "Through its externship programs, the school allowed me to work with intelligent and caring mentors like lead Appellate Defender



Christopher Johnson and Associate Justice James Duggan of the New Hampshire Supreme Court. These experiences led directly to my first job opportunity as a clerk in Connecticut."

"'Franks' is special to me because of the school's unique and warm culture. In my experience, Franklin Pierce students were consistently intelligent and driven to succeed, but never at the expense of others. Professors were thoughtful scholars who seemed to enjoy sharing their time and interests with students. I also felt that the school's administrators, from the Admissions staff led by Katie MacDonald to the Career Services team led by Mary Sheffer, provided a level of support and concern for students' present and future success that was both generous and heartening."

"All in all, it always meant a great deal to me to be surrounded by so many people that I sincerely liked so much," adds Homer. More than any school that I have attended, Franks felt like home. That's why I give."

Homer and his wife, Melinda, reside in Ashford. CT.

By Sharon Callahan, Director of Alumni Relations

Jeffrey Kobulnick JD '03
Giving Back through Volunteerism

pro bono (pronunciation: \,prō-'bō-(,)nō\); function: *adjective*; etymology: Latin *pro bono publico* for the public good; being, involving, or doing professional and especially legal work donated for the public good <*pro bono* work>



Pro bono work allows Jeffrey A. Kobulnick JD '03 to combine his passions for law and for helping the less fortunate. An associate with Foley & Lardner LLP in Los Angeles, CA, Kobulnick is deeply involved in both pro bono legal services and charitable work with his local community, spending countless hours helping others.

Now in his seventh year of practice as an attorney, Kobulnick has already received recognition and praise for his pro bono efforts as well as his charitable work.

In 2009, Kobulnick was the honored recipient of both the Elyse S. Kline Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award from Bet Tzedek Legal Services as well as the Wiley W. Manuel Award for distinguished pro bono legal services from the State Bar of California. In 2006, he received the Lynford Lardner Community Service Award for his contributions to the community. As a captain of the firm's National Light the Night Walk Team and an executive committee member of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, he has also been recognized for his outstanding fundraising efforts for the Society's Light The Night Walk supporting the fight against cancer. Under Kobulnick's leadership, Foley & Lardner is the first law firm to have a national Light The Night Walk team, which so far has raised over $100,000 for this worthy cause.

As a member of Foley & Lardner's National Pro Bono Committee and co-chair of the Pro Bono Committee for the Los Angeles office, Kobulnick coordinates attorney participation in pro bono activities. He also encourages his coworkers to participate in volunteer work such as Lawyers for Literacy, an annual spelling bee fundraising event that benefits Everybody Wins! Los Angeles, a nonprofit literacy program that helps children to improve their reading skills and build their self-esteem.

"Foley & Lardner has a very strong commitment to pro bono. The firm encourages all of its attorneys to work on pro bono matters, consistent with the firm's continued efforts to give back to those in need in the communities in which we serve," explains Kobulnick. "Up to 100 pro bono hours per year automatically count as billable, and attorneys at our firm may request additional hours as needed. This allows all of us to provide assistance to clients of our choice who otherwise could not afford legal counsel. Our projects include a wide range of matters, including representing elderly victims of fraud, working on adoptions, asylum cases, domestic violence hearings, assisting Holocaust survivors with reparations claims and providing intellectual property and transactional work for nonprofit organizations."

Kobulnick's roots in pro bono work run deep and the organizations he assists quickly earn his loyalty. While attending Franklin Pierce, Kobulnick received a Public Interest Coalition Fellowship which allowed him the opportunity to work during the summer of 2002 for Bet Tzedek Legal Services, a nonprofit legal aid organization in Los Angeles, where he handled legal issues for senior citizens, the disabled and Holocaust survivors. He has continued his pro bono work for Bet Tzedek during the past seven years, including significant participation in its Holocaust Survivors Justice Network and work with its recently-developed Wills on Wheels program for low income seniors.

At the 2009 Bet Tzedek award ceremony during which he received the Lawyer of the Year Award, Kobulnick thanked the organization for allowing him the opportunity to assist those who really need the help and for the privilege of serving those who are most appreciative. In his remarks, Kobulnick continued, "Anyone who has ever assisted a Holocaust survivor complete a German Ghetto Work Program reparation application knows that there truly is no more appreciative client. Regardless of whether they will ever see any direct financial benefit, it means the world to these individuals that someone took the time to meet with them, hear their story and help them achieve some measure of justice."

When asked about his experience in law school and how it brought him to where he is today, Kobulnick is quick to give credit to Associate Dean Susan Richey and Professor Ellen Musinsky. "While I was in school, I knew that I wanted to include pro bono work as part of my legal career. Both Susan and Ellen encouraged me to spend my summer with Bet Tzedek and I really enjoyed that experience."

While he attended Franklin Pierce Law Center, he served on the Admissions Committee reviewing applications and meeting prospective students. He also helped to organize student trips to the theatre and formed a student Hillel organization on campus. Today, Kobulnick still helps to recruit students as well as meet with them when they call for career advice.

"I get emails from students who are thinking about attending Franklin Pierce, and calls from current students who want some insight. I meet with potential students if they are out here and answer their emails. I know what it's like to be a student, trying to find a job in another state and reaching out to alums. It's very difficult," says Kobulnick.

As a student, Kobulnick also competed in the International Trademark Association's (INTA) Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition and served as an advisor for other students in the competition. For the past four years, he has served as an active member of the INTA Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition Committee and has judged that competition and others relating to trademark and copyright legal issues. Kobulnick will also be hosting a Table Topic at the upcoming INTA Annual Meeting in Boston in May 2010 on the topic of "Giving Back: Pro Bono Opportunities for Trademark Attorneys."

Kobulnick is a member of Foley & Lardner LLP's Trademark, Copyright and Advertising and Intellectual Property Litigation Practice Groups and the Entertainment and Media Industry Team. He holds a BS degree in animal physiology and neuroscience from the University of California at San Diego, where he was awarded the Ernest C. Mort Award for outstanding leadership excellence. He has served as a guest lecturer at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law and Southwestern Law School on intellectual property issues. He is admitted to practice in California; before the U.S. District Courts for the Central, Northern and Southern Districts of California; and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He is a member of the American Bar Association (Intellectual Property and Litigation Sections), the Beverly Hills Bar Association, the International Trademark Association, the Los Angeles County Bar Association (Intellectual Property and Litigation Sections) and the Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association. He and his wife, Belinda, reside in Woodland Hills, CA.

Jeffrey Kobulnick JD '03 (rt.) accepts the 2009 Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award from Director of Pro Bono Wendy Levine and CEO Mitch Kamin, both of Bet Tzedek Legal Services.



By Sharon Callahan, Director of Alumni Relations

Professor Emeritus Homer O. Blair, the first director of The Kenneth J. Germeshausen Center for the Law of Industrial Innovation and Entrepreneurship and the first David Rines Professor of Intellectual Property Law and Industrial Innovation, passed away on December 15, 2009, at the age of 84.

HOMER O. BLAIR

In 1985, when Blair joined Franklin Pierce Law Center, he was serving as vice president of patents and licensing for Itek Corporation, Lexington, MA, a position he held for nearly two decades. Prior to joining Itek, Blair had worked as a patent attorney for several of the nation's major corporations, including: Celanese Corporation, NY; Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation, Oakland, CA; Boeing Airplane Company, Seattle, WA; and Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA.

Blair was born in Tacoma, WA, in 1925. A disabled infantry veteran from the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, Blair attended the University of Washington where he earned a BS in chemistry in 1948, a BS in physics in 1951 and a JD in 1953. After graduation, he joined the Westinghouse Patent Department where he started to learn about intellectual property.

"Working in different companies, with their different technologies, locations and corporate structures enabled me to learn many aspects of intellectual property," explained Blair. "I participated in a number of professional, U.S. government and United Nations intellectual property activities. After Itek was acquired by another company, I, at the invitation of Robert Rines, came to Pierce Law to teach what I had learned in thirty years of intellectual property practice."

