

University of New Hampshire  
**University of New Hampshire Scholars' Repository**

---

UNH Law Alumni Magazine

University of New Hampshire – School of Law

---

Winter 1-1-2004

# UNH Law Alumni Magazine, Winter 2004

University of New Hampshire School of Law

Follow this and additional works at: [https://scholars.unh.edu/alumni\\_mag](https://scholars.unh.edu/alumni_mag)



Part of the [Law Commons](#)

---

## Recommended Citation

University of New Hampshire School of Law, "UNH Law Alumni Magazine, Winter 2004" (2004). *UNH Law Alumni Magazine*. 20.  
[https://scholars.unh.edu/alumni\\_mag/20](https://scholars.unh.edu/alumni_mag/20)

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the University of New Hampshire – School of Law at University of New Hampshire Scholars' Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in UNH Law Alumni Magazine by an authorized administrator of University of New Hampshire Scholars' Repository. For more information, please contact [ellen.phillips@law.unh.edu](mailto:ellen.phillips@law.unh.edu).

# THE ADVOCATE

A Magazine for Alumni and Friends of Franklin Pierce Law Center



Pierce Law's First  
Federal Judge

## DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Alumni and Friends,

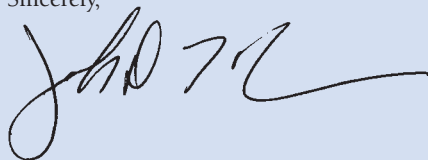
We are still basking in the afterglow of a wonderful reunion. This past year we changed the event to celebrate the anniversary classes of '78, '83, '88, '93 and '98, along with the classes of '77 and '92 that also organized special receptions. As the result of the hard work of committee chairs, particularly Ken Brown '78 and Jamie Hage '78, and Earl Duval '92, more than 200 alumni attended the event. Everyone I talked to told me they had a wonderful time. In the future, we will continue to focus on anniversary classes. Please know, however, that everyone is encouraged to attend. Literally, the more the merrier.

In conjunction with the reunion, we had the first meeting of the Dean's Leadership Council (DLC). This is a group made up of 34 individuals, mostly alumni, but not all, who have demonstrated "leadership" in a variety of different ways. The list is indeed impressive. We had a dynamic inaugural meeting in which we set the course for the future. I plan to use the DLC in a variety of ways, including as a true advisory board for me.

This year we congratulate two "firsts" for Pierce Law; our first U.S. District Court Judge, Samuel Der-Yeghiayan '78 and our first U.S. Congressman, Tim Ryan '96, representing Ohio. Congratulations to you both!

Another change of which I'm very pleased is that we have added four new members to the board of trustees. They are the aforementioned Ken Brown '78, Jack Middleton, Gordon Smith, and Scott Tenney '77. Their bios can be found in the Newsbriefs section of this issue, and let me say here how thrilled I am that each of these distinguished people has agreed to serve. Under the leadership of Doug Wood '76, chair, and Karin Gregory '88, vice chair, the board is critical to our success. The addition of these new members will ensure that continues.

Sincerely,



John D. Hutson  
*Dean & President*

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

**F**rom Armenia to the Federal Bench 2  
*By David Eggert, Medill News Service*

**P**IC Fellowship Reports 6  
*By Paul Homer '05 and Sarah Fox '05*

**V**ictim's Advocate 9  
*By Sharon Callahan*

**A** Nation's Tragedy 10  
*Kenneth R. Human '77*

**M**aking a Difference 11  
*By Robert M. Viles*  
 Thomas Rappa '86  
 Susana Lorenzo-Giguere '89

**I**nvesting in Excellence 21  
 Annual Report

**N**ewsbriefs 25

**A**lumni News 30

**C**areer Services 33

**C**lass Actions 34



Page 2



Page 6



Page 10

## PIERCE LAW FRANKLIN PIERCE LAW CENTER

### Office of Institutional Advancement

Franklin Pierce Law Center  
 Two White Street • Concord, NH 03301  
 603.228.1541 • www.piercelaw.edu

John D. Hutson *Dean & President*

Janet Rosa *Director of  
 Institutional  
 Advancement*

Sharon Callahan, APR *Director of Public  
 Editor Relations and  
 Publications*

Denise Wester *Alumni Director*

Ruth Kimball *Administrative  
 Assistant –  
 Advancement*

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Douglas J. Wood, Esq. '76, Chair  
 Kenneth C. Brown, Esq. '78  
 Anthony Buxton, Esq. '78  
 The Honorable Carol A. Conboy '78  
 Tadeusz Jerzy Dorda  
 Donna F. Edwards, Esq. '89  
 Lewis Gersh, Esq. '96  
 Morton E. Goulder  
 Karin A. Gregory, Esq. '88  
 The Honorable Bryan Harris  
 William L. Keefauver  
 Jack B. Middleton, Esq.  
 Gordon V. Smith  
 H. Scott Tenny, Esq. '77

### Emeritus

Donald M. Alstadt  
 Morgan A. Hollis, Esq. '76  
 John Pendleton, Esq.  
 Robert H. Rines, Esq.  
 Dr. Kenan Sahin

### Credits

*Photography:* Michael Marzelli  
 Portsmouth, NH  
 Paul Homer '05  
 NASA  
 Sharon Callahan

*Design:* Desmarais Design,  
 Amherst, NH

*Printing:* Imperial Company  
 Lebanon, NH

Submit alumni news items to:  
 dwester@piercelaw.edu

*Cover Photo: The Honorable Samuel  
 Der-Yeghiayan '78 in the Memorial  
 Courtroom of the E.M. Dirksen U.S.  
 Courthouse, Chicago, IL.*

---

# LIFETIME DREAM COMES TRUE



ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2003, BEFORE A LARGE CROWD GATHERED AT THE E.M. DIRKSEN U.S. COURTHOUSE ON SOUTH DEARBORN STREET IN THE HEART OF CHICAGO, SAMUEL DER-YEGHIAYAN '78 TOOK THE OATH AS DISTRICT COURT JUDGE OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS. APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT BUSH, DER-YEGHIAYAN IS THE NATION'S FIRST DISTRICT COURT JUDGE OF ARMENIAN ANCESTRY, HAVING IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES FROM LEBANON WHEN HE WAS 19-YEARS-OLD. LONGTIME FRIEND, U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN ASHCROFT WAS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CEREMONY.

"THE FOUNDERS OF THIS COUNTRY KNEW AND UNDERSTOOD THAT THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD LEAD US BEST WERE INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD BE COMMITTED TO THE FUNDAMENTAL MAXIMS OF LIBERTY," SAID ASHCROFT, AS QUOTED IN THE CHICAGO DAILY LAW BULLETIN. "THIS NATION NEEDS MORE MEN AND WOMEN, MORE BOYS AND GIRLS, WHO WILL FOLLOW IN SAM'S FOOTSTEPS."

DER-YEGHIAYAN IS THE FIRST PERSON OF ETHNIC BACKGROUND TO BE NOMINATED AND CONFIRMED FOR A FEDERAL JUDGESHIP. HE WAS SWORN IN BY U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE CHARLES P. KOCORAS, WHO SAID, AS QUOTED IN THE CHICAGO DAILY LAW BULLETIN, "TODAY WILL BE THE END OF AN ODYSSEY THAT STARTED WITH SAM'S BIRTH IN A FOREIGN LAND AND WHICH CULMINATES IN THE REALIZATION OF A DREAM. IT IS A REMARKABLE SUCCESS STORY."

DER-YEGHIAYAN, WHO ENROLLED AT PIERCE LAW AFTER GRADUATING FROM EVANGEL UNIVERSITY, SAYS, "FRANKLIN PIERCE LAW CENTER IS UNMATCHED IN ITS EXCELLENCE. I RECEIVED A SOLID LEGAL EDUCATION AT FRANKLIN PIERCE. ITS SETTING IN A SMALL NEW ENGLAND TOWN AND THE ABILITY OF THE STUDENTS TO HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH PROFESSORS PROVIDE FOR AN IDEAL LAW SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT. WHILE IN LAW SCHOOL, FRANKLIN PIERCE PROVIDED ME A VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES THAT BENEFITED ME TREMENDOUSLY IN MY LEGAL CAREER, INCLUDING SERVING ON THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF IDEA, HELPING TO ORGANIZE AN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FORUM AT MIT, SERVING AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT IN FEDERAL COURTS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW COURSES, SERVING ON THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE, INTERNING WITH THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, INTERNING AT A LAW FIRM AND SERVING AS A LAW CLERK FOR A FEDERAL JUDGE."

—BY SHARON CALLAHAN, EDITOR

“It came as no surprise when I learned that Sam Der-Yeghiayan, my law school classmate, was appointed to the federal bench. Although it has been 28 years since we began our legal training together, I clearly recall Sam’s energetic dedication to his studies. But his academic diligence was always tempered by a gentle spirit and a profound understanding of human nature. Such qualities are the stuff of ‘judicial temperament.’ As he begins the important work before him, I know that all who appear in his courtroom will be treated fairly and with respect. With this extraordinary accomplishment, Sam honors all of us members of the Pierce Law family.”

—The Honorable Carol Conboy '78  
*New Hampshire Superior Court, Manchester, NH*

For as long as he can remember, Samuel Der-Yeghiayan dreamed of two things while growing up in Beirut. One was the United States. His grandfather immigrated there as a young man and worked in the steel mills in Waukegan and Racine. He was forced to return to the Middle East after his family—all but a sister-in-law—was wiped out in the “Armenian genocide” during World War I. The grandfather hoped his grandson would eventually follow his path, telling him: “The United States is where we belong.”

## Giving back

Born in Syria and raised in Lebanon, Der-Yeghiayan moved to the United States when he was 19. His first stop, Evangel University in Missouri, was recommended by a missionary friend in Beirut. He was an All-American soccer player, graduated with a degree in political science and enrolled at the Franklin Pierce Law Center in New Hampshire.

His first job out of law school was working as a U.S. attorney in the Immigration and Naturalization Service

# From Armenia to the Federal Bench

BY DAVID EGGERT  
*Medill News Service, August 5, 2003*

The young Armenian boy’s other dream was of the law. It fascinated him. He read about it. He wanted to practice it.

Four decades later, Der-Yeghiayan is about to achieve one of the most prominent positions in the American legal system: serving as a federal judge.

“I am absolutely thrilled and at the same time absolutely humbled,” said Der-Yeghiayan, 51, who will be inducted Wednesday as a U.S. district court judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Der-Yeghiayan lives in north suburban Vernon Hills with his wife, Becky, an administrative assistant in the Libertyville Elementary School District. They have two grown children. A daughter teaches English at Western Illinois University. A son is training to be an immigration inspector at O’Hare International Airport.

To get to where he is now, Der-Yeghiayan accomplished a number of firsts.

He’s the first Armenian immigrant to attain the federal bench. He’s also the first from his law school and the first to ascend from the position of immigration judge.

“Lots of people got really excited about this,” he said recently in his old chambers, a tiny office where he liked to offer visitors his favorite beverage: liquorice-flavored tea.



*The Honorable Samuel Der-Yeghiayan '78*



Sammy's appointment to the Federal District Court was not a surprise to anyone that knew him—Der-Yeghiayan was going places. Where he would land was the only question in my mind.

Sam and I met in 1975 during the first semester, first year, at Franklin Pierce Law Center. I was apprehensive. Sam was cool, quiet and serious with a smile. Many of us spent an inordinate amount of time fussing about all the work, long hours and complexities of the law. Sammy kept his head down, plowed his way through the assignments and slowly gained the respect and admiration of his classmates. When he spoke up in class, he seemed to have the right answer more times than not. Sam may have been the only classmate that truly understood Professor Gibbon's Boston Common analogies in Property Law.

It took some time to learn who and what Judge Der-Yeghiayan was all about since he didn't talk a lot about himself or his past. The more I learned, the more assured I was that he would make it in our profession, even with the hurdles that his Armenian heritage might place before him.

My wife and I have remained friends with the Der-Yeghiayans since law school. Their recipe for hummus is well worn in our kitchen's Rolodex®. We are proud of Sam, his past accomplishments, and look forward in anticipation of his future successes—what a great appointment!



—Kenneth C. Brown '78  
*Abramson, Brown & Dugan*  
Manchester, NH

office in Chicago. He's stayed in public service ever since. "I wanted to give something back to the country for giving me a home," Der-Yeghiayan said. "This is the best country in the world."

Der-Yeghiayan is described by colleagues as a fair and respected man who is current on all aspects of the law. He's well-versed and well-read in it. He expects attorneys to be prepared. He also has a unique ability to guide the layperson through complex legal proceedings. Some attribute that to his three years as a judge in immigration court. There, the people often don't speak English, and the law is complicated and always changing.

"It's a very difficult job," said Robert Ahlgren, a private immigration attorney who has argued many cases before Der-Yeghiayan. "You're not dealing with who gets what money. You're dealing with the rest of a person's life." Ahlgren said one criticism of federal judges is they come from the "rarefied atmosphere" of corporate law firms and do not appreciate the ordinary person's experience with the law.

"Judge Der-Yeghiayan has an understanding of that," he said, noting the judge is an immigrant himself. "He understands people. He understands what makes them tick. He takes time to try to give them some kind of understanding of the system."

### 'Do just things'

Recently, in one of his last cases in immigration court, Der-Yeghiayan decided the fate of a Honduran woman who was an illegal immigrant living in the United States.

Her children were born here and are citizens. One is a seventh-grader with good grades, and the other suffers from a respiratory condition. Her husband is a naturalized citizen with a good-paying job.

Der-Yeghiayan carefully weighed the matter. The woman could return to Honduras and be apart from her children or she could take them with her, which would set back the older girl several years in school.

He allowed the woman to stay.

"As a judge, you have the power to do just things," Der-Yeghiayan said. "You're not an advocate. You're deciding if justice will be done."

He enjoys analyzing facts. He likes the challenge because "there are lots of twists in the law."

In his new job, Der-Yeghiayan will be asked to handle every kind of case imaginable. Most are civil and some criminal—from high-profile terrorism-related charges to bank robberies to illegal investment schemes to labor rights.

"He's going to have a diversity of cases he's never known before," said U.S. District Court Chief Judge Charles Kocoras, a long-time friend of Der-Yeghiayan's. "I don't think they're going to throw him because he's a hard worker and a quick study. He's got what it takes."

Kocoras, like others, is impressed that Der-Yeghiayan emigrated from Lebanon, overcame the language barrier and achieved his dream.

"It shows quite frankly what you can do in America if you put your mind to it," Kocoras said. "He's friendly. He's decent. He's fair. He's efficient. He's just what the doctor ordered."

---

## Bi-partisan support

There seems to be no political or ideological bent attached to Der-Yeghiayan's judgeship. President Bush nominated him in January on the recommendation of Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill., but he was also endorsed by Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill. The Senate voted 89–0 to confirm his nomination, whereas some nominations are held up for years or never considered.

In 2000, the Justice Department appointed Der-Yeghiayan as an immigration judge after his 20 years of work as an INS attorney. Earlier this year, he received an award from a group of lawyers, many of who litigate against the Justice Department.

