Law Center Report

This issue of IDEA is the first to be published by the Franklin Pierce Law Center Corporation as an independent educational institution. Previously, we were a graduate law school operating under the charter of the Franklin Pierce College of Rindge, N.H. We are grateful for the confidence displayed in us by the legislature of the State of New Hampshire and by it's governor for enacting the necessary legislation so that we could both become independent and grant our own degrees. The "Members of the Corporation" are Thomas Meloy, our close advisor and noted industrialist; Francis Sawyer and William F. Kenney, who also served on the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Pierce College where they gave strong support to our growth and development; Judge Frederick Goode of the New Hampshire Superior Court; President Richard Cyert of Carnegie Mellon University; Dean Harvey Brooks of Harvard University and myself as President of the Law Center. The first two members of our advisory "Board of Overseers" are Dr. Kenneth J. Germeshausen, former Chairman of EG&G, and Mr. Erskine N. White, Jr., Executive Vice President of Textron.

We held our second commencement on May 7th in White Park across from the Law Center's new campus on Washington and White Streets. There were 105 graduates from across the United States. The keynote speaker was Chief Justice Frank R. Kenison of the New Hampshire Supreme Court who has provided moral support to the Law Center from its infancy, welcoming student clerks and interns into his court.

Chief Justice Kenison was awarded the Law Center's first Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Thomas Meloy, member of our Corporation, was also so honored. In addition, Donald R. Simpson, former Dean of Suffolk University Law School and Visiting Professor at the Law Center, was awarded a Citation of Distinguished Service.

This June, I was in Brussels to finalize plans for our joint program with the European Economic Community (see IDEA, Vol. 18, No. 3). This program, presently scheduled for October 6-8 at the Law Center, will provide an opportunity for the presidents of U.S. high technology corporations to have a direct and informal interchange with the new Directorate Generals of the EEC commissions with jurisdiction over antitrust and intellectual property laws.

Corporate participation is being organized by our Industrial Sector Committee chaired by Dr. Meloy and including Dr. Germeshausen, Mr. White Jr., and Mr. Howard Curtis, Secretary of the Law Center.

During my trip to Europe, I visited also the Max Planck Institute in Munich where I was joined by Professor Michael Baram of the Law Center's faculty. There we strengthened our PTC research ties and discussed the progress of our first exchange fellow, Mr. Keith Debrucky, who has been at the Institute since last winter.

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