Blair's intellectual property training and scientific background proved to be a perfect match for Franklin Pierce Law Center. He was already familiar with and had participated in international intellectual property exchange programs. In 1971, he served on a five-member United States delegation to the U.S.S.R. charged with the task of exchanging information on patent management and patent licensing, a project sponsored by the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Licensing Executives Society. He was the only member from private industry to serve on the United States delegation to the United Nations meetings in Geneva, Switzerland in 1977, and the only United States participant at the United Nations World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) meeting in 1981 on "Trademarks and Developing Countries." During that same year, Blair also participated in a WIPO meeting on "The Establishment of a Guide on the Organization of Intellectual Property Activities in Enterprises of Developing Countries."

"In these and other United Nations programs, I learned about the lack of knowledge in developing nations of intellectual property and how to use intellectual property in developing technology products and international trade," explained Blair.

Blair developed and taught the school's first courses in licensing and technology transfer. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Blair initiated a series of policy-making seminars and conferences for the discussion of intellectual property and policy studies. In keeping with Franklin Pierce Law Center's initial mission to improve through training and research the climate for commercialization of technology in the public interest, the seminars addressed such topics as licensing of technology, trademark protection, creative technology arrangements and the role of technologically trained corporate lawyers in managing risk. In 1987, Blair organized the first Patent Systems Major Problems Conference attended by corporate and private attorneys and judges from throughout the United States.

During Blair's years at Franklin Pierce Law Center, intellectual property issues gained greater national and international prominence, and Blair had the foresight to design the school's first Master of Intellectual Property (MIP) degree program, drawing students from around the world.

"The first students came from a number of developing countries," said Blair. "I wrote to individuals from developing nations whom I had met at the United Nations advising them of the MIP degree program and inviting them to send students to Franklin Pierce to learn about intellectual property and how it could be used to help their countries. I believed Concord, NH was a better place to learn about the United States than New York or Washington, DC. Professor William Hennessey was invaluable in this effort by attracting students from the People's Republic of China due to his ability to speak and write the Chinese language."

In just four years, Blair's accomplishments were countless. Upon his retirement in 1989, Franklin Pierce Law Center awarded Blair an honorary Doctor of Laws for his "major contributions to America's economic well-being as president of the United States Trademark Association (now the International Trademark Association) and the Licensing Executives Society (US/Canada), as advisor to committees of Congress and the Departments of State and Commerce and as a member of international delegations representing our country." The graduating class of 1989 cited Blair for his "efforts to help Franklin Pierce Law Center achieve distinction as one of the country's leading intellectual property law schools."

Blair approached his retirement as he did his life's work, with thorough research. He wrote to 68 towns with populations between 25,000 and 125,000 in the southwestern United States posing the question, "Why should we retire to your city and what retirement facilities do you have?" After visiting 22 communities, Homer and his wife Jean chose San Angelo, located in the semi-arid west Texas.

In 1996, the Blairs made a generous contribution of 28 patent models to Franklin Pierce. Dating from 1842 to 1883, the collection of models is on view in the intellectual property law library, a permanent reminder of the Blair legacy.



By Mitchell A. Bragg '10

My Journey to Becoming an Attorney:

From New Hampshire to Washington, D.C. to New York City and Back Again



During the past six months, I have felt like a tourist of the Northeastern United States. From Concord, New Hampshire to Washington, D.C., back to New Hampshire, over to Buffalo, New York, down to New York City, I have put thousands of miles under my feet during this time. Despite all of this traveling, I managed to fit in two amazing legal experiences, one with the law firm Hiscock & Barclay, LLP in New York City and the other with the United States Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C.

As I rode up the elevator to the 44th floor of the Times Square Tower, my ears popped. I was in awe of the stunning views of Times Square and the Chrysler Building. I remember gazing over the East River and crossing the building to look out over New Jersey, seemingly for hundreds of miles. To many this probably sounds like a tourist stop during my trek across the Northeast. But this wasn't a $10 ride to the top of the Empire State Building, this was where I would be working during my externship in New York City with Hiscock & Barclay. With 210 attorneys practicing in 29 different areas in eight offices, I had the opportunity to work with a group of professionals positioned to respond to any challenge and opportunities its clients might face.

I spent my semester with Hiscock & Barclay's Intellectual Property & Technology Group under the helpful supervision of attorneys Mark Peroff, Darren Saunders, Keith Danish and Alpa Patel. Combined, these individuals represent nearly a century's worth of intellectual property legal practice.

During my externship, I worked on nearly every facet of trademark protection. With attorneys Saunders and Patel, I assisted with research on the litigation strategy for a high-profile fashion lawsuit. Attorney Danish gave me plenty of trademark clearance and prosecution experience and even allowed me to help draft arguments for protection of domain names under the Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy. Most of my work with Attorney Danish was with international corporations, which often led to correspondence to and from clients in countries such as Japan, Australia, and Italy on a daily basis.

In addition to these experiences, Attorney Peroff permitted me to accompany him on a presentation before fashion designers discussing intellectual property implications in the design process. I even had a chance to work with Hiscock & Barclay's newly created Sports & Entertainment Group. While working with Attorney Monika Tashman, I helped draft contracts for recording artists and register copyrights for artwork. I am appreciative of everyone at Hiscock & Barclay for their support on my journey to becoming an attorney.

Rewind six months and move down the East Coast about 200 miles and you'll find the city where I had the opportunity to spend my summer. While many of the government's buildings are positioned on "The Hill," the location of the United States Department of Transportation office is located in the Navy Yard district. In an area that is part of a continuing revitalization project of the city, the DOT building is only a few blocks from the new home of the Washington Nationals Major League Baseball team. Located on the top floor of its brand new pair of offices is the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, currently overseen by Ray LaHood.

I spent my summer working with the Office of the General Counsel (OGC), Office of Operations. OGC represents the top-level group of legal advisors for the Secretary and his staff. Admittedly, I used to be one of those people whose first thoughts about the DOT were that it controls our nation's roads. But believe it or not, the DOT does much more than just oversee the pavement on which we drive. It may not be in its official mission statement, but the DOT handles pretty much anything that moves people, places, or things across the United States. With entities such as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under its supervision, there are 13 agencies within the DOT, most of which are probably unfamiliar to Americans.

Working with OGC is a lot like working with a general practice firm in that you always need to be able to adapt to new areas of the law. Under the supervision of Attorney Nancy Kessler, a DOT veteran of over 20 years, I tackled projects ranging from the rules that regulate the air traffic at JFK, LaGuardia, and Newark Airports to the little-known McCarran-Ferguson Act and its effect on the Airline Deregulation Act. Because of the general practice nature of the work, there is often an individual that is the resident expert in specific areas of the law. For a portion of the summer, I became the go-to person on the McCarran-Ferguson Act and the nuances of reverse-preemption. I also had the opportunity to work on projects that have gained national attention in the current economic times, such as CARS (the Car Allowance Rebate System) and TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery).

Another challenge of government work is learning to adapt to the local nomenclature because there is a shorthand way to say almost everything. From MARAD (Maritime Administration) to FOIA (Freedom of Information Act), it is as if there is a different language spoken by the 60,000 employees of DOT. It takes a seasoned public servant to remember the words behind PHMSA (Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration) and SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users).

It's still hard for me to believe that I had the opportunity to work with Hiscock & Barclay and the DOT. With the amazing support of my soon-to-be wife, Anna, and both of our families, I now return for my final semester at Franklin Pierce Law Center with a book of stories not only about the law, but also about some of the most famous cities in the world. There is no doubt that in May, my journey of becoming an attorney will benefit from these experiences.

By Sharon Callahan, Director of Alumni Relations

Richard Braun Foley JD '86:

Recipient of the FDIC's Douglas H. Jones Legal Excellence Award

Richard B. Foley JD '86, counsel in the Legal Division at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, was recently recognized "for providing exceptional legal advice and counsel and demonstrating the highest degree of professionalism on initiatives involving mortgage lending, particularly legislation to combat predatory lending, broker registration and reform of the Hope for Homeowners Program."