"Anyone who can earn the trust of both federal law enforcement as well as immigrant communities understands the responsibilities of a judge," Durbin said.

Added Kocoras, "He doesn't have a political agenda. He just wants to do a good job."

In addition to his serious side, friends say, Der-Yeghiayan also has a good sense of humor. His new chambers in the federal courthouse are 10 times bigger than his old office. "You're not running into walls when you turn," he said.

He also has his own bathroom, meaning he won't have to wait during a quick recess from court.

"He'll add some levity to the bench," said Antionetta Simonian, a friend and major gift officer for United Way of Lake County. Der-Yeghiayan never talks down to anyone and treats everyone the same, she said. He's humble and patient.

That should pay off on the bench, which Der-Yeghiayan called his toughest, but hopefully most satisfying challenge yet.

"It's a major dream come true," he said.

*Reprinted with permission of the Medill News Service.*

## Pierce Law Judiciary Members



1977	Ellen L. Arnold	Henniker District Court	Henniker, NH
1981	Thomas E. Bamberger	Nashua District Court	Nashua, NH
1983	Arthur D. Brennan	New Hampshire Superior Court	Nashua, NH
1978	Carol Ann Conboy	New Hampshire Superior Court	Manchester, NH
1979	Martha R. Crocker	Jaffrey-Peterborough District Court	Jaffrey, NH
1978	Samuel Der-Yeghiayan	United States District Court	Chicago, IL
1983	Edward J. Fitzgerald	New Hampshire Superior Court	North Haverhill, NH
1977	Michael B. Forte	State of RI—Family Court	Providence, RI
1978	Douglas W. Herman	Court of Common Pleas	Chambersburg, PA
1992	Robert H. Humphrey	Tiverton Municipal Court	Tiverton, RI
1977	Michael T. Joyce	Superior Court of Pennsylvania	Erie, PA
1991	Alec J. Koromilas	United States Department of Labor	Washington, DC
1984	James H. Leary	Nashua District Court	Nashua, NH
1979	Gerald L. Lynch	New York Public Service Comm	Albany, NY
1984	Mark R. Moran	Coconino County Superior Court	Flagstaff, AZ
1976	Francis J. Murray Jr.	Rhode Island Family Court	Providence, RI
1989	Nadeau, Tina L.	New Hampshire Superior Court	Manchester, NH
1976	Dale W. Radcliffe	Danbury Superior Court	Danbury, CT
1986	Thomas A. Rappa	Plymouth District Court	Plymouth, NH
1977	Deborah K. Rein	New Hampshire Superior Court	Concord, NH
1986	Edward B. Tenney	Newport District Court	Newport, NH
1978	Peter E. Wiese	Connecticut Superior Court	Hartford, CT
1988	John Yazinski	Claremont District Court	Claremont, NH



---

PIERCE LAW'S PUBLIC INTEREST COALITION (PIC) FELLOWS ARE SELECTED BASED ON ABILITY, SKILLS, AND COMMITMENT TO SERVICE. PIC fellows bring legal knowledge, research and writing skills, and even advocacy skills, to the public interest organizations they serve. The public interest organizations, and the people they serve, benefit enormously from the work performed by our students, work which would not otherwise be done due to lack of funding and budget constraints.

In turn, PIC fellows gain a working knowledge of important areas of public interest law. They also see, first-hand, people whose lives are seriously impacted by problems, bringing to life the abstract legal issues and law they have studied and discussed in law school. The experiences these students have as PIC fellows effect their developing sense of themselves, both as lawyers and as professionals, committed to improving access to justice for all people.

—BRIGETTE SIFF HOLMES,  
*Director of the Social Justice Institute  
and advisor for the Annual Public Interest Auction*

IN THEIR  
WORDS

PUBLIC INTEREST COALITION FE

## Auction News

Two 6-day photo safaris in South Africa at Zulu Nyala's private game reserve in Southern Maputaland, approximately two hours from Johannesburg were generously donated to this year's Twelfth Annual Public Interest Coalition Auction to be held on March 19th.

Described as one of the largest and most diverse conservation areas in Zululand, Zulu Nyala served as the location for the film *I Dreamed of Africa*. The value of each package is \$2,950, not including airfare. All meals and accommodations are included. Visit [www.piercelaw.edu/PIC/PIChome](http://www.piercelaw.edu/PIC/PIChome) for this and other auction items.

Twenty percent of sales from the annual exhibition *Prints of the Year* held at Pierce Law, will be donated to the auction. Organized by Parker Potter '99, the exhibit will be on view from January 12–April 2. Thanks are extended to all of the participating artists.

---

## Report from Arusha: United Nations War Crimes Tribunal for Rwanda

BY PAUL HOMER '05  
2003 PIC FELLOW

Anyone who has the opportunity to work even for a short time with the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal for Rwanda learns that one plays but a small role in an enormous operation. The Tribunal, operating out of Arusha, Tanzania, and Kigali, Rwanda, employs over 850 workers from eighty countries, and has a yearly budget in excess of \$175,000,000. To date, over seventy suspects have been indicted, and trials for thirteen have been completed, resulting in twelve convictions. Eight trials involving twenty defendants are currently in progress. Among these, I was fortunate to work as a voluntary research assistant for the Office of the Prosecutor's "Military I" case against four of the military leaders of Rwanda at the time of the genocide.

If the U.N.'s operation is big, its task is colossal. Over about 100 days, from April 7, 1994 to July 1994, when the Rwandans' Hutu-led government and army were driven from the country, the military and quasi-military civilian gangs called Interahamwe roamed the country, seeking and slaughtering between 400,000 and 800,000 of their Tutsi neighbors. The U.N. has a mandate to prosecute those responsible for genocide and other serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in Rwanda in 1994. The four men indicted in the Military I trial are four of those accused of preparing and orchestrating those killings.

While prosecuting teams generally have several attorneys, budget and personnel constraints limit the number of support staff for each team. For this reason, the UN's Internship and Research Assistant programs are essential to the Tribunal's functioning. Interns and assistants do any of a variety of necessary work, including researching topics of procedural or substantive law, helping prepare and interview witnesses in Arusha and Rwanda, assisting in preparing questions for direct examination, and the like.

As a research assistant, I was able to spend several months assisting attorneys in a prosecuting team led by Barbara Mulvaney, as they continued to present their case-in-chief against the defendants, three Rwandan army colonels and one general. Over the course of seven weeks in trial, the prosecution presented witness after witness, some victims, some perpetrators of crimes, some military, some civilian. All had taken the responsibility and risk upon themselves to travel and testify in a foreign country and unfamiliar system of justice. Each provided a piece of a puzzle, another snapshot of a dark, terrifying, and not-so-distant history. Through their individual testimonies, and the individual contributions of a myriad of small providers, the vast, horrifying, almost surreal picture of genocide becomes clear.

In a tangled mass of killings and crimes of unthinkable scope and brutality, only the small contributions of many can beget justice. This huge, sometimes daunting, often slow-moving wheel of justice needs every one of its cogs to spin. Anyone who spends just a short time at the Tribunal soon begins to feel that sometimes, there is no greater satisfaction than playing a small role in an enormous operation.

*Homer is one of 15 law students who received fellowships from Franklin Pierce Law Center in 2003 to perform pro bono legal work for nonprofit organizations in New Hampshire, throughout the United States and abroad. The fellowships were made possible through funds raised by the school's Eleventh Annual Public Interest Coalition Auction held in 2003 that raised over \$42,000.*

DOWN  
FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

---

## Taking the First Steps

BY SARAH FOX '05  
2003 PIC FELLOW



SOMETIMES, THE PIECES ALL FALL INTO PLACE. FOR ME, THIS HAPPENED WHEN I RECEIVED A PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP TO WORK AT THE CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. When I enrolled in law school, I knew that I wanted to work in child advocacy and education law. I had heard of the Children's Alliance when I took a course at the University of New Hampshire called Leadership and Advocacy in Early Education. There, Bruce Mallory inspired and challenged me to find ways I could be an advocate for children.

The Children's Alliance works tirelessly to bring children's issues to the forefront of people's minds. There are several ways that they accomplish that goal. They publish a comprehensive researched analysis of the State of New Hampshire's children with their book, *KidsCount*. They lead the New Hampshire Child Advocacy Network, a coalition of over one hundred organizations dedicated to children throughout the state. They speak to the media, letting a wider audience know how legislation will ultimately affect the interests of children. By bringing together the policy makers throughout the state, the Children's Alliance directly influences the debate of how best to meet the needs of children in New Hampshire.

Now, I know the statistics, I know where the state is doing a good job helping children and I know where there is significant room for improvement. Understanding where the greatest needs are and what still needs to be done to improve children's lives is an important first step in becoming a strong advocate.

It's also imperative to understand the issues involved, the people involved, and of course, the politics involved. I restlessly listened and watched the House debate and vote in the state's contentious budget. I attended the launch of *Every Child Matters*, a campaign to get presidential candidates to speak about how they will help children. I helped organize the launch for the book, *KidsCount*, where I met dozens of state child advocates. I attended the official ceremony where Governor Benson signed the Cassidy Bortner Accountability Act. I helped represent the Children's Alliance during an annual legislative luncheon and explained to legislators the importance of the organization and how it could be helpful in their work as lawmakers. The Children's Alliance certainly was a presence in all of these events, ensuring that the interests of children were known to people throughout the state.

So much of being a good lawyer is telling a client's story compellingly. The Children's Alliance gave me first-hand exposure to several stories. I spoke with people throughout the state who make a difference in people's lives everyday. One of my projects was to do initial research for a special supplement to *Parenting NH* magazine. My role was to research several issues affecting children in New Hampshire and to find contacts for the *Parenting NH* writer.

For me, it was a great opportunity to speak to people throughout the state who are working everyday to improve the lives of children and their families. From the seacoast to Gorham, from Claremont to Tilton, I spoke with childcare directors, educators, health care providers, home visiting program directors, newspaper reporters, and legislators.

The slogan for the Children's Alliance is "Raise Your Voice for Children." My PIC fellowship allowed me to not only raise my voice on behalf of children, but it enabled me to see more clearly how I want to influence the future of child advocacy: to use my skills as a lawyer to teach children how to raise their own voices.

KATHLEEN CHAPMAN '93 SERVES AS DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES FOR HEARTLY HOUSE, A POSITION SHE HAS HELD FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. Located in Frederick, MD, Hearty House is the sole provider of comprehensive direct services to survivors of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault and other intra-familial violence in Frederick County.

With a core staff of 45 and 15 volunteers, Hearty House, a nonprofit organization, offers emergency shelter services, transitional housing, counseling, legal and other social services. Approximately 1,500 new clients were served last year.

Hearty House provides a comprehensive array of legal services designed to meet a client's needs for protection, safety, representation, and advocacy through the legal system. Services are free to those individuals who are seeking civil orders of protection (Protective Orders and Peace Orders) and on a sliding scale, based on Maryland Legal Services Corporation guidelines for Circuit Court divorce representation, for abused persons qualifying for on-going

legal services. The legal department sees approximately 700 clients per year.

"It's like having your own mini law firm," explains Kathleen. "We provide services to our clientele-base regardless of income, and also provide on-going legal services for those who qualify financially, for legal assistance regarding issues such as divorce, separation and the like."

Chapman represents clients at hearings for both protective orders and peace orders in district and circuit courts, and assists individuals with family law matters. Victim advocates provide crime victims with accompaniment and support at trial, and also perform outreach, and post-rape hospital accompaniment. She also works directly with law students, victim advocates and volunteers to provide in-house training for new employees and volunteers. She also participates in outreach efforts to partner agencies and community organizations throughout Frederick County, discussing legal aspects of domestic violence.

"I probably represent 50 to 75 clients a year, and am

# VICTIM'S ADVOCATE

Kathleen A. Chapman '93

Director of Legal Services, Hearty House, Frederick, MD



Kathleen Chapman '93 with Chief Judge Robert M. Bell, Court of Appeals, 6th Appellate Circuit, Baltimore, MD.

in court an average of two to three times a week," explains Chapman. "And because I am so active in the local bar, if I am not able to take a case, I can ask another lawyer in town to accept it. They often do it for free, or a very low rate. They are getting quality legal services, and I think that is important," says Chapman.

Chapman has been recognized for her continuous efforts in the public service sector on numerous occasions. In 2002, Chapman was one of 23 attorneys and judges from Maryland to receive *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law Award for excellence in the legal community and public service. In 2003, she was invited to become a fellow of the Maryland Bar Foundation. Membership in the fellows recognizes "outstanding dedication and contribution to maintaining the honor and integrity of the legal profession, the improvement and facilitation of the administration of justice, the work of the organized Bar of Maryland and civic leadership."

In addition, at the June 2003 annual meeting of the Maryland State Bar Association Chapman was honored with the David Hjortsberg Award "for civility, professionalism, commitment to community and commitment to the bar." The award was presented by the MSBA Solo and Small Firm Practice Section Council in conjunction with the Howard County Bar Association.

---

# A NATION'S TRAGEDY: The Aftermath of the Columbia

BY KENNETH R. HUMAN '77 WITH SHARON CALLAHAN



*Photos of space shuttle liftoff and Kenneth R. Human '77, courtesy of NASA*

---

“I HEARD THE SHOCKING NEWS ON SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 1, 2003, WHILE I WAS ON MY WAY TO EXERCISE AT MY HEALTH CLUB. I TURNED THE CAR AROUND AND DROVE TO WORK AT THE STENNIS SPACE CENTER. I HAD NO IDEA IF I WOULD BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING USEFUL. My first surprise was that within hours, almost the entire management team had assembled in the Center director’s office without a summons,” says Kenneth R. Human ’77, chief counsel at NASA’s space center in south Mississippi.

Human has worked for NASA since 1978, when he joined the staff at John C. Stennis Space Center as general attorney advisor. Now, as the Center’s chief counsel, Human supervises its legal staff and is also responsible for Congressional Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and labor relation functions. He is charged with the task of “protecting the legal and financial rights of the government and parties affected by NASA activities.” Stennis Space Center is NASA’s primary large propulsion test facility, including development testing of the space shuttle main engines. The Center is also home to the Earth Science Applications Directorate.

While Human’s 25-year career at the Center could not have fully prepared him for the tragic events of February 1, his expertise and experience, and that of his staff, became invaluable to NASA’s efforts in dealing with the aftermath. The space shuttle Columbia disintegrated over Texas during re-entry on February 1, killing all seven astronauts, just minutes before its scheduled landing at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

“Most of us discovered that there was plenty to do. One of the other attorneys in my office showed up and assisted both the Public Affairs Office and me in various activities throughout the day. I called other NASA attorneys and requested any information on the recovery of Challenger debris; within an hour I had copies of several useful documents,” explains Human.

“A major concern initially in Texas on February 1 was the sanctity of human remains and the need to shield the astronaut families from the specter of sensationalist pictures and stories in the media. The people who lived in the rural area of east Texas along the flight path instinctively shared the same concerns. There were touching stories of their stubborn and successful efforts to protect what fell on their property from prying camera lenses, despite offers of money from members of the press,” says Human.