"Foley was the right man in the right place in 2008," according to the *FDIC News* (July 2009). "As the FDIC's lead staff lawyer in the mortgage area, he exemplifies the highest standards of professional and legal service. Foley brought considerable experience to the challenges of 2008. He has been the lead lawyer on numerous legislative, rulemaking and guidance projects over the past four years, covering both risk management and consumer protection issues. His expert analytical drafting and research skills have made a major contribution to FDIC policies."

Foley was among the staff members who developed the FDIC's comment letter to the Federal Reserve Board's Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act (HOEPA) rule and drafted interagency guidance on nontraditional and subprime mortgage products. He also offered his expertise as congressional testimony was developed. He was the lead staff lawyer for interagency rulemakings to implement the Hope for Homeowners Program and the mortgage broker registration system, playing a significant role in resolving disagreements and moving the projects forward.

Foley's counterparts in other divisions praise his "extensive knowledge, good counsel, professionalism, collegial approach and extraordinary work ethic. His judgment, expertise and wisdom — all essential to the FDIC's response as the mortgage crisis unfolded — exemplify the spirit and meaning of the Douglas H. Jones Legal Excellence Award."

The Douglas H. Jones Legal Excellence Award is designed to recognize a Legal Division attorney or team of attorneys who has demonstrated excellence and professionalism when assisting Legal Division clients and others within and outside the agency seeking legal counsel and advice from the FDIC. Douglas H. Jones retired in 2007 as senior deputy general counsel in the Legal Division, a position he held for more than 10 years. Jones' exceptional and extensive legal background and expertise in the FDIC Legal Division spanned more than a quarter of a century.

An attorney with the FDIC since 1989, Foley has focused his efforts on consumer protection issues over the last five years. His career at the FDIC also includes 10 years as a litigator, a six-month detail as a special assistant U.S. attorney, as well as five years working on FDIC-assisted mergers and acquisitions.



Richard Foley JD '86 (center), counsel with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, was recently awarded the Douglas H. Jones Legal Excellence Award at the FDIC's Annual Awards Ceremony. The award was presented by FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair and General Counsel Michael Bradfield.

Before joining the FDIC, Foley served for three years as an attorney with the former Federal Home Loan Bank Board, where he also handled assisted mergers and acquisitions. Foley earned his undergraduate degree at Colgate University, and between college and law school, served as a Peace Corps volunteer and worked for non-government organizations providing technical assistance to developing countries.

"I was thrilled to receive an award established in honor of Doug Jones. He set the gold standard for excellence and integrity, both as an attorney and a fellow human being, and he has been a role model for me throughout my career," says Foley.

"Franklin Pierce Law Center's focus on practical lawyering skills has benefited me tremendously in my career," comments Foley. "When I extol the virtues of Franklin Pierce to colleagues and prospective law students, I point to its great clinical programs, which teach you how to be a lawyer better than any classroom possibly can, and above all to its students, who bring to the table invaluable pre-law schoolwork experience."

Foley resides in Washington, DC, with his wife, Cheryl Peterson, and their eight-year-old son, Alex.

By Sharon Callahan, Director of Alumni Relations

Kris Durmer JD '78

Appointed General Counsel of U.S. General Services Administration



In September 2009, Kris E. Durmer JD '78 was appointed general counsel of the United States General Services Administration (GSA). In his new role, Durmer has assumed the daily management of GSA's Office of General Counsel and oversight of the agency's legal affairs.

Durmer advises the administrator and other GSA officials on all areas of the agency's mission, which includes contracting, information technology, travel and transportation, real estate, construction, litigation, personnel and labor relations, equal employment, GSA Fleet, personal property management and disposal, and ethics. Durmer also supervises attorneys representing the government in contract claims, and in protests challenging the agency's acquisitions.

One of the attorneys Durmer supervises is Franklin Pierce Law Center graduate Elizabeth Hochberg JD/LLM '03, who joined GSA in 2008 after working for several years at the Smithsonian Institution.

Durmer has decades of experience as a litigator and has served on the boards of many national and local organizations. He entered the private practice of law in New Hampshire in 1979, and was most recently director of Smith-Weiss, Shepard & Durmer P.C. in Nashua, NH, and vice president of ABBA Title Company. Durmer served as a referral attorney for several legal service plans including Union Privilege, NEA, and Hyatt Legal. He has been a member of the New Hampshire and Nashua Bar Associations since 1979 and a member of the New Hampshire Trial Lawyers Association.

Durmer was a presidential appointee to the Board of Directors of Sallie Mae, serving as vice chair in 1997 and acting chair from 1997 to 1998. He has also served on the Board of Trustees of Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT, and on the Board of Directors for the Nashua Home Health and Hospice Care Agency. He was a commissioner of the Nashua Housing Authority from 1982 to 2000.

Durmer earned a BA degree from the University of New Hampshire in 1971. He is a member of the New Hampshire Bar and admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

A Summer at the New Hampshire Public Defender

By Megan Hertler '11



In the fall of my first year, I approached the Public Interest Coalition (PIC) table at the student organization fair because I wanted to be involved in a club. At that time, I did not know very much about PIC or what it stood for. Throughout the year, I came to the realization that those of us who are fortunate enough to attend law school have an incredible power to better the situations of the less fortunate, and through my involvement with PIC, I learned that it is both an honor and a privilege to use this power to give back to society.

My PIC fellowship made it possible for me to both pay my rent and intern at the New Hampshire Public Defender. At the NHPD, I met many high quality attorneys and investigators who have chosen to dedicate a significant part, if not all, of their careers to aiding and representing people who would otherwise have no legal advocacy. I found these people to be incredibly admirable, and was honored to be working alongside them. As a "hybrid" intern, I spent my time doing both legal and investigative work. The legal portion of the internship involved following attorneys throughout their daily activities as well as researching various legal issues. This allowed me not only to learn about the life of a public defender, but also to immerse myself completely in the inner workings of the criminal justice system. Through research projects, I was able to educate myself on the intricacies of several legal issues, such as photo lineup identifications and how felon in possession laws transfer from state to state. It was an incredible learning experience.

Like most law students, I began the summer with an eye for the legal portion of the fellowship. In the end, however, I found the investigator work to be very eye opening. In my investigator capacity, I had the opportunity to meet not only clients, but also witnesses and victims. While I assumed that most victims would resist speaking with me, I was surprised that many were actually eager to tell me their stories. An interesting issue that I came across is that many victims are unaware that once they make a complaint to the police, the case is out of their hands. On more than one occasion, I found myself handing tissues to a tearful victim as she expressed that she felt both powerless and confused about the criminal system. Even though I represented their adversaries, I felt that I helped these people by simply being there to listen to them. Of course, I was able to do much more to help clients than victims. My most rewarding experience involved gathering sufficient information on a case to convince the prosecutor not to pursue the charges against one of our clients. It felt fantastic that, even though I was just an intern, I had enough power to help a client to that extent.

Overall, my experience with the Public Defender was very enlightening. Whether I was listening to a victim tell her story or helping a client to achieve a favorable result, I cannot explain how wonderful and rewarding it was to be there for so many people in need. I am thankful for the Public Interest Coalition, as I feel that without this organization, I would never have thought to pursue a summer fellowship at a public interest organization. I encourage others to get involved in PIC, and I believe that future PIC fellows will be as surprised as I was at the extent of positive impact they can have on so many lives in one short summer.

Hertler of Winslow, ME, will work as a summer associate at Sheehan Phinney, Manchester, NH.

By Sharon Callahan, Director of Alumni Relations



Teaching Italian Students About American Food Law

During the summer of 2009, Franklin Pierce Law Center Professor Margaret Sova McCabe traveled to the Durham campus of the University of New Hampshire to participate in one of the University's newest programs, "EcoG" or EcoGastronomy.

EcoG integrates several of the University's strengths, including sustainable agriculture, hospitality management and nutrition to offer a unique academic program emphasizing the interdisciplinary, international, and experiential knowledge that connects all three fields. From growing and preparing food to getting first-hand experience in international food cultures and issues of food security, the program provides students with an integrated academic experience.