To assist the recovery effort, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) prohibited aircraft from flying below 3,000 feet in an area 160 miles long and 40 miles wide extending from Cedar Creek, TX, to Fort Polk, LA. The FAA also urged pilots and airlines to be alert to a debris cloud in the area—95 miles long and more than 22 miles wide—that could create a “visibility issue” for pilots. Witnesses in Texas reported debris falling from the sky, accompanied by a cascade of thunder. In addition, reports of charred debris stretched from Corsicana, southeast of Dallas, into Louisiana, as far east as Arkansas, and as far west as Arizona and New Mexico.

“I also called the chief counsel at Johnson Space Flight Center (JSC) and asked if there was anything I could do to help. He had several suggestions and I immediately went to work on them,” says Human. “In concert with actions JSC was taking with respect to the State of Texas, I coordinated with the State of Louisiana Homeland Security Office regarding the probable existence of Columbia debris in Louisiana. I requested that Louisiana State security forces be directed to secure any area discovered or believed to contain debris or remains, and further that the appropriate NASA officials be immediately notified upon the discovery of debris or remains from Columbia.”

The Earth Science Applications Directorate at Stennis deployed a ground reference instrument team into the field in Texas later that first day of the accident. “Their initial purpose was to provide expertise on the development and use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and to train recovery teams on the use of Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) units,” says Human. “This GIS became an essential tool in the months to come as a multi-layered database containing information on every aspect of the recovery oper-



---

ation. One example was when shuttle experts determined that searchers had found parts from a section of the shuttle that was located close to a key component that investigators really wanted to recover. Search teams were sent back to the same search area once again and this time they found the data system recorder they were looking for.”

“My office was identified in the first days after the accident, along with JSC chief counsel and the Office of the General Counsel at NASA Headquarters, as a point of contact for citizens to obtain claims information or for filing Columbia-related claims. The SSC legal office expected to be inundated with claims inquiries,” explains Human. “Although my office fielded several claims-related phone calls over the next six weeks, it never received a claim, and the flood of inquiries to our office never materialized. Instead, the field office in Lufkin, TX and JSC handled almost all the claim inquiries since the majority of the debris field was in Texas.”

“I continued to check back with my points of contact in the Louisiana Homeland Security Office over the next several

remains, protecting the public, and recovering the wreckage were successfully accomplished. NASA was the lead agency supporting the Columbia Accident Investigation Board in its investigation and there were numerous legal issues that arose during the recovery operation,” says Human. “NASA lawyers worked out of the Command Center in Lufkin.”

The USFS, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, along with state forestry organizations and contractors, provided the greatest number of search crews—drawing from their expertise in woodland firefighting.

In mid-February Human was asked to help staff the Lufkin field office with an attorney. Two of his staff attorneys began rotational assignments at this point. “The overlap between attorney rotations at Lufkin was a key to the success of that function since there were a number of people each new attorney needed to meet. The same cell phone and laptop were passed back and forth between the attorneys when they relieved each other. This made the transition to a new

“I emphasized the sanctity of information concerning human remains and the need to protect the privacy of the astronaut families. By this point I had already seen the first signs of false or doctored images on the Internet.”

weeks. I also provided additional information on indictments in Texas of individuals who misappropriated shuttle debris so that they would be prepared if similar issues arose in Louisiana,” Human explains.

“My Center director invited me to attend the memorial service in Houston on Tuesday, February 4 at noon, which the President attended. I was very moved by the ceremony and honored by the opportunity to attend it,” says Human. Later in the week, Stennis had its own memorial service.

After Human returned from the memorial service, he met with a team of contractors and NASA Earth Science Applications officials who were supporting the ground reference instruments team based in Lufkin. They asked a variety of questions concerning data rights and security.

“I emphasized the sanctity of information concerning human remains and the need to protect the privacy of the astronaut families. By this point I had already seen the first signs of false or doctored images on the Internet. I pointed out the need to preserve the value of potential evidence by maintaining the pedigree of data in the GIS so that enhanced or value added data would be traceable to raw data,” comments Human.

“The search to recover Columbia debris was an unprecedented team effort whose objectives of recovering the crew

attorney more seamless since other agencies at Lufkin continued to dial the same cell phone number to reach the NASA attorney,” says Human.

“A key lesson learned was that field operations with rotating attorneys need to be highly organized, share the same hard drive and phone number, and leave behind a constantly evolving written record for future reference,” according to Human.

More than 4,000 people at a time searched 12 hours a day, seven days a week. Crews worked out of camps located at four sites in Texas spread along the flight path. Their goal was to find as much Columbia debris as possible before spring vegetation growth made the search more difficult.

After three months, combined ground, water and air searches covered more than 2.28 million acres. Over 25,000 people involved in the search recovered more than 82,500 pieces of shuttle debris or almost 40 percent of the total dry weight of the shuttle. “By early March it was becoming clear that my office’s role would be limited primarily to support of the Lufkin operation,” says Human.

“Stennis had not received any claims and it appeared unlikely that we would, considering that the almost miraculous fact that the debris had not hit anyone and had done so little damage. It was clear that the vast preponderance of

claims NASA would be dealing with would be related to the massive search and recovery efforts taking place primarily in Texas.”

“On March 5, I traveled to Lufkin to survey the legal operations in the field. This was one of the best decisions I made. The community involvement was evident in terms of tables stacked with donated food and other items and the special attention members of the operation received everywhere they went. It is one thing to observe that FEMA treated this like a disaster recovery; it is another to be there and realize the extent that members of the community have been impacted emotionally,” explains Human.

“This was a valuable lesson learned; field operations need to be observed and experienced first hand by the supervisors and leaders of the employees assigned to the field.”

Center Director Bill Parsons emphasized that Stennis had a valuable role to play in terms of providing support and backup wherever and whenever possible. “I continually emphasized to my employees that they should be liberal and generous in making people in Lufkin feel valuable and appreciated. This was another lesson learned; the value of positive reinforcement cannot be overemphasized in high-stress field operations,” says Human.

“NASA leadership deserves a lot of credit for lavishing attention and providing high-quality proactive managers for the operation,” concludes Human. “Space flight is a high-risk business and it would be naive to think that there will never be another accident,” says Human. “On the other hand, the CAIB did a tremendous job getting to the root causes of this accident and there is an awful lot to be learned that will help us improve safety in the future.”

## OUT OF THIS WORLD OPPORTUNITY: NASA EXTERNSHIP

Wendy L. Houser '04 of Huntsville, AL completed a clerkship this past summer at Stennis Space Center in southern Mississippi where she worked for alumnus Kenneth Human '77, chief counsel for the NASA installation.



Houser received her undergraduate degree in English literature from Auburn University, Auburn, AL. “This background helped me immeasurably while working at Stennis,” explains Houser.

“I spent most of my time working on procurement protests before the General Accounting Office,” says Houser. “I helped write briefs, researched the protested issues, and composed letters regarding admittance to protective orders.” Additionally, Houser participated in teleconferences with NASA Headquarters, researched tort and property issues, and reviewed safety reports for compliance with agency regulations at work.

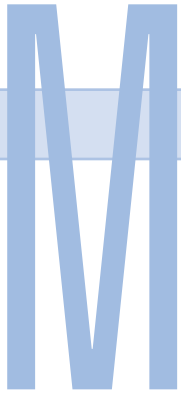
Houser chose to pursue a career in law after working as an optician for several years following her undergraduate studies. “Being an optician no longer challenged me. I wanted to be in a field where I would be faced with more challenges, and with an opportunity to grow in my profession,” says Houser. “My experience with NASA confirmed my decision to become an attorney.”

“I particularly enjoyed the atmosphere at NASA, and working with Ken. He also majored in English and it was great to work with someone who could show me

how to use those skills in the legal profession.”

Houser’s experience with NASA not only provided her an invaluable experience in a unique setting, but has also ultimately led to a post-graduation position. She will return to Stennis Space Center in June 2004 to become a full-time member of Human’s team.





## MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Alumni Profile

BY ROBERT M. VILES

Thomas A. Rappa, Jr. '86

### Community Lawyer & Community Judge

In 1975, Thomas Rappa graduated from Vermont's Middlebury College, which had recruited him from New Jersey to play football. While attending college, he worked part-time for a local Ames Department Store. Upon graduation, he took the full-time job that Ames offered him and was soon transferred to North Haverhill, a small town in northern New Hampshire. He rented a home in nearby Bath, population 786, where he has now lived for 23 years. After leaving Ames, Tom was a building contractor for several years.

*The late Robert M. Viles, former dean and president of Franklin Pierce Law Center, interviewed Rappa for this profile on May 10, 1999 in Concord, NH. It is one of 25 interviews Viles conducted for his book entitled Making a Difference which was to feature profiles of alumni he believed would make a positive impact on society. Two profiles will be included in every edition of The Advocate until they have all been published.*

**RNW:** Why did you decide to become a lawyer?

**TAR:** There were several reasons. One was that it had always been my intention; "future lawyer" was written under my high school yearbook picture. Another was that I began to think of my own mortality one day in 1983 when I found myself 60 feet up in the wind nailing rafters on a condo project. The final catalyst was my perception of many of my friends as good people victimized by a lack of knowledge of our legal system and my desire to reverse that situation.

Once I had made the decision to go to law school, everything fell into place. I met the deadline for the Law School Admission Test, applied and was admitted, and made the transition from full-time businessman to full-time student within a few months.

**RMV:** Did you go back to the Bath area immediately after you graduated from Franklin Pierce in 1986?

**TAR:** Yes. I went to work for the Honorable late Karl T. Bruckner in Woodsville, NH. He provided a somewhat unusual tutelage, telling me, "I made my mistakes, now you make yours." Thanks to my Franklin Pierce education, I was able to be relatively productive from day one.

Later, after having a law partner for a few years, I became a sole practitioner. I eventually hired Len Harden '93. Although reluctant to hire an associate at first, now I wouldn't go back. Presently Gina Apicelli '96, whose sister Teresa Belmont '85 and I were TAs for you in contracts when we were students, and Wendy Roberts are associates in my office.

**RMV:** Is there enough work for the three of you?

**TAR:** We literally have more business than we can handle. If I had the space and guaranteed cash flow, I would take on another associate.

**RMV:** To what do you attribute your success in attracting clients?

**TAR:** Our office is in Woodsville, a town of three or four thousand people that's two minutes from North Haverhill, is the seat of Grafton County. We're located on the main street, which is also Route 302, the principle east-west road. The office has a lot of exposure. There are quite a few lawyers in the area, but they all have their niches, for example, in real estate, estate planning and probate, or criminal law.

We do a significant amount of family law. It is 60 to 70 percent of the practice. We also have a regular and consistent real estate practice. Personally, I have an emphasis on litigation. Because of my background in construction, I receive a lot of cases from builders. We also do some personal injury work, enjoying the remuneration from that. All in all, we try to have a full service practice.

**RMV:** Where do your clients come from?

**TAR:** The catchment area for clients is much broader than local towns. It goes south as far as Plymouth and Franklin, and stretches north all the way to Colebrook. The mix includes people who distinctly want a local attorney and those who distinctly do not want a local attorney.

**RMV:** What are the rewards of small-town practice?

**TAR:** There is enormous gratification from recognition as a community leader to whom people know they can turn when they need help. This is apparent almost every day I

walk into the office. When you practice in a small town, everyone knows you're a lawyer, and everyone knows the kind of work you do. There is unquestionably prestige as well as personal satisfaction. Personal satisfaction also comes from recognition by colleagues.

There's also the opportunity for a more formal role in the community. I've been town moderator in Bath since I graduated in 1986. I'm now in my thirteenth year, my predecessor having served for 28 years.

What I like best about having my own practice is the flexibility it provides. For example, I'm in my third season as coach for my youngest son's basketball team. As my own boss, I can leave work at three o'clock in the afternoon two or three days a week to pursue such activities. In addition, I have very few late nights. I'm home for dinner most nights, and that's it for work for the day.

**RMV:** You're also a District Court judge, aren't you?

**TAR:** Yes. I was appointed in December 1988, a year and a half after I received my JD degree.

**RMV:** Why were you chosen so soon after becoming a lawyer?

**TAR:** It was essentially a patronage appointment. Governor John Sununu asked a mover and shaker in the community for a recommendation. That individual gave the Governor my name and

asked me to forward a resume to his office. The New Hampshire Bar Association gave me a qualified endorsement because of its standing preference for a minimum of five years of practice experience for judicial appointees.

I knew that I had become a judge only when I read about it in the *Manchester Union Leader*. It was one of Sununu's last official acts before going to the District of Columbia to be chief of staff in the Bush White House. I believe Nancy Vaughn '84 was nominated and confirmed as a District Court judge at the same time.

**RMV:** How much time do you sit as a judge?

**TAR:** According to my time slips, sitting as a judge takes 35 to 40 percent of my time. From a business point of view, it's an abysmal use of my time because it generates only five percent or so of my income. Travel time is involved, too, because I sit in other courts, like Concord and Manchester, sometimes for a couple of days a week, as well as in my home court in Plymouth. The fact that Edwin Kelly, the administrative judge of the District Court system, presides in Plymouth increases the number of days I am called into court.

**RMV:** Why do you do it, then?

**TAR:** As a judge I can make a difference in peoples' lives, especially in juvenile and domestic cases, that I can't make as a lawyer. On the bench you can more easily see your way to making a difference.

An example that remains vivid in my mind concerned a particular teen-aged boy who had been in trouble time after time. The Division of Child and Family Services asked that he be placed in the YDC (the Youth Development Center, a state facility for youth offenders) until he reached the age of majority. I perceived that he didn't understand how close he was to losing his liberty.

On the spur of the moment, using what was on the bench—a tissue, a bottle of White Out<sup>®</sup>, and a water glass—I suspended the tissue over the glass and then placed the bottle on the tissue. I told the boy that he was the White Out and the glass was the YDC. Sprinkling a few drops of water on the tissue, I then told him that every time he got in trouble his mother cried a few tears. I repeated this a time or two more, citing the teachers, the Juvenile Services Offices and so on, until the tissue gave way and the White Out fell into the glass below. I then gave him a new tissue telling him he was that close to going to the YDC.

I never saw the kid again. Two years later a police officer told me that the boy hadn't been in trouble since my demonstration, and that he still carried the tissue around with him as a reminder of his last day in court.

**RMV:** Has this experience emboldened you to make the same kind of demonstration in other cases?

**TAR:** I must admit that I tried the tissue demonstration again, but it wasn't as successful, probably because it wasn't as spontaneous.

**RMV:** What latitude do you have as a judge?

**TAR:** I frequently deviate considerably from the state's sentencing recommendations. When you are the sole fact-finder and the only decision-maker, the boundaries of your discretion give you opportunities to have a significant impact on peoples' lives. I don't want to seem too self-aggrandizing, but I have run into people who tell me that they were treated fairly in my Court and that justice was done. Perhaps you receive comments only from those who are satisfied, but it still seems that you have a positive effect.