According to Sova-McCabe, three members of the UNH faculty are behind the EcoG vision.

"Dan Winans, the faculty coordinator for EcoG, holds a Masters of Food Culture and has trained at the Culinary Institute of America. Winans, along with the other UNH faculty teaching in the program, expose students enrolled in the EcoG program to its core concepts, whether they plan to manage a restaurant through studies at the Hospitality Center, learn about agriculture at the Thompson Center or do policy work at the Whittemore Center. All are exposed to every academic area of EcoG," explains Sova-McCabe.

"In order to give these students a complete view of food systems, they also need to learn how laws and regulations come into play," says Sova-McCabe. "This is where Franklin Pierce Law Center comes into the picture."

"Last year, Professor Joanne Kerns Napolitano of the College of Life Science and Agriculture asked me to teach a class on food law (Overview of American Food Law) when the University hosted students from Italy," explains Sova McCabe. "They were all masters students who were studying gastronomy and had traveled to the United States to learn about the American side of the business."

"The Italians were perplexed by our systems," says Sova-McCabe. "In particular, they noticed the amount of sodium in our food and its fortification. One of the students had celiac disease and commented that it was much easier to navigate the Italian food labels and packaging, than the U.S. labels. For them, it was very difficult to determine which foods were gluten free."

"As a result of this, I am completing an article on U.S. gluten free standards. Various regions of the world have different standards, though international voluntary standards attempt to avoid this. While the FDA has good reasons for waiting to set regulations, the problem is, what do you do in the interim? Particularly where the gluten-free market is growing, but consumers have little understanding of what the gluten-free label means," says Sova McCabe.

"Hopefully, we will continue this exchange with UNH. We all have such diverse backgrounds and so much knowledge to share. For example, Dr. Curran-Celetano has a unique understanding of administrative law from her experiences sitting on FDA scientific review panels to determine whether food substances are "generally regarded as safe" (GRAS). It is a great opportunity for our students to be able to hear about Dr. Curran-Celetano's perspective on the GRAS panel process. She also sat on the 'olestra panel' and now I have learned so much about the process from her."

"Another example is Professor Winans and his experience running restaurants," adds Sova McCabe. He can offer my students expertise on what is involved in running a restaurant and how a lawyer can best help small business owners navigate food safety regulations. His insights would be extremely helpful to our students."

"In addition, The Carsey Institute at UNH does research on poverty and rural issues. One faculty member is looking at 'food deserts' or areas where food is expensive and/or limited, or it is difficult to even get to a grocery store. This might be a good opportunity to work together with UNH to develop a public policy clinic that could analyze these issues and help attract a better food supply to these rural areas," explains Sova McCabe.

"Food is directly related to health care because of the costs of treating heart disease, diabetes, etc., conditions that are definitely linked to diet. From my point of view, the law will play a major role because the law has already played a role in where we are today," says Sova McCabe. "There are lots of federal laws that have really shaped where the food supply is now. If we really want to change it from 'business as usual,' we are going to be looking at changing those statutes."

IN THE *GLOBAL* INTEREST

By Dr. Stanley P. Kowalski JD '05, Assistant Professor of Clinical Law and Director of the International Technology Transfer Institute

The International Technology Transfer Institute (ITTI) is dedicated to fostering innovation in developing countries. Through its core mission of providing knowledge, educational and networking resources, ITTI is working to build sustainable capacity in intellectual property (IP) management, technology transfer and information access across the globe. This accelerate access by developing countries to appropriate and critical innovations in health and agriculture. Such innovations include HIV vaccine-related technologies, insect resistant crops for sub-Saharan Africa, as well as identification of potentially valuable biodiversity (e.g., algal strains as bio-fuel resources for commercial production).

The mission of ITTI is firmly rooted in the time-honored tradition of the Franklin Pierce Law Center, integrating scholarship, practice, education and outreach into a comprehensive program that seeks to promote social justice and advance the global public interest. Alleviating suffering caused by poverty, hunger and disease is the foundation of social justice.

ITTI staff and students accomplish its mission through scholarly research and publication, in-country activities including meetings, workshops, lectures and conferences, patent landscape analyses of biotechnological applications in health and agriculture, and a Clinical Program, which provides both JD and Graduate Program students an opportunity to contribute.

Cultivating and sustaining global networks of IP and technology transfer professionals is central to the ITTI strategy. This includes connecting with the vast global network of Franklin Pierce Law Center alumni, forging links with established professionals via participation in conferences and workshops, making contact with government and international organizations, and establishing open lines of communication with colleagues in developing countries.

Forging international synergistic partnerships will ultimately foster sustainable development. ITTI recognizes that in order for programs to be successful, integrated global networks of professionals and organizations are essential and must include professionals from developed countries as well as professional colleagues from developing countries.

Recent activities towards strengthening our international networks include:

- Presentation at the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM), Orlando, FL, by Assistant Professor of Clinical Law and Director ITTI Stanley P. Kowalski JD '05, providing an overview of ITTI to the AUTM Technology Managers for Global Health



Current student Ilan Servadio '10 accompanied Professor Stanley Kowalski JD '05 during a recent visit to Washington, DC, to meet with several organizations on behalf of the International Technology Transfer Institute. Pictured (l.-rt.) at the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit are Servadio, Judge Pauline Newman, Emily Johnson JD/MIP '06 and Kowalski.

- Presentations at the annual Patent Information Users Group meeting in San Antonio, TX, in the spring of 2009; IP Librarian and Professor of Law Jon Cavicchi JD '84/LLM '99 and Kowalski delivered lectures at the plenary session, providing detailed overview of The Franklin Pierce Law Center: Practice-Based Program in Patent Database Mining and Patent Information Management
- Meetings in Washington, D.C. in the spring of 2009, including the World Bank Group, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Department of State, and the Department of Commerce, Commercial Law Development Program; these visits were conducted by Kowalski and Ilan Servadio '10
- Activities in Singapore by Kowalski in the fall of 2009, including participation in the World Intellectual Property Organization Regional Workshop on Patent Information, the Europe-Asia Patent Information Conference and a presentation at the Star Exploit Technology Group, Singapore's National Technology Transfer Office
- Presentation at the plenary session at the December 2009 WIPO-Italy International Convention on Intellectual Property and Competitiveness of Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises by Kowalski

New Appointments to New Hampshire Bench Announced

In October, the Executive Council confirmed Governor John Lynch's four nominees to serve on the New Hampshire Superior Court. Two are Franklin Pierce Law Center alumni and a third, a member of the adjunct faculty. They include Marguerite Wageling JD '84 of Manchester, NH, Jacalyn Colburn JD '96 of Concord, NH, and David A. Garfunkel of Concord, NH.

"All of us at Franklin Pierce Law Center can't be more pleased at the selection of alums Marguerite Wageling and Jackie Colburn to the Superior Court bench. They are great representatives of our many graduates who give their careers to the public interest. David Garfunkel, too, has strong ties to the school; the high caliber of the professional responsibility course he taught as an adjunct is still remembered. New Hampshire has just acquired three fine new Superior Court judges," says Dean John D. Hutson.

Wageling served previously as Hillsborough County attorney. She was first elected county attorney in a special election in 2004, and was re-elected twice. Prior to her election as county attorney, Wageling served as state assistant attorney general as the lead attorney in the Administrative Prosecution Unit. She has also served as an assistant attorney in Hillsborough and Rockingham counties.

Colburn served as the director of legal services for the New Hampshire Public Defenders Office, where she was responsible for the supervision of approximately 120 attorneys. She is also an adjunct professor.

Garfunkel joined Gallagher, Callahan and Gartrell in 1989, after serving as the director of New Hampshire's Public Defender Program for ten years. His practice focused on commercial litigation, white collar criminal defense, employment discrimination litigation, representation of professionals charged with misconduct and regulatory matters.

Professor Hawley Appointed David Rines Professor of Intellectual Property Law and Industrial Innovation



Professor J. Jeffrey Hawley

Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law J. Jeffrey Hawley was recently appointed David Rines Professor of Intellectual Property Law and Industrial Innovation and Director, Germeshausen Center for the Law of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. He replaces Professor Karl F. Jorda who retired in June 2009.