*“As a judge I can make a difference in peoples' lives, especially in juvenile and domestic cases, that I can't make as a lawyer. On the bench you can more easily see your way.”*

– Thomas A. Rappa, Jr. '86

---

It may be something as simple as recognizing that in the North Country you can't work without a driver's license. With this knowledge, you can fashion some remedy other than removing the license. There's also a certain amount of opportunity to make a social statement, for example, against drunk driving. I tell people that I take a hard line, and I do. All this explains why I'm willing as a rational person to spend forty percent of my time in return for five percent of my income.

**RMV:** How are you able to juggle your judicial duties with a successful private practice?

**TAR:** It takes a lot of hard work, starting early in the morning and sometimes running seven days a week for months on end. Of course, I make time for my family, as I explained earlier. At the same time, I have been blessed with some really high-quality people to assist in bringing in the gross income needed to sustain my law office. Two of the three associates who've joined me have been graduates of Franklin Pierce, who are able to hit the ground running much earlier than some of their counterparts from other law schools. While there's a productivity curve for all new lawyers, the curve for our graduates is somewhat steeper than for others. Technology also must be recognized for its contribution to increased production.

**RMV:** Do you use much technology in your practice?

**TAR:** While I was at Franklin Pierce, the writing was on the wall that technology was going to be important to lawyers. I intended to become computer literate and to use computer tools in my practice. Now we have as close to state-of-the-art equipment in the firm as we can. We are networked, and we have automated time and billing systems, automated phone messaging, in-house bookkeeping, and a vast array of forms and other documents in our data bank. One consequence is that three attorneys are effectively assisted by only two staff people. All of us are technologically proficient, doing a significant amount of our own work.

In addition, I'm the District Court representative to the Technology Committee of the New Hampshire court system. That's been a very rewarding experience.

**RMV:** What's the biggest challenge in managing your practice?

**TAR:** The single greatest challenge is accounts receivable. It's unbelievable how many dollars remain on the books uncollected. The most effective way to collect is for the lawyer who did the work to make the call. There's only so much payment that you can realistically demand up front. It is a constant struggle to keep the law firm financially solvent, but I have been committed from day one to serving the community.

**RMV:** Do you also do pro bono work?

**TAR:** Yes, we still do a significant amount. It varies from month to month, but according to the time slips, it totals among the three attorneys between \$10,000 and \$15,000 a quarter. The New Hampshire Bar Association presented me the L. Jonathan Ross Award in 1989, and I've received two other pro bono awards at the county level. I served for six years on the Pro Bono Advisory Board as well as on the Board of Governors from 1991 to 1993.

**RMV:** Have you made other contributions to your community or to New Hampshire?

**TAR:** Serving for many years on the interdisciplinary coordinating council for domestic violence set up for each District Court has been a rewarding experience. I've also taught legal courses for two years at Plymouth State College and, more recently, paralegal courses in the College for Life Long Learning. The motivation and ability of the paralegal students have made the latter teaching especially worthwhile.

I also have continued to perform in Bluegrass bands. I have played with one band for almost twenty-two years, since before law school. About six years ago, I joined a second band. Between the two, I keep quite busy. I suppose one could argue the whether that's a contribution to the community, but we are preserving a legitimate American art form.

Also, in Plymouth we've instituted a Teen Court, over which I preside on a regular basis. A delinquent willing to admit culpability appears before a jury of peers, who decide on disposition. The project is premised on the positive influence of peer pressure.

There's a bank of 15 lawyers who serve as mentors for the student participants. There's been an enormous positive response and effect. It's been in operation about six months and currently meets once a month.

**RMV:** What kind of sentences does the Teen Court mete out?

**TAR:** The teenagers appear to consider both aggravating and mitigating circumstances. The number of cases in which they are more lenient than I would be is about equal to the number of cases in which I would have been more harsh.

**RMV:** How would you sum up your first thirteen years as a lawyer?

**TAR:** When I look back on my education at Franklin Pierce, I realize that the quality of the people—faculty and students—inspired certain aspirations that may not be similar to the ones inspired in other law schools. Professor Bruce Friedman, Professor Arpy Saunders, and you yourself all encouraged us to serve the community and to use the power conferred upon us as attorneys to have a positive impact on those around us. When you do that, you'll be successful.

# M

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Alumni Profile

BY ROBERT M. VILES

Susana Lorenzo-Giguere '89

Voting Rights and International Policy: Justice Department Advocate

A plaque in Susana Lorenzo-Giguere's Washington, D.C., office reads as follows:

### STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION

When we found that Susana Lorenzo-Giguere was departing from the Voting Rights Section of the United States Department of Justice, we immediately felt a deep sense of loss. The Navajo Indian people had an ally we could trust. We have worked side by side in ensuring that the Voting Rights Act was color blind as it applied to both Navajos and non-Navajos.

Our loss will surely be someone's gain. Susana has gained the respect and admiration of the Dine people. She assisted in creating and implementing consent degrees in the Southwest. She listened to us and then incorporated consent degrees that reflected the unique nature, geography and culture of our people. Finding a replacement will be a hard act to follow.

We wish her the best in her new job. We trust, however, that she will not entirely forget us. Susana, thank you. May you walk in beauty and may the great spirit guide and protect you in your life's journey.

Dated July 15, 1996, the statement is signed by the executive director of the Navajo Election Administration and the Chairman of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors.

Viles interviewed Lorenzo-Giguere for this article on March 19, 1999 in Washington, DC. In 2000, after this interview was held, Lorenzo-Giguere transferred to the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of International Affairs (OIA) where she focused on extradition and mutual legal assistance cases in Colombia and Mexico. She handled the Fabio Ochoa extradition, a former kingpin of Colombia's Medellin Cartel, who recently received a sentence out of the SDFL to 365 months. In January 2004, Lorenzo-Giguere left the OIA as senior trial attorney on multilateral team to return to the



Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division.

**RMV:** How did you happen to work with the Dine people?

**SLG:** I did Navajo Voting Rights cases because I was focused on language issues in the Voting Section of the Civil

Rights Division at Justice.

**RMV:** Did you go there immediately after graduating from law school in 1989?

**SLG:** I did a two-year clerkship in New York City in the *Pro Se* Office of the United States District Court for the Southern District (SDNY). At that time 40 percent of all civil filings at the SDNY were made *pro se*. We advised district court judges on federal jurisdiction and constitutional law mainly for prisoner civil rights complaints, *habeas corpus* petitions, and other *pro se* pleadings. We drafted proposed orders, *sua sponte* dismissals and opinions for the chief judge. We went to maximum security prisons in New York to teach classes on habeas exhaustion requirements and the factual requirements for meritorious civil rights complaints. It was a kind of "backdoor advocacy" position. After the clerkship I went to the Voting Section of Justice's Civil Rights Division in Washington, DC, which sent me back to New York City to cover the primary elections. My assignment was to supervise the federal observers monitoring the elections and New York City's compliance with its requirements under the minority language provisions of the Voting Rights Act (VRA). We assessed the needs of the Chinese-speaking Asian-American voters and measured whether New York City's efforts were meeting those needs by providing, for example, ballots, signs, poll workers, and voter information guides in the languages and dialects used by the voters in each precinct. This is where I became sensitized to the problems faced by citizens who are unfamiliar with the voting process, who don't speak English, but who are trying to exercise their right to vote.

New York City had antiquated mechanical voting machines —the kind that required you to pull a handle to register the vote (the handle also was supposed to open and close the curtain and clear the vote for the next voter but that part had ceased to operate a long time before. New

---

York bought the machines from a jurisdiction in the South that since had modernized). The physical ballot space in the machines was very limited. It wouldn't accommodate the addition of ballot choices printed in Chinese characters. So, in order to comply with the federal law which required that all voting materials, including ballots be available in "minority languages" in certain jurisdictions, the New York officials prepared a sample paper ballot in Chinese. The translation was poor and misleading, but that wasn't the only problem. Instead, it was the failure to correlate names on the Chinese sample ballot with the rotation of candidates' positions on the machine ballots from precinct to precinct, as required in New York to avoid any unfair advantage the first candidate on the ballot might receive. As a result the candidate listed as number one on the sample ballot (who happened to be the only Chinese candidate and well-supported in the Chinese community) was second on the machine ballot (where the voters actually cast their votes) used in some Chinatown precinct polling booths.

There were other problems. For example, voters in Chinatown in New York City had difficulty voting because in Chinese the first name comes last, like Viles Robert. The poll officials, who did not speak Chinese or had not been adequately trained on this point, would turn voters away from the polls without letting them vote because their names, as they understood them, did not appear on the list of registered voters for the precinct.

In the end I was able, through administrative intervention in New York City's election practices (the VRA grants DOJ administrative authority to review all voting changes in certain jurisdictions around the country), not a lawsuit, to bring about the first fully translated Chinese ballot and voting materials in the country.

**RMV:** What happened after your New York City assignment was completed?

**SLG:** I went to New Mexico to investigate whether the Native American voters in that state had equal access to voting in two counties with Pueblo and Navajo populations. In Socorro County, for example, Native American voters were geographically, linguistically, and culturally isolated in a county substantially larger than Rhode Island and Connecticut combined. Ninety percent of the population lived close to the city of Socorro, the county seat. By contrast, the Native Americans lived an average of 57 miles away in the Alamo Chapter of the Navajo Nation. They did not receive accurate news of elections, if any news at all, and had no easy means of communication. They largely didn't have vehicles, which placed an added burden on those trying to get to the county courthouse to get election information, especially when the roads became quagmires in the winter and spring during the local elections. Out at Alamo, there were few telephones, and there was no home mail delivery. In Cibola County, which has three separate

and linguistically distinct reservation areas, there was no reservation delivery of county newspapers, which often carried election information, and the local cable station broadcasting the county clerk's election information did not reach those homes or tribal buildings on the reservations that had televisions. Many Native Americans did not speak English well, and no one in either county clerk's office during our investigation spoke Navajo or Keres.

**RMV:** What do you do in a situation like this?

**SLG:** We start with the attorney general's guidelines for implementing the Voting Rights Act. Then we learn the ways people communicate community information, sometimes precinct by precinct, and the needs of the community for better communication. In New Mexico we asked how chapters communicate. By radio? By newspaper? It's all a matter of equal access. Whatever the county was providing to their English-speaking voters had to be provided to their Navajo and Keres-speaking voters, in a way that would be meaningful. For example, no one really uses written Navajo or Keres so the information had to be provided orally, and often there are no direct word-for-word translations for elections terms and ballot proposals. What does "equal" mean for people in chapters? There are not even words for "equal" in Navajo!

Some of the solutions we all agreed upon ("we" meaning the tribal governments, counties and the United State government) as part of the consent decrees settling the lawsuits we brought included Navajo and Keres radio broadcasts, informational sessions conducted by county workers at chapter meetings, booths at community events or at senior citizen centers, and employment of bilingual county election coordinators from the tribe who would work at the county clerk's office. Another requirement was to hire and train Native American bilingual poll workers who could describe the election process and ballot to each voter needing assistance at the polls. They were very comprehensive consent decrees.

The Civil Rights Division entered into such decrees with practically every other county in New Mexico that had similarly situated Native American voters as well as some counties in Arizona. Each tribe had different needs so each consent decree was tailored for the situation in each county.

**RMV:** Where did you go after New Mexico?

**SLG:** I investigated counties in California and brought a voting rights case in Alameda County. The Native-American consent decrees became models for Asian-American consent decrees. In addition to enforcing the Voting Rights Act, I conducted workshops to help community activists monitor elections and determine for themselves the needs of their communities and whether their counties were meeting those needs. Because the VRA allows for private lawsuits we provided our sample pleadings and consent decrees in the event legal action was required.

**RMV:** Why, after five years in the Civil Rights Division, did you move to the Criminal Division in 1996?

**SLG:** I loved voting rights work but wanted to broaden my horizons. While I was in the Civil Rights Division, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) asked me to be on a panel on resolving election disputes. The program was held in Cote d'Ivoire, a country regarded at that time as a democratic and economic model in West Africa. Along with being a panelist in the election disputes program, I also conducted workshops on election monitoring techniques and became as involved locally as I could. It was interesting to me that the program participants (election commissioners, political party representatives, ministers of interior, constitutional court judges, and



*Susana Lorenzo-Giguere '89 with former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno*

the like from the host country, Senegal, Benin, Niger, Gabon, Congo and Central Africa as well as a delegation from Haiti) were more interested in the Native American voter experience than in the South's African American voter experience, the genesis in our country for the Voting Rights Act.

While we were there, our host country was preparing for national elections. During the campaign the ruling party changed the ground rules to protect itself from its opposition. Violence broke out; there were curfews, fresh plywood on shop windows, and riot police in the streets. Two election protesters were beaten to death by the police. It was a charged time—it was easy to see how fragile democracy was. I later conducted workshops for Romanian election officials, gave advice on drafting Macedonian election laws, and participated in a Cambodian election debriefing. I was fascinated to be involved in international legal issues for NDI.

When an opening came up in the Criminal Division to do international work, I took it and moved to the Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section (NDDS), International Policy Section.

**RMV:** Are your daily tasks similar to the ones in the Civil Rights Division?

**SLG:** Generally no. In the Civil Rights Division I litigated cases, investigated jurisdictions and conducted election monitoring around the country. At NDDS, I am primarily involved in policy matters. While I prefer litigating civil rights cases, it is nice not to be on the road all the time, and the work here certainly is international.

**RMV:** Why are cases preferable to policy issues?

**SLG:** The cases we did had a far-reaching and positive effect on otherwise disenfranchised people. If an attorney in that office (voting section) really believed that there was a violation of the VRA, and had the facts to support it, you could make a federal case about it. In policy work, the positions we are asked to write about really depend on the administration's views at the time, not your own view on what the policy should be. And even in a democratic administration, everyone is still tough on crime and not necessarily supportive of social programs that could alleviate the cause of crimes we're being tough on, if that makes sense. In one year, we want a federal marijuana law enforcement strategy. In another, it is politically not the right thing to push since states are voting in medical marijuana initiatives all over the country. But just in case, I am asked to write a memo on physicians' liability in prescribing a schedule I drug (marijuana). A lot of the work is drafting speeches and preparing talking points for senior DOJ officials testifying before Congress, reviewing proposed legislation, reviewing the conduct and legislation of other countries, or participating in international meetings. It is interesting, however. I've been the Justice Department representative at meetings of an Organization of American States commission called CICAD. In English, CICAD stands for the Inter-American Commission for the Control of Drug Abuse. We have met in Buenos Aires, Lima, and Martinique for such purposes as drafting a hemispheric drug strategy and updating model regulations to control precursor chemicals. These strategies and model regulations can be adopted straight into another nation's laws—usually not ours—so they can be meaningful.

There always are challenging political issues. While we ask narcotics-exporting countries to work on their supply reduction, they tell us that, as the biggest consumers, we need to work on our demand control. Politically, this is not really our focus in the "War on Drugs" if you look at where all the money is spent. While we complain that their crop eradication or alternative development is not working, our "assistance" in these areas has led to allegations of deforestation and illnesses suffered by villagers. They complain that violence in their countries is caused by our guns, but we are not likely to pass tighter gun controls in our country. Our northern neighbors think we are blind to studies showing public health benefits of needle exchange, but that too is not a popular political message here.