Hawley began a 37-year career at Eastman Kodak, when he joined the company as a chemical engineer in the Photographic Technology Division in July of 1969, immediately following graduation from New York University School of Engineering. In 1974, he transferred to Kodak's Patent Department and attended George Washington Law School, where he received a JD degree in 1978. He retired from Kodak in July 2006 and in December of 2006, became *of counsel* to the Technology and Intellectual Property Group of Nixon Peabody LLP.

Hawley has testified before the United States Congress on patent reform issues and been involved with leading patent reform internationally in Europe and Japan. He served as president of several intellectual property organizations, including the Rochester Intellectual Property Law Association, the Pacific Intellectual Property Association and the Intellectual Property Owners Association where he remains on the Board of Directors. An emeritus member of the Association of Corporate Patent Counsel, Hawley is a member of Franklin Pierce Law Center's Advisory Council on Intellectual Property, the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) and the U.S. Group of AIPPI.

Professor Ellen Musinsky Receives Marilla M. Ricker Achievement Award



Professor of Law and Externship Director Ellen J. Musinsky

Professor of Law and Externship Director Ellen J. Musinsky received the 2009 Marilla M. Ricker Achievement Award this fall from the New Hampshire Women's Bar Association (NHWBA). Celebrating its tenth year, the award is named for Marilla M. Ricker, the first woman to apply for admission to the New Hampshire bar. It honors outstanding women lawyers in New Hampshire who have achieved professional excellence, paved the way to success for other women lawyers, advanced opportunities for women in the profession or performed exemplary public service on behalf of women.

The NHWBA selected Musinsky because "as a woman attorney in New Hampshire, she has spent her entire career helping other attorneys through teaching, mentoring and advocating on their behalf. She joined Franklin Pierce Law Center over twenty years ago and has worked to develop the clinical programs that train hundreds of students to be competent, as well as compassionate, attorneys."

In receiving this award, Musinsky joins several Franklin Pierce Law Center honorees, including: Trustee Cathy J. Green JD '77, 2001; Adjunct Professor Emily Gray Rice, 2003; Professor Mary Pilkington-Casey JD '86, 2005; Adjunct Professor Barbara Keshen, 2006; Trustee Sherilyn Burnett Young JD '82, 2007; and Trustee and Associate Justice Carol Ann Conboy JD '78, 2008.



Recent graduates from the Class of 2009 celebrated passing the New Hampshire bar exam this fall. Pictured (l. to rt.) are, **first row:** Kiera Slye, Megan Douglass, Alissa "Shay" Zeller; **second row:** Michael Mathasiel, Adam Rick, Theresa "Tess" Casey, Megan Yaple, Daniel Landau, Jameson Crockett and Brian Pristera.

Professor Jordan Budd Appointed to Civil Rights Commission



Professor Jordan C. Budd

The United States Commission on Civil Rights has appointed Professor Jordan C. Budd chair of its 13-member New Hampshire Advisory Committee. The appointment is for two years.

"Our newly appointed Advisory Committee, as the 'eyes and ears' of the United States Civil Rights Commission in New Hampshire, includes a diverse group of individuals with knowledge and experience in a broad range of areas touching on civil rights," says Budd. "The members bring impressive expertise to the Committee's work, and we look forward to drawing on their energy and talent to advance the cause of civil rights and equality in our state."

An independent bipartisan federal agency, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights conducts research and advises the president and Congress on civil rights issues

Trustee Jack Middleton Honored by *New Hampshire Business Review*

This fall, Franklin Pierce Law Center Trustee Jack Middleton was inducted into the New Hampshire Business Excellence Hall of Fame at the 7th Annual *New Hampshire Business Review* Business Excellence Awards. Middleton, a partner of the regional law firm of McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, was honored because of "his 24 years of service as a New Hampshire district court judge and countless hours volunteering and serving on the boards of such organizations as Franklin Pierce Law Center, The Nature Conservancy, The Mount Washington Observatory and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, among many others."

Author Kristine Huskey Guest at Bownes Forum

Kristine A. Huskey, professor of law at the University of Texas School of Law and former director of the school's National Security Clinic, discussed her new book *Justice at Guantanamo: One Woman's Odyssey and Her Crusade for Human Rights* at the annual Bownes Forum held in November. Huskey also discussed the future of Guantanamo and the current policy on preventive detention along with Dean John D. Hutson, a critic of U.S. policies regarding detainees, and Jenny Workman JD/MIP '05 who has represented several Guantanamo detainees.



Huskey's book is a memoir chronicling her personal journey from a civil war in Africa, to bartending in New York, and ultimately to the law where she found her calling defending human rights and the rule of law. She began representing Guantanamo detainees, and worked on the seminal Rasul *v.* Bush case, in which the United States Supreme Court ruled in 2004 that the Guantanamo detainees had a right to *habeas corpus*. She has represented over fifteen detainees and visited Guantanamo numerous times.

Professor Rothstein Named Champion of Justice

Deputy Chief Appellate Defender and Adjunct Professor David M. Rothstein was awarded the 2009 Champion of Justice Award by the New Hampshire Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in December.

One of two recipients, Rothstein was recognized for his outstanding work and commitment in the defense of those charged with crimes in New Hampshire.

Rothstein has been employed by the New Hampshire Public Defender since 1989. He represents indigent criminal defendants in appeals to the New Hampshire Supreme Court and was recently part of the defense team in a capital murder case.

Since joining Franklin Pierce Law Center in 2001, Rothstein has taught Advanced Appellate Advocacy, the Annual Survey of New Hampshire Law, and led students in the Appellate Defender Clinic.

FACULTY *IN ACTION*

Around the Globe

Professor J. Jeffrey Hawley recently lectured on recent developments in patent law at a New Delhi, India law firm.

In October, **Professor William O. Hennessey JD '86** served as commentator at the Drake University School of Law Conference on "IP Protection in China." In November, he co-chaired of the Fifth International Conference on Protection of High Technology held at Tsinghua University School of Law in Beijing, China. He also served on a WIPO fact-finding mission to the IP Office of Trinidad and Tobago on exploring the possible development of a WIPO-sponsored IP Academy for the Caribbean states. His Article "Protection of IP in China (30 Years and More)" will be published in the next issue of *Houston Law Review*, based upon the Baker Botts Lecture he gave on that subject at the University of Houston School of Law in early 2009.

At the invitation of Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, **Distinguished Professor of IP Management and Trustee Gordon Smith** presented a talk on "Monetizing Intellectual Property" and moderated a discussion on "Putting Patents on the Balance Sheet" at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation symposium, "Trading Ideas." In September, he attended a meeting of the Appraisal Issues Task Force in Washington DC, a group that advises the SEC and Financial Accounting Standards Board on valuation issues connected with new accounting standards. He co-authored an article for the November/December issue of *Landslide*, a publication of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law, entitled, "IP Assets in a Flat World That Just Got Flatter in the Global Crises." In December, he met with the director and staff of the Institute of Innovation & Entrepreneurship of Singapore Management University relative to possible cooperation between that organization and Franklin Pierce Law Center's IP Management Program, and presented a talk on "Valuation of Intellectual Property—Not Just Theory" at the IP Academy, Singapore.

Director of IP Graduate Programs Mary S. Wong traveled to Seoul, Korea in October to attend the 36th ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers) meeting, as an elected representative of the non-commercial user constituency to the council that advises the ICANN Board on domain name policy. Among the many policy issues that ICANN and the council are currently working on, are developing policies for trademark protection in new expanded top-level domains and the introduction of multilingual domain names.

Across the Nation

Professors John B. Garvey and **Sophie Sparrow** presented programs at the Legal Education at the Crossroads v. 3: Conference on Assessment held in Denver, CO, in September. Garvey, director of the Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program (DWS) talked about standardized client initiative and other assessment tools adopted by the groundbreaking DWS program and how it meets the needs of the 21st century legal community. Sparrow co-led the plenary, "Formative Assessment of Teaching" with Prof. Gerald F. Hess. The session addressed the multiple and varied ways professors can get formative assessment on their teaching. She also led a breakout session, "Working Professionally with Others: Summative Assessment of Students' Small Group Contributions," that covered the difficult topic of assessment and evaluation of individual students' contributions in-group learning situations.

Dean John D. Hutson spoke about the "United States Detention Policy and Prosecutions in the War on Terror," at the University of Michigan Law School in December.

Professor William Murphy recently spoke at Rivermead in Peterborough, NH, on "Regulation and the Future of Free Market Capitalism." Part of Rivermead's Current Affairs Series, the talk focused on an examination of the current economic crisis and the role of government regulation, with emphasis on the ascendancy of a new economic ideology based on the rationality of humans, and how our laws and regulations are evolving to accommodate this new economic doctrine.



Professor William Murphy

In September, **Professor Mitchell Simon** spoke at the annual meeting of the Tri-State Defense Institute, on recent developments in client confidentiality. The Tri-State Defense Institute is the New England affiliate of the Defense Research Institute, an organization of defense lawyers. He was also recently appointed by the New Hampshire Supreme Court to the Judicial Ethics Committee, a panel that issues opinions for the state's judges on questions of judicial ethics.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

By Laura S. Chaney, Director of Development

Giving to Franklin Pierce Law Center is personal — for the donor and the recipient. Every gift impacts the success of a future lawyer who wants to make a difference in his/her community and the world. Access to a Franklin Pierce education and an excellent learning environment depend on charitable contributions in addition to tuition fees. We need your help to empower Franklin Pierce Law Center's mission of providing the best possible legal education to today's students. They are worthy recipients of your investment.



As a recipient of this year's Robert M. Viles Scholarship, thank you to all who give back to Franklin Pierce Law Center. Scholarships would not exist without you. Gifts to the Viles endowment fund made possible this particular annual award to students who show academic excellence and are interested in pursuing a career in community lawyering. Although I never had the opportunity to meet Dean Viles, his contribution and character continues to be felt throughout the community. Given the growing financial pressures to attend law school today, I am sincerely thankful to receive this award.

Indeed, I am committed to providing legal services within a local community that I have always experienced through my life. I grew up in rural Minnesota; it is this small, close-knit community that has shaped my life and professional goals following law school. An important aspect of these professional goals includes the ability to work with every member of the local community and provide the best possible legal services that I can.

I have served Pierce Law by being a part of many student groups such as the Public Interest Coalition, the Merrimack County Teen Court Program, as well as being a Class Governor of my 2L Class. Furthermore, I represent the school by being a member of *Pierce Law Review* and the Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program. Your contribution to helping students alleviate financial pressures so they can focus their law school experience on developing the skills needed to be a professional lawyer is greatly appreciated.

– Luke R. Nelson '11

ALUMNI OFFICE NEWS

Supporting Global Alumni Networks and Alumni Relationships that Last a Lifetime

By Sharon Callahan, Director of Alumni Relations

In recent months, the volunteer efforts of alumni reached a new high. From helping students to learn the basics of interviewing, to hosting receptions worldwide, to arranging meetings for school representatives with law school deans in India, the efforts of Franklin Pierce Law Center alumni could not have been more welcomed or effective.

Special thanks to the following alumni in India for coordinating and accompanying Franklin Pierce Law Center representatives to recent law school visits in Mumbai, Pune and New Delhi: Pravin Agarwal LLM '07, Rahul Vartak MIP '08, Vishal Katariya LLM '01, Anjali Valsangkar LLM '02, Shashwat Purohit LLM '09, Gaurav Miglani LLM '06 and Shilpi Mehta LLM '08. Additional thanks to our India alumni for hosting dinners in three cities, Priti Deshpande LLM '08, Mumbai, Anjali Valsangkar LLM '02, Pune, and Pooja Dodd LLM '02, New Delhi.

We extend our thanks also to Hong Shen LLM '03 and Professor William O. Hennessey JD '86 for hosting a dinner in Bejing, China in coordination with the China Intellectual Property Institute; Terrie Harman JD '78 for hosting and coordinating a Class of '78 reunion event honoring Associate Justice Carol Ann Conboy JD '78 in Eliot, ME; Brad Close JD '99 for organizing the 10th Anniversary Reunion of the Class of '99; Samuel Apicelli JD '93 for hosting a reception at the offices of Duane Morris in Philadelphia, PA; and Francisco Reboa LLM '01 for arranging an informal alumni gathering in Lima, Peru (ASIPI). Additional thanks to the following alumni who assisted with speed networking for the Career Services Office this fall: Sheila Burnham JD '07, Conrad Cascadden JD '08, Scott Daniels JD '98, Beth Deragon JD '05, Bonnie Howard JD '06, Sarah Montgomery JD '05, Erik Moskowitz JD/LLM '08 and Kevin O'Shea JD '05.

Join Pierce Law's Alumni Online Community

Visit Pierce Law's updated online community at www.piercelaw.onlinecommunity.com and join the 1,764 alumni already registered. Take advantage of this new technology to stay connected with your classmates by creating a business card or updating your profile.

Photo Gallery

This issue's photo gallery highlights receptions held in: Eliot, ME; Concord, NH; Mumbai, Pune and New Delhi, India; Philadelphia, PA; and Washington, D.C.

Members of the Class of '78 held a reunion and celebration in July honoring Carol Conboy's appointment to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Pictured here at the home of Terrie Harman are (l.–rt.) ***first row:*** *Nicholas Harding, Melinda Carmen, The Honorable Carol Ann Conboy, Terrie Harman, Andrea Amodeo-Vickery, Alice Chamberlin, Harold Judd, Cathleen Higgins Cahill;* ***second row:*** *Professor Emeritus Richard Hesse, Professor Hugh Gibbons, Professor Joseph Dickenson, Jack Crisp Jr., Gregg Gore, Michael Marino, Joseph Shortill, Robert Parodi, John Thomas, Thomas Watson, Ray Raimo, Lewis Lindenberg, John Lassey, The Honorable Kenneth Brown, Paul Bruzga, James "J.D." Cahill III, Mark Moeller.*




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Class of '99 Reunion

1. *Douglas Whitlock, Jennifer Cuddeback, Annette Hendrick, Edward Hendrick Jr.*
2. *James Petro, Patti Petro, Director of Academic Success Sunny Mulligan*
3. *Dean John D. Hutson, Brad Close*
4. *Director of Development Laura S. Chaney, Professor Ellen Musinsky, Christopher Voci, Mike Loggia '01*
5. *Stephen Finch, Thomas G. Field III, Annmaire Field, Chi Suk Kim, Ruth Finch*
6. *Devin Morgan, Robert Bartis, Jennifer Hancock, Ping Wang*


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India Receptions

1. ***Mumbai Reception**: Mehul Shan, Gopal Bose, guest, Priti Deshpande LLM '08, Pravin Agarwal LLM '07, Suja Subramaniam MIP '99, Rahul Vartak, MIP '08, Nandan Pendsey LLM '03, Director of Graduate Programs Debbie Beauregard, Mahua Roy Chowdry LLM '01, Anju Jain Kumar LLM '01*

2. ***Pune Reception:** Hasit Seth LLM '01, guest Madhavi Joshi, Bhakti Shivarekar, Alison Katariya, Mandar Shivarekar, Vishal Katarya LLM '01, Angali Valsangkar LLM '02, Anirudha Valsngkar LLM '01, and children*

3. ***New Delhi Reception, first row:** (l.-rt) Punita Bhargava LLM '01, Shilpi Meta LLM '08, Pooja Dodd LLM '02, Satya Arora LLM '02; **second row:** (l.-rt.) Gaurav Miglani LLM '06, Shaswhat Purohit LLM '09, Manisha Shridhar LLM '02, Director of Graduate Programs Debbie Beauregard; Sriram Panyam LLM '06, Mohit Lahoty LLM '02, Sumeet Malik LLM '01, and Abhishek Malhotra LLM '01*