I took a break from policy and in 1998 I did a criminal litigation detail—first I was detailed to the U.S. Attorney’s Office in the Eastern District of Virginia. As a special assistant U.S. attorney I tried several different types of felonies, including my first felony jury trial. Then I was detailed to the DOJ NDDS office in San Juan, Puerto Rico, to work on a large continuing criminal enterprise case that involved a criminal organization that we alleged committed several homicides and drug trafficking—the organization we were investigating had a practice called “rematar” or rekill, which meant that each member of the organization would empty their weapons into their victim so that no single member could be held responsible for the killing and each would keep quiet about it. Some of the local deputized police (working with our FBI task force) had a frustrating practice of collecting weapons they seized for their own use or using the bullets from crime scenes for target practice. I took the lead on the Title III wiretap part of the investigation, an important part of our evidence gathering since the physical evidence was going south.

**RMV:** What else do you do with the Criminal Division?

**SLG:** Because the criminal justice system in Colombia does not inspire confidence that Colombian narco-traffickers will be caught, tried, sentenced and serve time for importing multi-ton quantities of cocaine to the US, we currently are looking into extraditing and prosecuting the foreign national defendants here in the appropriate U.S. District. (The appropriate district is usually where the shipments have been interdicted, or where the money is being laundered). I drafted extradition guidelines and instructions to assist U.S. Attorney offices across the country to extradite Colombians because Colombia finally agreed to extradite its nationals. We are focusing on leaders of major drug cartels. I meet with Bogota Country Office DEA agents and their Colombian National Police counterparts and review evidence they’ve gathered in joint investigations, and then facilitate prosecutors and agents maneuver through this new extradition process. It’s tricky. For example, Colombia doesn’t recognize conspiracy as a crime and there must be “dual criminality”; instead, to be extraditable, conduct must be substantive, constitute a crime under Colombian law, and be punishable by at least four years imprisonment there. As a result, extradition is limited to serious violent crimes, narcotics violations, and money laundering.

**RMV:** How important are your language skills?

**SLG:** It is useful. Out of 30 lawyers in my section I’m one of three who speak fluent Spanish. It helps in interviewing Spanish-speaking law enforcement, witnesses, reviewing wiretap transcripts. Although U.S. delegates are required to make all official interventions in English at international meetings, we can use other languages in sidebars, which are important in establishing a rapport with other countries and gaining a consensus. As mentioned earlier, my familiarity with Chinese has been helpful in working on Voting Rights cases affecting Chinese-speaking citizens. I also used it in reviewing materials to draft briefing papers for the attorney general’s meeting with the Chinese minister of justice.

**RMV:** Do you think your work as a Justice Department lawyer has made a difference?

**SLG:** Yes, I hope. I’ll always remember my first redistricting assignment—Merced County, CA, which at that time had a sizeable Hispanic population. I was able to “guide” the jurisdiction, through the administrative review powers under the VRA, to create a fair district which subsequently elected their first Hispanic county supervisor. I also remember being sent to Pike County, Mississippi to provide a federal presence and make every-

one agree to the rules of the election. The family of the first black candidate for sheriff was being harassed before the election against an incumbent who came from a long line of Klan members—and the black candidate won. And the minority language cases which enabled a lot of citizens to participate in elections—in a democracy—for the first time. The main issues were voting access, bilingual ballots, registration. Now the issues are building voting coalitions capable of electing representatives of their choice. I recently was asked to speak at the leadership conference of the Organization of Chinese-Americans and Japanese-American Citizens League on redistricting issues facing Asian-Americans.

With the work here at NDDS, I am hopeful that our bilateral efforts with our law enforcement counterparts in other countries will shake the roots of global criminal organizations. More than anything, it appears that Colombian cartel leaders do not want to be extradited to the U.S., be tried and serve time here.

*“I am hopeful that our bilateral efforts with our law enforcement counterparts in other countries will shake the roots of global criminal organizations.”*

– Susana Lorenzo-Giguere ’89

# INVESTING IN EXCELLENCE ANNUAL REPORT

BY JANET ROSA, DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

On behalf of Dean and President John D. Hutson and the Pierce Law community, thank you for your loyalty and generosity.

Over the past year, we have concentrated our efforts on increasing alumni participation in giving, regardless of the size of the gift. As you have no doubt read, foundations and corporations often measure the strength of the institution by the level of alumni participation in all giving. Gifts to the Investing in Excellence Annual Fund, to scholarships, to the endowment, for naming opportunities, for endowed chairs and for commencement awards all count toward alumni participation.

Our alumni participation doubled this year from last year, to almost 10%. This is a dramatic increase for which you can be justifiably proud. On the other hand, we are still 5-8% below where we want to be in contrast to our law school competition. Our goal this year is to increase our participation to a solid 15% or higher. With your help, this goal can be achieved.

## THE HONOR ROLL 2002-2003

The Honor Roll reflects donations from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. Pledges are only included for the Winnie McLaughlin Scholarship Fund.

If your name was inadvertently omitted, please accept our apologies and notify us of the error. A correction will be printed in the next issue of *The Advocate*.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the Fiscal Year 2002-2003

### Operating Revenue

Tuition and Fees	87%
Grants and Contracts	5%
Gifts	2%
Investment Income	1%
Auxiliary Services	2%
Other	3%
	<hr/>
	100%

### Operating Expenses

Instructional	43%
Financial Aid	10%
Library	16%
Institutional Support	20%
Student Services	6%
Research	3%
Auxiliary Services	2%
	<hr/>
	100%

### GIFTS BY CLUBS

#### FOUNDERS' SOCIETY

Gifts of 10,000+

Karl Jorda  
Douglas Wood '76

#### DEAN'S CIRCLE

Gifts of \$5,000 to \$9,999

Bank of New Hampshire  
Gerow Brill '91  
Devine, Millimet & Branch,  
P.A.  
Cathy Green '77  
The Jay and Rose Phillips  
Family Foundation  
Edward Phillips  
Phyllis Santry

#### PARTNER'S CIRCLE

Gifts of \$1,000 to \$4,999

Annalee Abelson '97  
Michael Ackerman '76  
Ambac Assurance  
Corporation  
The AYCO Charitable  
Foundation  
Eric Bellone '92  
Peter Braun '79  
Kenneth Brown '78  
Jean Buck Fuoco

Anthony Buxton '78

George Casale '78

Carol Conboy '78

Dominick Conde '90

J. Mark Cranford '92

Mark Donatelli '76

Earl Duval '92

James Fox '76

James Friedrichs '83

Kathleen Gersh '96

Lewis Gersh '96

Sheldon Gottlieb '81

Karin Gregory '88

Jamie Hage '78

Benjamin Hauptman '80

Elizabeth Hoglund '79

Dean John Hutson

William Keefauver

Michelle Lando '90

Peter Lando '91

Terrence Larrimer

Loislaw.com, Inc.

Dana Metes '99

Doo-Hyun Moon '98

Nehemias Gorin Foundation

New Hampshire Women's

Bar Association

Robert Novy '76

Maria Nutile '88

Damaso Pardo '90

Robert Parodi '78

Rajiv Patel '95

The Phillips-Green

Foundation, Inc.

Maureen Raiche Manning '86

Charles Saxbe

Leslee Shaw

Mark Sisti '79

Gordon Smith

Harral Tenney '77

Patricia Tenney

James Textor '79

Binney Wells

Robert Wells

#### ADVOCATE CLUB

Gifts of \$500 to \$999

Brian Carey '00

Alice Chamberlin '78

Rosemary DeFilippo '78

Gregory Drummond '84

Richard Follender '81

Thomas Getz '82

Judith Gire '83

Terrie Harman '78

Bryan Harris

Edward Hendrick Jr. '99

David Honeycutt '78

Paul Jabour II '81

Craig Jepson

Brian Kowalski '87

Robert LaBeau '80

Cynthia Landau '80

Jacob Levine '87

David Lowin '79

Maine & Asmus

John Nale '77

Mark Nale '84

Benette Pizzimenti '84

Dennis Pizzimenti '76

Riverstone Resources

Janet Rosa

Michael Ruedig '77

James Slattery

Janet Stockhausen '87

Robert Worrall '93

Scott Zimmerman '00

#### NEW CENTURY CLUB

Gifts of \$200 to \$499

G. Clair Baker Jr. '83

A. Larry Berren '80

Anne Berry-Goodfellow '79

Thomas Bohan '80

Rosina Borrelli

Harold Brockman '78

Alan Brown '96

Steven Brown '87

Elizabeth Bruen

Charles Bruzga '79

Kevin Carroll '95

Jon Cavicchi '84

Thomas Cawley '96

Stephen Christian '88

Julia Cohen '94

Jeffrey Crocker '79

Martha Crocker '79

Jinsu Zhenxiu Dai '92

Michael Donovan '86

Susan Doty '98

Teresa Dubuque '81

Scott Eaton '80

Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper &

Scinto

David Flaum '79

Hilda Fleisher '81

Christine Friedman '91

James Fukuyama '00

Shinya Furutani '01

Thomas Gibbs '78

Stephen Goldman '76

John Goodfellow '78

Gregory Gore '81

Kathleen Goulet '90

Norman Harrison '86

Barry Hobbins '77

Hon. Sherman Horton

Lori Klucsarits '00

Alan Koller '93

George Lagos '81

John Lassey '78

Tzu-Ching Lu '00

Jeannie MacKay

James MacLeod '87

John Maldjian '95

Antonio Menendez '79

Lin Olsen '97

Petro Pankov '99

George Papageorge '94



# HONOR ROLL

Abhijit Parikh '98  
 Lauren Paul '92  
 John Pendleton  
 Cita Priapantja '93  
 Diane Puckhaber '81  
 Robert Puckhaber '82  
 Billie Ramsey '80  
 Randolph Reis '76  
 Caroline Rockafellow '93  
 Martin Shaw '79  
 William Slye  
 Todd Volyn '93  
 Mary Lou Wakimura  
     Knowles '86  
 Leslie Weise '93  
 Randi Werner Cohen '78  
 Thomas Wolfe '01  
 Sheryl Young '82

## FRIENDS OF PIERCE LAWF Gifts of up to \$199

Lawrence Abramson '78  
 Lindsay Adams '93  
 Dean Alexis '77  
 Andrea Amodeo-Vickery '78  
 Madison Anderson '98  
 Linda Appiah  
 McDave Appiah '99  
 Elliot Aronson '79  
 Juan Aulmann '02  
 Carol Avard '80  
 Ellen Azad '02  
 Andre Bahou '03  
 Christine Bailey Alff '98  
 Elaine Baillargeon '86  
 Nancy Ball '85  
 Dennis Banks '86  
 Jeffrey Barclay '01  
 Wendy Barnes '91  
 Richard Basch '77  
 Elizabeth Bassett '86  
 Kerry Behrens '01  
 David Belfort '96  
 Harold Beliveau  
 Charles Bell '01  
 Michael Bergeron '96  
 Peter Bielinski '80  
 Homer Blair  
 Susan Bodine '81  
 J. Michael Boggs '99  
 Cynthia Booth '88  
 Joseph Borsellino '87  
 Ann Bosiak Randall '94  
 Allison Bowles '02  
 Brobeck, Phleger &  
     Harrison, LLP  
 Richard Brown '01  
 Michael Bujold '86  
 Mark Burke '90  
 Noelle Burrill '99  
 Winston Burt '79  
 Daniel Cabral '02  
 Jane Caddell Paddison '85  
 Edith Cahn  
 John Cameron '95  
 Joseph Carreiro '96  
 Raymond Cebula III '82  
 Andrea Cesare Rash '91  
 Dawn Chamberlaine  
 Pamela Chute '76  
 Brad Close '99  
 Gregory Cohan '96  
 George Collins '79  
 Michael Conklin '80  
 James Conway '76  
 Michael Cornelio '00  
 Mark Cornell '92  
 Melanie Cornell  
 Joanne Craighead '86  
 Rodkey Craighead '79

James Cribbs '92  
 John Cronin '77  
 Daniel Daisak '94  
 Brian Daniels  
 Cynthia Dash '94  
 Barbara Dawson '03  
 Daryl Dayian '93  
 J. Bryan Deans Jr. '86  
 G. Keith deBrucky '77  
 Phillip Decker '95  
 Margaret Demos '80  
 Karen DePalma '80  
 Sean Detweiler '98  
 Janet DeVito '84  
 Robert Dewees '76  
 Robert Dewhirst '82  
 Kostas Diamantis '84  
 Joseph Dickinson  
 Judith Dickinson '79  
 Jennifer Diepering Hower '98  
 Raymond DiLucci '90  
 Francis DiLuna '85  
 Tracey Dodds '82  
 Laura Donnelly '94  
 Michael Donnelly '93  
 Undarmaa Dorjbal '00  
 Patrick Dorr '87  
 John Dresch '01  
 Hon. James Duggan  
 Stephanie Eaton '90  
 Eileen Ebel '92  
 Donna Edwards '89  
 James Ferro '94  
 Stephanie Ferro '94  
 Annemarie Field '98  
 Thomas Field III '99  
 Harriet Fishman '82  
 Patrick Fletcher '01  
 Paul Flint '82  
 Steven Fontana '91  
 Ralph Frable '81  
 Frederick Frangie '95  
 Carol Friedman  
 Sherri Gallant '02  
 Nina Gat '92  
 Jeffrey Gerson '91  
 Neil Gilbert '92  
 James Gleason '78  
 Andrea Goldberg '85  
 Ellen Gordon '81  
 Hedy Grant '79  
 David Griffiths '92  
 Howard Gross '84  
 Baidi Gu '89  
 Ruth Gulick '80  
 Sheue-Fang Guo '94  
 Ruth Anne Hall '87  
 Arlene Halliday '85  
 Matthew Hallisey '94  
 Margaret Hallyburton '96  
 Yoon Suk Ham '94  
 Jon Hanson '87  
 Lisa Harpring '86  
 Suzanne Harvey '97  
 Everard Hatch III '93  
 Wenda Helme '80  
 William Hennessey '86  
 Jeanne Herrick '98  
 Wayne Hersher '82  
 Carol Hess '79  
 Lee Hess  
 Richard Hesse  
 Sarah Hofmann '81  
 Laura Holbrook '95  
 Anne Holihan '84  
 Thomas Holsten '03  
 Jennifer Hopkins '96  
 Hampton Howard '96  
 Lori Howell '85  
 Kenneth Human '77  
 Paula Hurley '82