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Philadelphia, PA Reception

1. *Samuel Apicelli JD '93, Jared Gunther JD '07, Lewis Gould, Jack Wessel '10*
2. *Assistant Dean for Career Services Mary Sheffer, Robert Rauker JD '95*
3. *Trustee Gordon Smith, Jake Soumis JD '06*
4. *Karen McGraw, Sean McGraw JD '94, Professor Ellen Musinsky*









Beijing, China Reception

1. *Ling Yao MIP '02, Kiki Deng MIP '03*
2. *Professor William Hennessey JD '86, Hailong Liu MIP '00 and his daughter*
3. *Aiping Cui MIP '05, Ling Yang MIP '05, Yan Zhang MIP '99, Peng Zhang DIP '03*

UPCOMING ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

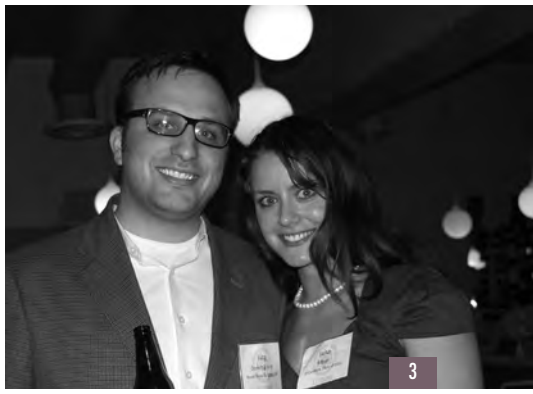
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March 20	Houston, TX
April 22	Hartford, CT
May 21	Concord, NH
May 24	Boston, MA

Mark your calendar!

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Washington, DC Reception

1. *Assistant Dean for Career Services Mary Sheffer, Judge Arthur Gajarsa, Anthony Del Monaco JD '06*
2. *Elizabeth Hochberg JD/LLM '03, Kris Durmer JD '78*
3. *Jürg Domenig JD '07, guest Jana Meier*
4. *Rochelle Blaustein JD '93, José-Juan Mendez MIP '95 and Director of the Social Justice Institute Erin Corcoran*
5. *Thomas Marlow JD '06, John Kenyon JD/MIP '09, Kenneth Fortier '10*


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Host an Alumni Event

If you would like to host an event in your area please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@piercelaw.edu or (603) 513-5151. The Office of Alumni Relations supports receptions, reunions and other events to foster relationships that last a lifetime.

CLASS ACTIONS

1970s



Marilyn McNamara JD '77

Marilyn McNamara JD '77, Amherst, NH, recently joined Upton & Hatfield, LLP. A domestic relations lawyer with over thirty years of experience, McNamara serves as a director of the New Hampshire Bar Foundation and sits on the Board of Governors of the New Hampshire Bar Association. She is president-elect of the New Hampshire Bar Association and serves as an adjunct instructor in family law in the Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program at Franklin Pierce Law Center.

Lincoln Soldati JD '77, Somersworth, NH, recently opened Soldati Law Offices in Somersworth and Portsmouth.

Alice Chamberlin JD '78, Warner, NH, is serving as executive director of the non-profit Two Countries, One Forest, a major U.S. and Canadian collaborative dedicated to using landscape conservation to protect and maintain the Northern Appalachian/Acadian ecoregion, which includes 33-million hectares (80-million acres) and forests spanning the eastern edge of North America.

William Franks JD '78, Christiansted, VI, is a managing attorney for Legal Services of the Virgin Islands.

Nicholas Harding JD '78, Hartford, CT, was recently named a stockholder with Reid and Riege. He is a member of the firm's Environmental Practice Area in the Hartford office.

Terrence Cromwell JD '79, Missoula, MT, co-authored a recently-released book entitled *The Ice Burns Black*, a chilling real-life account of an unprecedented explosion in Greenland, and the devastating and deadly effects that still smolder today.

1980s

Sherilyn Burnett Young JD '82, Concord, NH, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of Centrix Bank.

Michael Walker JD '83, Princeton, NJ, has joined NERC as chief financial and administrative officer. Most recently, Walker served as the deputy general counsel at National Grid U.S.A., where he managed legal aspects of U.S. mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, environmental regulations, real estate, energy markets, and business development.

Jon Cavicchi JD '84/LLM '99, professor of law and intellectual property law librarian at Franklin Pierce Law Center, recently signed a contract with William Hein & Company to publish a book entitled, *Global Directory of Intellectual Property Related Abbreviations and Acronyms.* The book will be published in print form and then appear on Hein Online in the intellectual property library.

Richard Allen JD '85, Boston, MA, was appointed chief operating officer of Stantec, a North American design firm. He served previously as senior vice president and managing leader of the firm's operations in the eastern half of the United States.

Peter Brunette JD '85, Lakeport, NH, was recently elected to serve a one-year term on the Board of Directors of the State Employees Association of New Hampshire (SEIU Local 1984). He is a child protection attorney for the State of New Hampshire, Division for Children, Youth and Families in Rochester and adjunct professor of criminal justice at Plymouth State University.

Kyle Parker JD '85 has been named vice chancellor for planning and technology at The University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, AR. From 2001–2009, he served as executive vice president for business development and strategic planning for Wolters Kluwer/Loislaw, conceived and created in 1994, the first searchable legal information Internet site, loislaw.com.

CAUGHT ON CAMPUS



Peter Christensen JD '93 and son Paul

Mona Movafaghi JD '87, Manchester, NH, joined Wiggin & Nourie. As the head of the Immigration Practice Group, Movafaghi represents clients on a wide variety of immigration related issues, including business immigration and nonimmigrant visas, labor certifications and petitions for alien workers. In addition, she represents individuals and families in immigration related matters in naturalization cases.

John Kostrubanic JD '88 has joined Eckert Seamans Cherin & Melott, Boston, MA, as a partner.

Brian Michaelis JD '89, Newmarket, NH, was appointed chair of the Intellectual Property Practice at Seyfarth & Shaw, Boston, MA.

Neal Pratt JD '89 has joined Preti Flaherty, Portland, ME, as a partner in the Litigation Group.

1990s

Kirsten M. Koepsel JD '92/ LLM '03, Arlington, VA, recently joined the editorial board of *Landslide* magazine, published by the Intellectual Property Section of the ABA.

Manish Arora IPSI '93, New Delhi, India, has written a book entitled *Career in Law*, which includes practical information about law as a career.

Michael Levine JD '94, McLean, VA, has been promoted to counsel status at Hunton & Williams LLP. He joined the firm in 2005, as a member of the Securities Practice Group that focuses on complex insurance coverage and reinsurance litigation and counseling.

A blog, entitled *IP Watchdog*, created by **Eugene Quinn JD '95,** is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and was recently selected for the *2009 ABA Journal* "Blawg 100," which cites the 100 best websites by lawyers, for lawyers, as chosen by the editors of the journal.

Robert Rauker JD '95, Philadelphia, PA, has been named *of counsel* at Conrad O'Brien PC.



Robert M. Rauker JD '95

Jeffrey Pade JD '96, Washington, DC, recently joined Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, a global law firm. A registered patent attorney Pade has represented clients in patent litigation matters before arbitration panels, U.S. federal district courts and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Miguel De Puy III LLM '97, Panama, was named to *Who's Who in Trademarks.*

CAUGHT ON CAMPUS



Peter Webb JD '79 and son Brennan

Michael Kenison JD '97, Manchester, NH, was recently elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the Children's Museum of New Hampshire in Dover. He has served on the museum board for the past five years. He is an associate in McLane's Litigation Department, where he practices in a variety of areas of commercial, employment, probate and tort litigation.

Quinton Robinson JD '97, Washington, DC, has been appointed director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Jason Shanske JD/MIP '97, Bloomfield Hills, MI, has joined Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC, a national intellectual-property law firm, as an associate.

Richard Caira Jr. JD '98, Durham, NC, joined Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC. His practice focuses on IT-related transactions, licensing and other IP-related transactions.

Peter Nieves JD '98, Dunbarton, NH, has been named a board member for the Friends of CHaD, where he will serve a one-year term for New Hampshire's only children's hospital.

Elizabeth Deane JD '93, Phoenix, AZ, has been appointed by the State Bar of Arizona to serve as its new member services director, responsible for overseeing the bar's continuing legal education publications and seminars, as well as member benefits.

Allan Soobert JD '93 has joined the Washington, DC, office of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, a global law firm, where he will focus on patent litigation.

Beth Trimmer JD '93, Anchorage, AK, is working with the Alaska Office of Public Advocacy handling high-level criminal appeals before the Alaska Court of Appeals and the Alaska Supreme Court.

Sujata Chaudhri MIP '99 was recently named partner at Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman, P.C., New York, NY.

Maria Dolder JD '99, Concord, NH, of Hebert & Dolder, P.L.L.C., has been recognized by *Cambridge Who's Who* for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in legal services.

John Kheit LLM '99, New York, NY, was named partner at Chadbourne & Parke LLP. Kheit's practice focuses on litigating, patenting and licensing a wide range of technologies extending across biomedical, communications, computer and financial services sectors.

Weiqiu Long MIP '99 is dean of the Law School of Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Beijing, China.

Dana R. Metes JD/MIP '99 has accepted a new post at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center as the events and special projects coordinator.

Donna M. Reed JD '99 has published a book entitled *An Insider's Guide to Better Nursing Home Care* (Prometheus Books).

2000s

Carrie Olson JD '00 has joined Day Pitney, Boston, MA, as a partner in the Intellectual Property Group.

Elizabeth J. Baker JD '01 has joined Jackson Lewis LLP, Portsmouth, NH.

Matthew McCloskey JD '01, Chicago, IL, has been promoted to partner at McDermott Will & Emery, LLP.

Pooja Dodd LLM '02, New Delhi, India, recently opened IP Gurus.

Nina Ebkar LLM '02, Stockholm, Sweden, has joined AB Electrolux as corporate counsel, legal, in the Group Intellectual Property Department.

Sonia Kahai LLM '02, New Dehli, India, is working at IPR Law Consultants where she is responsible for after filing and prosecution of trademarks, copyrights and designs applications, drafting of licensing agreements and litigation matters.

Joel Shaw JD '02, Portland, ME, has been elected a shareholder at Bernstein Shur. He is a member of the Business Law Practice Group.

Anita Soni JD/MIP '02, Marlboro, NJ, recently launched Spark Plug Ventures LLC to help entrepreneurs and the companies they run become more profitable.

José Venegas LLM '02, Mayaguez, PR, has established an intellectual property practice, specializing in trademarks and copyright registration, litigation and licensing. He also hosts a weekly public service radio program on intellectual property matters on WTIL-AM, radio 1300, in Puerto Rico.

Nancy Baum Delain JD '03, Schenectady, NY, recently received the Kurt Clobridge Memorial Pro Bono Service Award given by the Legal Project of the Capital District Women's Bar Association for her "spirit of pro bono volunteerism and selflessness."



Claire Howard JD '03

Claire Howard JD '03 has joined Devine Millimet as *of counsel*, as part of the firm's Corporate Practice in the Manchester, NH office.

Joshua Jones JD/MEL '03 has been selected as a Downey Brand Fellow at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, CA.

Heena Kampani LLM '03, Norcross, GA, has set up her own offices in Atlanta.

Manu Nair LLM '03, Rochester, MN, has accepted a position with the Office of Intellectual Property at Mayo Clinic Health Solutions.

Chainey Singleton JD '03, Dallas, TX, recently made partner at Chalker Flores LLP.

Michael Rizzo JD '04, Washington, DC, has joined Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge.

CAUGHT OFF CAMPUS



Director of Graduate Programs Debbie Beauregard and **Shashwat Purohit LLM '09**

James Alcorn JD '05, Richmond, VA, was appointed deputy secretary for the State Board of Elections.

Lee Van Duzer JD '05 recently joined the 9th Circuit Court Library, San Jose, CA. He earned an MLIS in 2009 from the University of Arizona.

Christiane Schuman Campbell JD/MIP '05 has been appointed chair of IP Subcommittee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. She is an associate in the Intellectual Property Practice Group of international law firm Duane Morris, Philadelphia, PA.

Sarah Dooley JD '06, Los Angeles, CA, completed an LLM degree at Queen Mary, University of London in December 2008. She is an attorney advisor for the Los Angeles Immigration Court.

Marilee Owens Richards JD '06, Klamath Falls, OR, completed an LLM degree at Queen Mary, University of London in December 2008.

Kongsik Kim JD '06, Boston, MA, was recently designated a 2009 "Rising Star" by *New England Super Lawyers*.

Edmar Amaya JD/LLM '07 and **Gene Lang JD '07** have opened a law office in Miami, FL.

Shannon Gulley JD '08, Washington, DC, is working for the department of the Interior in the Indian Trust Litigation Office.

Neha Nanchahal LLM '08, NY, NY, recently joined Rosenteel Law.

Steven Pippenger JD '08, Arlington, VA, recently received an LLM in tax law from Georgetown University Law Center.

Keri Smithers JD '08, Concord, NH, has joined the intellectual property legal team of Loginov and Associates.

Roberta F. Woods JD '08 accepted a position in the law library of William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu.

Joshua Wyatt JD '08, Portsmouth, NH, has accepted a post at Devine Millimet in Manchester, as a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group, concentrating his practice in the areas of commercial litigation and appellate advocacy. Prior to joining Devine Millimet, he served as a law clerk with the Honorable Gary Hicks of the New Hampshire Supreme Court.



Joshua Wyatt JD '08

Stacey Graham JD '09, Jenkintown, PA, has accepted a position at Friedman Schuman, P.C.

Nathan Harris JD '09 is working at Lando & Anatasi, Cambridge, MA.

Michael Mathaisel JD/LLM '09, Concord, NH, has opened a patent firm.

Sarah Perlinger JD '09 is working for Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz, Washington, DC.

Shashwat Purohit LLM '09, Rajasthan, India, was recently invited to speak at conference hosted by the Government of India in Calcutta on the proposed Bayh Dole legislation.



Adam Rick JD '09

Adam Rick JD '09, Concord, NH, has joined Preti Flaherty as an associate.

Jessica Roche JD '09, Washington, DC, has accepted a post as project coordinator for the OSE Resolution Team for the District of Columbia Public Schools.

Joshua Sattely LLM '09, Boston, MA is a legal associate at Third Sector New England, a Boston-based nonprofit, specializing in fiscal sponsorship.

Megan Yaple JD '09, Manchester, NH, is clerking at Rockingham Superior Court.

Alissa Zeller JD '09, Concord, NH, is clerking at Rockingham Superior Court.

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

Francisco Espinosa Reboa LLM '01 and his wife Carolina, a daughter, Emelia, November 5, 2009.

Leo Gureff JD/MIP '02 and wife, **Jenae Gureff JD/MIP '03**, a son, Cameron, September 3, 2009.

Brad Chin JD/LLM '03 and his wife, Audrey, a son, Luke Pen-En, March 6, 2009.

Thomas Arria JD '05 and his wife, a daughter, Marie, on October 8, 2009.

MARRIAGES

Steven E. Asprinio JD '90 to Jeannine Marie Dery on August 23, 2008.

James J. Bindseil JD '97 to Johanna Yarce on September 26, 2009.

Jelena Lazarevic JD '07 to Patrick Muffo on May 2, 2009.

Elizabeth E. Sorokin JD '08 to **Justin Maleson JD '08** on September 5, 2009.

Amy Christensen JD '09 to Capt. Donald A. Manchester, III on December 27, 2009.

IN MEMORIAM

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Hartford, CT Alumni Reception	April 22
Alumni Open House (Concord, NH)	May 21
Boston, MA Alumni Reception (INTA)	May 24
Hot Topics in U.S. & International Advertising Law/ CLE (GALA)	May 28
5th Annual NH Practice Series/CLE Day	June 4
6th Annual LRAP Golf Invitational	June 11
Class of '78 Reunion	July 24