Christopher Irving '85  
 Stephen Izzi '83  
 Richard Jacoby '95  
 Shih-Chieh Jang '98  
 Claire Jarvinen '92  
 Mitchell Jean '83  
 Tanya Karanasios '95  
 Lola Kaye  
 Jennifer Keiser '93  
 Eugene Kelly '88  
 Dawn Kelsey '94  
 Robert Kfoury '87  
 David King '77  
 Fabian Koenigbauer '03  
 Diane Kort '98  
 Thomas Krul '01  
 William LaCourse '87  
 William Lambert '02  
 Cheryl Landry '98  
 Christopher Largay '91  
 Stephen Lattanzio '82  
 James Laura '99  
 Jane Lawrence '77  
 Bum-Ho Lee '95  
 Hosoon Lee '98  
 Conrad Leikauf '91  
 Cynthia Lewis '01  
 Cathy Lueders '95  
 Vicki Lutz '78  
 James Lynch '01  
 Joseph Malfitani '89  
 Robert Marden '81  
 Mark Matkovich '92  
 Kevin McAllister '81  
 Marcia McCormack '89  
 Joy McCoy '93  
 Kathleen McDonald '82  
 Christine McLaughlin '80  
 Sarah McPartland-Good '88  
 Roman Melamed  
 Veronika Melamed '99  
 Heather Merrill '88  
 Steven Miano '85  
 Carolyne Michaud '93  
 Joseph Michaud '93  
 Catherine Miklitsch '77  
 Milford Rotary Club  
 Jeremy Miller '00  
 Donald Milligan '81  
 Rosanne Mistretta '85  
 Rie Miyake '95  
 Moir & Brodich PA  
 Alyce Moore '89  
 Mark Moran '84  
 Stephen Morris '76  
 Kelly Mullen Wieser '01  
 David Mullett '81  
 Peter Munson '97  
 Elizabeth Murphy '03  
 Ellen Musinsky  
 Richard Nale '76  
 Jeanette Neuman  
 New England Business  
     Service Inc.  
 Kenneth Nielsen '83  
 Moira Notargiacomo '91  
 Trenton Novak '94  
 Robert O'Connell '97  
 Cristina Offenber '93  
 Jason Okai '00  
 Shigemi Okumura '02  
 Danielle Pacik '01  
 Florence Parker '81  
 Philip Payne '86  
 W. Eric Pedersen '77  
 Gentle Peng '92  
 Patricia Petrelia Panichas '94  
 Mary Pilkington-Casey '86  
 Parker Potter Jr. '99  
 Robert Raiche '80  
 Thomas Rappa '86

Raymond Regan '81  
 Deborah Rein '77  
 Deborah Reynolds '80  
 Joni Reynolds  
 Ann Rice '88  
 Jennifer Rich '02  
 Nancy Richards-Stower '76  
 Anne Richmond '78  
 William Ritchie '88  
 Timothy Robinson '93  
 Elizabeth Rose '85  
 Timothy Ryan '00  
 David Sandberg '81  
 Carrie Seligman '85  
 Mark Seligman '85  
 Samuel Servello '94  
 Lance Shader '82  
 James Sheridan '98  
 Suzanne Sherman '79  
 S. David Siff '76  
 James Silva '99  
 Judy Silva '82  
 Mladen Singer '93  
 Steven Slovenski '81  
 Deborah Small '95  
 Vincent Smeraglia '97  
 Sophie Sparrow  
 Karen Springer '88  
 Stein, Volinsky & Callaghan  
 Lynne Strober '77  
 Marcia Strouss '83  
 Joseph Tafro '79  
 Angela Tafro-Scala '94  
 Nancy Tayebi Aiken '99  
 Texaco Inc.  
 Lee Topham '91  
 Ronald Trice '99  
 Joseph Tropiano '82  
 Laura Tull Dodge '01  
 Vanessa Varone '83  
 Royce Vehslage '85  
 Christopher Voci '99  
 Philip Von Neida '89  
 Lloyd Walmsley '76  
 Joseph Warren '02  
 Ann Webb '79  
 Peter Webb '79  
 Jun Wei '97  
 Alvin Weinstein '83  
 Patricia Welch '95  
 Catherine Wendelken '03  
 Denise Wester  
 Allan Wheatcraft '93  
 Ann Marie Wheatcraft '93  
 Susanna Whitcher '92  
 Paolo Wieser '01  
 Sara Wiley '02  
 Christopher Wood '78  
 Nicholas Wright '99  
 Peter Wright '80  
 Husheng Yuan '89  
 Mary Jude Yue-Datlow '88  
 Xiangjing Zhan '99  
 Douglas Zhang '90  
 Rongmin Zhao '89  
 Joyce Zoldak '83  
 Howard Zuckerman '76

## WINNIE McLAUGHLIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### Pledges of \$10,000 +

Rath, Young and Pignatelli,  
 P.A.  
 Catherine Shively '82  
 William Wilson Jr. '78

### Pledges of \$5,000 to \$9,999

Hilda Fleisher '81  
 Cathy Green '77

### Pledges of \$2,000 to \$4,999

Joni Esperian '92  
 Glenn Raiche '88  
 Maureen Raiche Manning '86  
 Robert Raiche '80  
 Denise Raiche-Casinghino '85

### Pledges up to \$2,000

George Collins '79  
 Michael Conklin '80  
 Claudia Damon  
 Lucy Hodder  
 Matthew Jacobs '96  
 Ann McLane Kuster  
 Ellen Musinsky  
 New Hampshire Women's  
     Bar Association  
 Jennifer Parent  
 Jonathan Raiche '01  
 Deborah Reynolds '80  
 Upton & Hatfield, LLP  
 Maura Weston '96  
 Sherilyn Young '82

## A Note of Thanks to Our Volunteers

We gratefully acknowledge the generous amount of time you, as volunteers, donate on behalf of Pierce Law. You are tireless supporters serving in countless capacities such as trustees, members of the Dean's Leadership Council, class agents, alumni event sponsors, Public Interest Coalition Auction organizers, career services employment contacts, admissions representatives, and reunion chairs and committee members. Your commitment and dedication are deeply appreciated.

### TRUSTEES

Kenneth C. Brown '78  
 Anthony W. Buxton '78  
 Carol Ann Conboy '78  
 Tadeusz J. Dorda  
 Donna F. Edwards '89  
 Lewis D. Gersh '96  
 Morton E. Goulder  
 Karin A. Gregory '88  
 Bryan Harris  
 William J. Keefauver  
 Jack B. Middleton  
 Gerald J. Mosinghoff  
 Gordon V. Smith  
 Harral S. Tenney '77  
 Douglas J. Wood '76

### DEAN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Annalee Abelson '97  
 Michael S. Ackerman '76  
 Peter Braun '79  
 Gerow D. Brill '91  
 Kenneth C. Brown '78  
 Vera B. Buck '82  
 James E. Conway '76  
 Mark H. Donatelli '76  
 David A. Donet '80  
 Earl W. Duval '92  
 Hilda W. Fleisher '81  
 James B. Fox '76  
 Gordon C. Gilroy '95  
 Sheldon L. Gottlieb '81  
 Cathy J. Green '77  
 Paul V. Jabour II '81  
 Michelle B. Lando '90  
 Peter C. Lando '91  
 John W. Pacheco '76  
 Damaso A. Pardo '90  
 Kyle Parker '85  
 Rajiv P. Patel '95  
 Wayne W. Presby '82  
 Timothy J. Ryan '00  
 Dorothy F. Silver '79  
 Gordon V. Smith  
 Harral S. Tenney '77  
 Patricia Tenney  
 John L. Thomas '78  
 Thomas Q. Tsai '91  
 Janet Elizabeth Vail '76  
 Sherilyn A. Young '82

### CLASS AGENTS

1976 Michael S. Ackerman  
 Richard C. Nale  
 1977 John E. Nale  
 Harral S. Tenney  
 1978 Kenneth C. Brown  
 Jamie N. Hage  
 1979 Peter Braun  
 James M. Textor  
 1980 Susan Haddad Hage  
 Benjamin J. Hauptman  
 1981 Richard C. Follender  
 Sheldon L. Gottlieb  
 1982 Vera B. Buck  
 Sherilyn A. Young  
 1983 Timothy J. Bergere  
 1984 Mark J. Nale  
 Richard Y. Uchida  
 1985 Charles S. Temple  
 1986 John S. Sawicki  
 1987 Thomas G. Fallis  
 1988 Karin A. Gregory  
 Maria Nutile  
 1989 Michael F. Hacker  
 1991 Robert R. Axenfeld  
 Gerow D. Brill  
 Moira Notargiacomo  
 1992 Earl W. Duval  
 1993 Arthur T. DiMeo  
 Vernon C. Maine  
 1994 Julia R. Cohen  
 1995 Dawn N. Buonocore-Atlas  
 Rajiv P. Patel  
 1997 Scott J. Asmus  
 Anthony Colesanti  
 1998 Andrew Bertrand  
 1999 Dana R. Metes  
 2000 Dennis PCawley  
 Robert Marshall Kern  
 2001 Elizabeth J. Baker  
 Steven R. Endres  
 Debra A. Gaw  
 Danielle L. Pacik  
 2002 Gloria M. Arteaga  
 Amanda B. MacKinnon  
 Alexandros S. Yiokarinis  
 2003 Julia Elizabeth Bazaldua  
 Barbara Alisande  
 Dawson  
 Anne Elizabeth Yates

### WINNIE McLAUGHLIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

Patti Blanchette '80  
 Heather M. Burns '91  
 Joni N. Esperian '92  
 Hilda W. Fleisher '81  
 Cathy J. Green '77  
 Clare M. Hinkley '90  
 Lee Leppanen  
 Ann McLane Kuster  
 Ellen J. Musinsky  
 Jennifer Lee Parent  
 Robert E. Raiche '80  
 Maureen Raiche Manning '86  
 Wilfred L. Sanders  
 William H. Shaheen  
 Richard Y. Uchida '84  
 Martha Van Oot  
 Sherilyn A. Young '82

### REUNION 2003 COMMITTEES

#### Class of 1977

Dean G. Alexis  
 Lawrence F. Coyne  
 Michael B. Forte  
 Kenneth R. Human  
 Catherine M. Miklitsch  
 John E. Nal

#### Class of 1978

Andrea Amadeo-Vickery  
 Kenneth C. Brown  
 Anthony W. Buxton  
 George N. Casale  
 Alice B. Chamberlin  
 Carol Ann Conboy  
 Thomas E. Gibbs  
 Jamie N. Hage  
 Nicholas J. Harding  
 Terrie Harman  
 Nina Kraut  
 John A. Lasse  
 Thomas J. Nale  
 John L. Thomas  
 Thomas R. Watson

#### Class of 1983

Matthew J. Lahey  
 Steven B. Scudder

#### Class of 1988

Karin A. Gregory  
 John A. Kostrubanic  
 Lynne M. Parker  
 Julie Walden Howard

### Class of 1992

Eric T. Bellone  
 C. Michael Celenza  
 J. Mark Cranford  
 Earl W. Duval  
 Joni N. Esperian  
 Mary Grace Ferone  
 Neil Y. Gilbert  
 Joseph F. Murphy  
 Susanna G. Whitcher

### Class of 1993

Cristina Carvalho  
 Kathleen A. Chapman  
 Vernon C. Maine

### Class of 1998

Christine A. Bailey Alff  
 Andrew Bertrand  
 Scott A. Daniels  
 James Brian Judd  
 Peter Anthony Nieves  
 James Andrew Sheridan

### VOLUNTEERS

Ronald L. Abramson  
 Alicia Albritton  
 Dean G. Alexis '77  
 Richard K. Allen '85  
 Andrea Amadeo-Vickery '78  
 Gloria M. Arteaga '02  
 Mark W. Baer '88  
 Christine A. Bailey Alff '98  
 Jonathan P. Baird '85  
 Elizabeth J. Baker '01  
 Rebecca Barry  
 Kip L. Beasley '01  
 Eric T. Bellone '92  
 Deborah S. Bernhardt '01  
 Andrew Bertrand '98  
 Stephen Black  
 Patti Blanchette '80  
 Lisa-Dawn U. Bollinger '02  
 Andrea J. Boudreau '02  
 Arthur D. Brennan '83  
 Nicholas Brodich  
 Adam S. Brown '94  
 Donna J. Brown '86  
 Kenneth C. Brown '78  
 David J. Burns '91  
 Heather M. Burns '91  
 Anthony W. Buxton '78  
 Allison Cahill  
 Brian C. Carey '00  
 Caroline B. Carlson '96  
 Kevin J. Carroll '95  
 Cristina Carvalho '93  
 George N. Casale '78  
 June A. Casey '02  
 Elizabeth Cazden  
 C. Michael Celenza '92  
 Alice B. Chamberlin '78  
 Steve Chan  
 Kathleen A. Chapman '93  
 Lori A. Christmann '01  
 Bryan W. Clickner '95  
 Paul F. Coddington '00  
 Jacalyn A. Colburn '96  
 Carol A. Conboy '78  
 Dominick A. Conde '90  
 Lawrence F. Coyne '77  
 David R. Craig '96  
 Donald C. Crandlemire '93  
 J. Mark Cranford '92  
 Timothy J. Crutchfield '96  
 James G. Cullem '99  
 Lynnmarie Cusack  
 Scott A. Daniels '98  
 Amy B. Davidson '82  
 Barbara A. Dawson '03  
 Daryl E. Dayian '93  
 Will Delker  
 Keith F. Diaz '03  
 Joseph A. Dickinson  
 Shawn Diedrich '04  
 David A. Donet '80  
 David A. Donet '97  
 Cheryl S. Driscoll '93  
 James E. Duggan  
 Stephen A. Duggan '95  
 Elizabeth A. Dunn '97  
 Earl W. Duval '92  
 Christopher T. Eggers '01  
 Joni N. Esperian '92  
 Catherine A. Feeney '95  
 Mark Feigl  
 Vincenq Feliu  
 Mary Grace Ferone '92  
 Thomas G. Field Jr.  
 Stephen R. Finch '99  
 Robert J. Finn  
 Hilda W. Fleisher '81  
 Kethy Fletcher  
 Michael B. Forte '77  
 Sarah Fox '05  
 Richard E. Fradette '82  
 Thomas A. Fredenburg '81  
 Michael J. Frodsham '02  
 David I. Frydman  
 Steve Fuller  
 Debra A. Gaw '01  
 Joseph W. Geldhof '79  
 Maria J. Getoff '93  
 Reginald Ghiden  
 Hugh H. Gibbons  
 Thomas E. Gibbs '78  
 Neil Y. Gilbert '92  
 Cathy J. Green '77  
 Karin A. Gregory '88

James Krause  
 Nina Kraut '78  
 Matthew J. Lahey '83  
 Cynthia R. Landau '80  
 John A. Lassey '78  
 Edward Lawson  
 Marlene A. Lein '87  
 Lee Leppanen  
 Ronald K. Lospennato '78  
 Henrietta W. Luneau '93  
 Vincent Macri '03  
 Vernon C. Maine '93  
 Virginia Martin  
 Margaret McCabe  
 Ann M. McCrackin '97  
 Peter McDonough  
 Susan P. McGinnis '98  
 Rebecca McKinnon '03  
 Ann McLane Kuster  
 Marilyn B. McNamara '77  
 Marie M. McPartlin '00  
 Joan Meschino '94  
 Catherine M. Miklitsch '77  
 Fritz Moeckel  
 Mark R. Moran '84  
 Brian Moyer '04  
 Patricia Moyer  
 Sunniva Mulligan Beetz '99  
 Joseph F. Murphy '92  
 William J. Murphy  
 Ellen J. Musinsky  
 John E. Nale '77  
 Thomas J. Nale '78  
 Abebe Negash  
 Robert W. Nelson '93  
 Mark E. Nichols '03

Peter A. Nieves '98  
 Maria Nutile '88  
 Elizabeth B. Olcott-Fournier '84  
 David W. Osborne '99  
 Danielle L. Pacik '01  
 Jennifer L. Parent  
 Lynne M. Parker '88  
 Patricia Peard  
 Raymond S. Perry Jr. '79  
 Michael J. Persson '96  
 Mary T. Pilkington-Casey '86  
 Mia Poliquin '04  
 Parker B. Potter Jr. '99  
 Diane M. Puckhaber '81  
 Robert E. Raiche '80  
 Maureen Raiche Manning '86  
 James M. Reams '77  
 Sarah E. Redfield  
 Thomas F. Reid '96  
 E. Maria Reinemann '00  
 Sophie Reist  
 Ann M. Rice '88  
 Barbara D. Richardson '00  
 Susan M. Richey  
 David A. Rienzo '98  
 Kent J. Rissmiller '80  
 Aaron Ritchey '04  
 Judith A. Roman '89  
 Jeffrey Roy  
 David W. Ruoff '96  
 Rebecca J. Rutter '01  
 Erin Ryan '04  
 Willfred L. Sanders  
 Tracy A. Scavarelli '00  
 Heather E. Schulze '99

Steven B. Scudder '83  
 Glen M. Secor  
 Mark Seymour  
 William H. Shaheen  
 Barry Shanks  
 Mary B. Sheffer '92  
 James A. Sheridan '98  
 Julie A. Short '03  
 Mitchell Simon  
 Tony F. Soltani '91  
 Sophie M. Sparrow  
 M. Kristin Spath '85  
 James Steiner  
 Robert Sturke  
 Eugene Sullivan  
 Charles S. Temple '85  
 John L. Thomas '78  
 John Tobin  
 Laura B. Tull Dodge '01  
 Richard Y. Uchida '84  
 Martha Van Oot  
 Julie Walden Howard '88  
 Thomas R. Watson '78  
 Catherine A. Wendelken '03  
 Susanna G. Whitcher '92  
 Michael J. Whitehead '00  
 Peter S. Wright '80  
 Anne E. Yates '03  
 Sherilyn A. Young '82

#### 2004 ADMISSIONS AMBASSADORS

Seamus Boyce '06  
 Dan Cahoy '98  
 Sarah Cure '05  
 Beth Deragon '05  
 Keachea N. Dixon '04  
 David Donet, Jr. '97  
 David Estabrook '05  
 Margee Fagelson '04  
 Raymond A. Foss '04  
 Matthew J. Fossum '04  
 Sarah Fox '05  
 Martha Gannon '06  
 Andrea L. Hirst '04  
 Jill Holly '06  
 Paul Homer '05  
 Wendy L. Houser '04  
 Philip Hunt '05  
 Jason Jennings '05  
 Jeff Kobulnick '03  
 Annette Kwok '05  
 Friederick K. Moeckel '04  
 Maria Nutile '88  
 Dave Osborn '99  
 Kevin O'Shea '05  
 Melissa Penson '05  
 Jamie Platkin '05  
 Doug Portnow '05  
 Kymberli Puccio '05  
 Erin Ritchie '04  
 Jeffrey Royer '05  
 Erin E. Ryan '04  
 Adam Ullman '05  
 Anne Yates '03

## INVESTING in EXCELLENCE PIERCE LAW ANNUAL FUND

Join your classmates who have already given to the 2003-2004 Investing in Excellence Annual Fund.  
 Your continued support is all it takes.

Regardless of the size of your gift, your loyal support increases the overall alumni participation rate which helps to attract major grant support for Pierce Law, assists in funding Pierce Law's institutes, clinics, and programs and funds state-of-the-art equipment and facility upgrades.

Please make your check payable to:

**Franklin Pierce Law Center**, Two White Street, Concord, NH 03301.

## Dean John Hutson Interviewed by CBS 60 Minutes and NBC Nightly News

Pierce Law Dean and President John D. Hutson appeared on national television twice in November regarding two top news stories. Hutson commented on the military policy “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” for CBS *60 Minutes* and for NBC *Nightly News* on the decision of the United States Supreme Court to hear cases on the Guantanamo Bay detainees.

CBS camera crews, producers and news correspondent Morley Safer arrived at Pierce Law on September 20 to interview Hutson for *60 Minutes*. The interview was the result of an op-ed piece written by Hutson that was published in the *National Law Journal* on August 9, following the Supreme Court decision in *Lawrence v Texas*. The show aired on Sunday, November 16.

Hutson is one of three retired officers, all who served as the top legal officers in their services, who recently filed a brief on behalf of the Guantanamo Bay detainees. The case will now be heard before the United States Supreme Court.

Hutson was a guest on CNN International, commenting on the release of prisoners in Guantanamo. He also spoke with the BBC’s *World Today*, National Public Radio’s *Talk of the Nation*, and radio networks nationwide. He was interviewed for articles in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Miami Herald*, *Legal Times*, *Hartford Courant*, *Newsday*, *Washington Post* and *Los Angeles Weekly*.



Dean John Hutson speaks with news correspondent Morley Safer of CBS *60 Minutes* in Pierce Law’s Kenison Room during the taping of the segment that aired on November 16.

## New Partnership Agreement with University of New Mexico School of Law for Student Exchange

Pierce Law and the University of New Mexico School of Law (UNM) Albuquerque, NM have established a partnership that will allow students enrolled at each institution to study for a semester at the other school. The new partnership agreement was signed in October by Pierce Law Dean John D. Hutson and Suellyn Scarnecchia, dean of the University of New Mexico School of Law.

“This agreement provides our law students with

a world class program in patent and intellectual property law without stretching our resources too thin,” says Scarnecchia. “In turn, we have a lot to offer Pierce Law students. UNM has been a leader in Indian law and natural resources law for decades. It’s a win-win situation for both law schools.”

“The student exchanges may be followed by an exchange of faculty members,” explains Hutson. “UNM professors might teach at Pierce Law in their

fields of expertise while auditing technology and law courses here. Pierce Law instructors will travel to New Mexico to teach patent law while learning about Native American cultural and property laws.”

Student exchanges are expected to begin in January 2004.

## Four New Trustees Appointed

The appointment of four new members to the board of trustees of Pierce Law has been announced by Douglas J. Wood, Esq., chair of the board. They are: Kenneth Chad Brown, Esq. of Manchester, NH; Jack B. Middleton, Esq. of Manchester, NH; Gordon V. Smith of Moorestown, NJ; and H. Scott Tenny, Esq. of Ridgefield, CT.

“This is an historical occasion for Pierce Law. Never before have we had four new trustees elected in a single day. These are people of remarkable achievement in a variety of endeavors. We are honored that such distinguished and capable leaders have agreed to serve,” says Wood. “They will play prominent leadership roles as Pierce moves to the next level of excellence in legal education. We have been blessed over the years with dynamic and dedicated trustees with vision. I know that the new trustees will continue that enviable tradition.”

Brown is a partner in Abramson, Brown & Dugan, Manchester, NH. He serves as a special prosecutor for the New Hampshire Supreme Court and participates on the Professional Conduct Committee. In 2003, he was the honored recipient of the New Hampshire Bar Association's Service to the Public Award and the New England Handicapped Sports Association's Service Award. An active civic leader, Brown is a member of the Coastal

Conservation Association, the New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights, and a member of the board of directors of the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire. A 1978 graduate of Pierce Law, he is also a member of Pierce Law's Dean's Leadership Council.

President of McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, PA, Manchester, Middleton is a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, and former Association secretary and member of its Board of Governors. He is the former president of the New Hampshire Bar Association, the New England Bar Association and the National Conference of Bar Foundations. Active in community and civic projects, he is director of the New England Council, former director of the Greater Manchester Development Corporation, former chair of the Greater Manchester United Way, and past chair of the Board of Governors of New Hampshire Public Television. He was named New Hampshire Business Leader of the Year in 2000, and was recognized in the 1999–2000 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of business litigation and personal injury litigation. He holds a JD degree from Boston University.

Smith is chairman of the Board of AUS, Inc., Moorestown, NJ, a closely-held holding company with \$35 million annual revenues

from national and international subsidiary operations in market research and specialized consulting practices. He is also president of AUS Consultants, and AUS Consultants Valuation Services Group.

A noted author, lecturer and consultant on intellectual property issues, Smith authored *Trademark Valuation* and was co-author of *Valuation of Intellectual Property and Intangible Assets*, now in its third edition and translated into Korean and Japanese. He also co-authored *Intellectual Property: Licensing and Joint Venture Profit Strategies*, all three books published by John Wiley & Sons. He has contributed to other Wiley intellectual property books and written numerous articles. An active lecturer internationally, he is a member of the International Trademark Association, the Licensing Executives Society and serves as chair of the

Advisory Board of the Licensing Economics Review. He holds a BA from Harvard University, and studied accounting and economics at the University of Wisconsin. At Pierce Law, Smith has taught “Valuation of Intellectual Property” at the Intellectual Property Summer Institute since 1998, and lectured at the Advanced Licensing Institute since its inception.

Tenny is president of Hudson Baylor, a company he helped to found in 1983 after passage of New York State's Bottle Bill. Hudson Baylor operates facilities in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Arizona for collecting and processing returned containers, recycling plastic, glass, aluminum, and other forms of fiber including newspaper and cardboard. A 1977 graduate of Pierce Law, Tenny is a member of the New York State Bar and former district attorney in Brooklyn, NY.



Dean John Hutson greets Democratic presidential candidate General Wesley Clark after his press conference held at Pierce Law, and aired live on C-Span in December.

## New Hampshire Women's Bar Association and Pierce Law Award First Women's Scholarship

Pierce Law student Barbara Bedard '06 of Goffstown, NH is the recipient of the first Winnie McLaughlin Scholarship, made possible through the collaborative effort of Pierce Law and the New Hampshire Women's Bar Association. The scholarship is named in honor of Agnes Winifred McLaughlin, the first woman admitted to practice law in the state of New Hampshire.



*Barbara Bedard '06, the first recipient of the Winnie McLaughlin Scholarship*

The scholarship was created to attract outstanding women law school candidates. The recipient will receive \$5,000 each year throughout her three years of law school if she maintains certain academic standards and criteria.

"This scholarship presents an exciting opportunity for the New Hampshire legal community to attract bright, talented women scholars to attend Pierce Law," say Joni N. Esperian '92 of Moquin &

Daley, Manchester, NH. "It is our hope that the recipients will decide to practice in New Hampshire after graduation, which would benefit the community at large. Thanks to generous donations from the law firm of Rath, Young & Pignatelli and individual contributors Catherine E. Shively '82, Hilda W. Fleischer '81 and Cathy J. Green '77 and others, the endowment fund is well underway in meeting its minimum goal."

A 1996 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Bedard served most recently as executive director of the Greater Nashua and Souhegan Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross. A 1996 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Bedard also attended the School for International Training, Brattleboro, VT and spent a semester in Belfast, Ireland. Prior to joining the Red Cross, she served as a research associate for Criminal Diversion Project for Women with Serious Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Disorder at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Center for Mental Health Services Research.

## Focus on New Students at Pierce Law



Prior to enrolling at Pierce Law, first-year student Mitchell Mehlman '06 of Pleasanton, CA worked as a spacecraft manager. He is pictured here with the Russian Proton rocket as it is erected on the launch pad in preparation for launch of the Echostar VIII Spacecraft built by Space Systems/Loral for Echostar's DISH network. Photo taken in the summer of 2002 at Russia's largest space launch facility, the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

## In Memoriam

### THE HONORABLE HUGH H. BOWNES

The Honorable Hugh H. Bownes, a senior judge on the U.S. First Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston, MA died Wednesday, November 5, 2003 at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut. He



*The Honorable Hugh H. Bownes*

was 83 and had recently retired on September 1 to live in his Branford home with his wife, Mary. The cause of death was pneumonia following complications arising from a stroke he had suffered on September 19.

The son of Irish immigrants, Judge Bownes was a scholarship student. He lived in the Bronx and commuted by subway to Columbia College, graduating in 1941.

He married Irja Martikainen in 1944. He graduated from Columbia Law School in 1948 and they later moved to Laconia, NH. During his first years as a lawyer, Judge Bownes was concerned with civil rights. His beliefs took him to the U.S. Supreme Court where he defended an accused

“communist” during the McCarthy era.

He also became an activist in Democratic politics as city councilman and later mayor of Laconia, as well as a member of the Democratic National Committee. He was judge of the New Hampshire Superior Court in 1966, and later selected by President Lyndon B. Johnson to become a Federal District Court judge. From 1968 to 1977, he was the sole District Court judge in New Hampshire, handling over 450 cases including the famed “Live Free or Die” license plate case in which he upheld the defendants’ First Amendment right to tape over this state motto. In 1977 U.S. Senator Tom McIntyre recommended to President Jimmy Carter that Judge Bownes be elevated to the U.S. Court of Appeals, a position he held until his retirement on September 1, 2003.

In 35 years, he amassed a number of crucial opinions ranging from extension of educational rights for disabled children to a recent case upholding prescription drug rebates for senior citizens. In addition, Judge Bownes mentored nearly 100 law clerks, several of whom have become state and federal court judges. His many judicial opinions are landmarks which have given form to the idea and ideals of justice in our society. After the death of his first wife, Judge Bownes married Dr. Mary E. Davis, a lawyer and law professor, in 1992.

Pierce Law established the Judge Hugh H. Bownes Forum on Civil Rights in 1992 as an annual commemoration of the writing of the Bill of Rights. The Forum serves as Pierce Law’s annual renewal of its dedication to the protection of individual rights and liberties, and its testimonial to a man whose life’s work is committed to these ideals.

## Scholarships Awarded to Two First-Year Students

Two first-year students at Pierce Law were awarded academic scholarships. They are Mary Krueger of Randolph, NH, and Brett Krueger of Merrimack, NH.

Ms. Krueger was awarded the Robert M. Viles “Making a Difference” Fellowship. The highly competitive annual merit award is presented to a law student in the entering juris doctor class, and includes a full-tuition scholarship and a \$7,500 stipend each year for three years. The Viles Fellowship was established to encourage and continue the long-standing Pierce Law tradition of training and graduating law students committed to careers in public interest law.

### BLANCHE TYSON

Blanche Tyson, 89, died on October 4, in Hoboken, NJ. She served as Pierce Law’s first registrar in 1973. She later worked as an administrator at Concord High School for more than 20 years.

The fellowship is named in honor of former president and longtime dean, Robert M. Viles. Ms. Krueger is a 1994 graduate of Keene State College and worked most recently as executive producer of “The Exchange” on New Hampshire Public Radio.

Mr. Krueger received the Robert B. Benson Scholarship, named in honor of Robert B. Benson, former chair of the board of trustees of Pierce Law. The annual scholarship provides \$1,500 to an entering student who has demonstrated excellence in engineering or science. Krueger holds an MS in mechanical engineering from Stanford University and a BA from the University of Illinois.

## Professor Richard A. Hesse Receives Bill of Rights Award



Professor Emeritus Richard A. Hesse is the recipient of the 2003 "Bill of Rights Award" given annually by the New Hampshire American Civil Liberties Union.

"Richard Hesse is a man blessed with a great intellect, a devotion to justice, and an enormous capacity to share his wisdom and his knowledge with generations of law students," says Claire Ebel, executive director of the New Hampshire ACLU. "He has educated three decades of law students about the nobility and the resilience of the constitution, and their enduring responsibility to use their legal skills to protect the rights of those unable to protect themselves," says Ebel.

A nationally recognized civil rights advocate and constitutional law scholar, Hesse lectures frequently on free speech, religious freedom and civil rights. He served on the New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights, on the Legal Panel of the American Civil Liberties Union, and as a consultant to the New Hampshire Bar Association on the Rules of Professional Conduct and Code of Professional Responsibility.

Hesse joined the faculty of Pierce Law in 1974. He also served briefly as interim dean.

## Twelfth Annual Public Interest Coalition Auction Slated for March 19

Pierce Law will hold its Twelfth Annual Public Interest Coalition Auction on Friday, March 19, at the Courtyard Marriott, 70 Constitution Avenue, Concord.

An auction preview and silent auction will be held from 5–7 p.m., with live bidding beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. The public is welcome to attend.

Last year's auction raised over \$42,000 to fund the work of 15 law students in unpaid positions with public interest organizations.



"The students selected as Public Interest fellows have the opportunity to work with nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies serving the legal needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged clients, locally, nationally and internationally," says Brigette Siff Holmes, director of the Social Justice Institute and auction advisor. The 2003 recipients worked for organizations locally, nationally and worldwide, including the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union, the Queen's County District Attorney's Office, Queens, NY, and the United Nation's War Crimes Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania. According to Holmes, "The fellowships are awarded to selected law students who demonstrate the commitment and qualifications for this vitally important work. Selection is done through a competitive application process. Our PIC fellows serve a wide range of client needs during their summer internships and the work they do is enormously valued by the organizations and clients they serve."

President-elect of the New Hampshire Bar Association James Gleason of Gleason Law Offices, PLLC, Henniker, NH will serve as this year's honorary auction chair. Pierce Law students Kate Morneau '05, Sarah Fox '05, and Sam Sumitani '05 and Melissa Penson '05 (pictured above l to rt) are this year's auction co-chairs

Donations are still welcome. Please contact: [bholmes@piercelaw.edu](mailto:bholmes@piercelaw.edu).



# A LUMNI NEWS

BY DENISE WESTER, ALUMNI DIRECTOR

Many of you have asked me since my appointment as alumni director, “What do you do in the Alumni Office?” Certainly our main focus is to stay in touch with alumni who today encompass people throughout the United States and the world. However, our other main focus is to get to know the students while they are here and to help them transition to the alumni ranks when they graduate.

To this end, we have decided to create a mentoring opportunity for alumni to help students and future lawyers who graduate from Franklin Pierce Law Center. Do you remember the apprehension in choosing the “right” law school for you? Do you remember the anxiety of looking for summer externships or work opportunities? Do you remember the angst of trying to decide what type of law to practice? Do you remember the pressure of the bar exam and looking for full time employment after graduation?

We know that alumni are our greatest resource for Pierce Law, but more importantly for its students. If you think you would enjoy helping a student pick a field of law, get over the anxiety of the bar exam or find externships and employment, please contact me in the alumni office. Please consider this rewarding way to steward future Pierce Law lawyers and to give of yourselves and your time to this worthy endeavor.

If you would like to be a mentor for incoming, existing or graduating students, please contact me at or call 603-228-1541 x1181. We thank you in advance for your consideration and as always, please stay in touch!



Denise Wester  
Alumni Director

## New Hampshire Alumni Association

There are now 1,056 Pierce Law alumni in New Hampshire, which represents one-third of all the lawyers in the state. Although our New Hampshire alumni comprise a major force in the state, we don't have an alumni association. However, we are happy to report that Kenneth Brown '78 has taken on the task of organizing the New Hampshire Alumni Association.

An alumni association creates cohesiveness among its constituents which further strengthens the foundation of the institution and allows you the opportunity to network with alumni in your region .

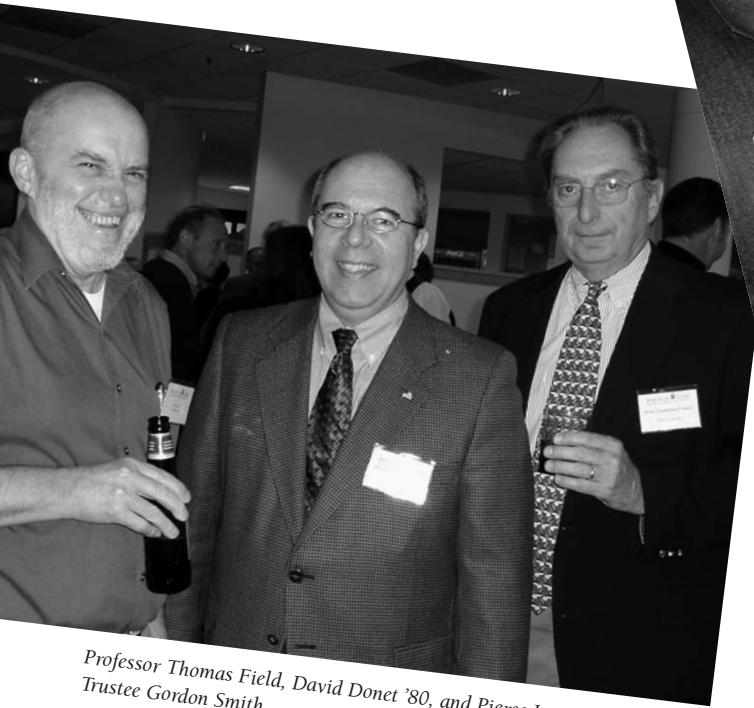
As the framework is created for the New Hampshire Alumni Association, we are considering the formation of regional alumni associations throughout the country. Please let us know if you are interested in spearheading an alumni association in your area.



Alumni Reunion 2003



Earl Duval '92  
and Vera Buck '82



Professor Thomas Field, David Donet '80, and Pierce Law  
Trustee Gordon Smith



Abhijat Parikh '98 and wife Kiran, and Professor William Hennessey '86



Joseph Reagen '92 and wife Abby



Jameela Peer '98(r) and daughter Aliya

Please email address and  
employment changes, news  
and accomplishments to:  
[dwester@piercelaw.edu](mailto:dwester@piercelaw.edu).



Kenneth Brown '78 and wife Diane, and Steven Latici '78



Brian Hart '98 and George Deshong '83



Linda Kostrubanic '88 and husband John, John Gregory '88, and Pierce Law Trustee Karin Gregory '88



Harry Willis '77 and wife Sandy, Daniel Dubord '77, Dean Alexis '77, Ken Human '77 and wife Kim



Mary Grace Ferone '92 and Debra Powell '92

SAVE THE DATE

REUNION WEEKEND 2004

October 2nd

Honoring the Classes of '79, '84, '89, '94, '99

All are welcome! Watch for details.

## Career Services

BY PATRICIA WHITE, ESQ. '85, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES

### DO YOU HAVE A JOB SEARCH SUCCESS STORY TO SHARE?

There is good news and bad news about the legal employment market. The bad news, according to a recent *National Law Journal* survey, is that law firm growth in 2003 was the lowest it has been since 1994. As law firms continued to feel the lingering effects of the recession, the number of associates they employed declined for only the sixth time in 25 years. But the good news, also according to the NLJ, is that 2004 promises to be much better. With almost daily reports of a recovering economy, the outlook for legal employment is improving as well and legal consultants remain generally optimistic.

Here at Pierce Law as second semester gets underway, many second and third year students begin to feel a sense of panic if they haven't yet lined up a summer or permanent position. The fall on-campus recruitment frenzy has long since ended and those who did not obtain an offer are wondering how they will find that elusive summer clerkship or associate position. The 80% of students who are not in the top 20% of their class may have concluded that the employment outlook for them is indeed bleak. Perhaps they have already sent out dozens of resumes and not generated any positive responses. They may feel they have "exhausted" the potential job market in their targeted area. We in Career Services do our best to offer students guidance in self-assessment, researching the market, creating job search strategies and perfecting their job applications. Even knowing that most small and medium size firms don't hire until later in the year or whenever a need happens to arise, it can be difficult for students to keep their enthusiasm and self-esteem intact as they continue the job hunt through the dark days of winter.

Employment rates at graduation generally hover around the 50-60% mark. But, according to National Association for Law Placement statistics for the past three years, by six months after graduation, approximately 90% of graduates find employment. Pierce Law statistics are on a par with the national rates of employment. Chances are that you are among that 90% and have a job search success story that you can share. Which strategies worked (and didn't work) for you? How were you able to maintain your motivation? Perhaps you found your first legal position by sending out a 500 piece mass mailing (probably not) or by responding to an advertised job posting (also statistically unlikely.) Maybe pure serendipity connected you and your first employer (when you bumped into each other at an athletic event.) Or maybe you are a member of that small group of job seekers who found their first legal position through a job fair or on-campus interview program. But statistically, it's far more likely that you obtained your position through a personal contact or networking.

Contacts? Networking? Many students will say they don't have the first and they're uncomfortable with (read: won't do) the second. But those of us in Career Services know that most job seekers who use these techniques will succeed. If you have a job search story you're willing to share, we'd love to hear from you. You can contact us by sending an email to: [pwhite@piercelaw.edu](mailto:pwhite@piercelaw.edu) (we'll withhold your name upon request.)

We think that students will find inspiration in your success and that will help to jump start their own job search. And remember, the Career Services staff is here to assist you as well. If you are conducting your own job search, let us know if we can help.

## CLASS ACTIONS

### 1970s

**Nancy Richards-Stower '76** of Merrimack was recently elected a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, Washington, DC. The College was established in 1995 through an initiative of the Council of the Section of Labor and Employment Law of the American Bar Association.

**G. Keith deBrucky '77** has established a private practice specializing in general business, intellectual property and estate planning in Placentia, CA.

**Michael B. Forte '77** is a family court judge in Providence, RI.

**Gordon Gianninoto '77** was hired as manager of Granville Stone which is a part of Granville Lumber, Blue Hill, ME.

**Cathy Green '77** is serving as the state chair of the New Hampshire Chapter of The American College of Trial Lawyers.

**Lawrence M. Abramson '78** practices law in West Palm Beach, FL. He serves on the board of the National Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agency.

**George N. Casale '78** of Uniondale, NY is a member of the Insurance & Reinsurance Practice Group of Rivkin Radler.

**Alice Chamberlain '78** of Warner, NH was recently elected chair of board of trustees of the New Hampshire chapter of The Nature Conservancy.



*Rosemary K. (Hampp) DeFilippo '78*

**Rosemary K. (Hampp) DeFilippo '78** has her own firm in Bethany, CT.

**Lewis Lindenberg '78** joined the real estate law firm Belkin, Burden, Wenig & Goldman LLP as a partner.

**Ronald Lospennato '78**, director for the Disabilities Rights Center, recently received the Frank Rowe Kenison Award from the New Hampshire Bar Foundation.

**Vicki Lutz '78** of Briarcliff, NY is with the Pace Women's Justice Center practicing family, academic and criminal law.

**Ann S. Richmond '78** of Delroy Beach, FL and Phippsburg, ME is recently retired.

**Elizabeth (Betsy) Spencer '78** and her husband, former Pierce Law Professor Dan Farmer, have retired in Southern New Jersey.

**Joseph Geldhof '79** recently finished briefing a Separation of Powers case to the Alaska Supreme Court.

**Suzanne Sherman '79** and **Joseph Tafro '79** have retired from their New Jersey law practices and permanently moved to the west coast of Florida.

### 1980s

**Michael Babic '80** is the chair of the Litigation Practice Group for Hartman, Underhill & Brubaker, Lancaster, PA.

**Michael Costello '80** is working as a traveling magistrate for family court matters in two New York counties in the Ithaca area.

**Marie Marcoux '80** is a field attorney with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and travels nationwide providing legal support for the agency's natural disaster response and recovery efforts.

**Annaleigh Porter Winston '80** practices child abuse law for the State of Florida.

**David Sandberg '81** was recently promoted from lecturer in law to adjunct professor of law at Boston University School of Law.

**Stephen Slovenski '81** has been named U.S. Legal Counsel for Irving Oil Corporation in Portsmouth, NH.

**Susan T. J. Cyr '83** was recently certified as a mediator (and a Master Gardner) in Springvale, ME.

**Stephen Buckley '84** was recently elected president of the Manchester, NH law firm Bossie, Kelly, Hodes, Buckley & Wilson, P.A.

**Donald H. Dodd '84** has been elected chief district attorney of Oswego County, NY.

**Stephen Donato '85** has been named the executive director and executive publisher of Tricycle® Publications, a Buddhist publishing company in North America.

**Dennis D'Arcy Banks '86** is a visiting scholar at Harvard Law School, as well as a professional polo player and part-time psychiatrist.



*Dennis D'Arcy Banks '06*

**James MacLeod '87** has recently joined Bar Harbor Bankshares as president of BTI Financial Group, overseeing operations of three BTI subsidiaries.

**Frederick M. Zullo '87** recently joined the intellectual property division of the law firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, NY, NY.

**Mark DeLuca '88** was selected for the Patent Hall of Fame by the *IP Law & Business*.

**Karin Gregory '88** of Boston, MA started a venture capital firm to invest in medical technology companies. She is a member of Pierce Law's board of trustees.

**Michael Hacker '89** closed his solo practice in May 2003 to become an assistant attorney general with the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the New Mexico Attorney General.

**Stan Hawthorne '89** practices law in Wakefield, MA.

## 1990s

**Jennifer (Shapiro) Chisholm '91** is practicing real estate in Wellesley, MA.

**Jeffery Gerson '91** recently accepted a position as senior associate/trial counsel for the Long Island, NY office of Kaufman, Borgeest & Ryan.

**Michael Harman '91** was appointed special prosecutor for the Passamaquoddy Tribal Nation in Maine where he prosecutes law enforcement and internal governmental misconduct.

**Mary Notaris '91** continues her private practice in Salem, NH

**Gianna Arnold '92** and **Corrine Pouliquen '92** recently joined the law firm of Epstein, Becker & Green, P.C. as senior intellectual property attorneys in EBG's

Pharmaceuticals and Life Science Industries Practice, Washington, D.C. Arnold expects to receive her Master of Science in biotechnology from Johns Hopkins University this year.

**Peter Bilinski '92** is a partner in Wall, Marjama, Bilinski, LLP in Syracuse, NY.

**Gordon E. Hannett '92** practices criminal law in Pulaski, VA. He was recently presented an award for his pro bono service from the Southwest Virginia Aid Society.

**Peter Lando '92** is a founding partner in the new law firm Lowrie, Lando & Anastasi, LLP, Cambridge, MA.

**Lindsay Adams '93** has joined the law firm of Pitney, Hardin, Kipp & Szuch LLP as a member of the Intellectual Property and Technology Practice Group in their New York office.

**Rochelle Blaustein '93** was recently appointed director of technology transfer and development for the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, Bethesda, MD.

**Leonard Harden '93** recently opened his own practice in Lancaster and Littleton, NH.

**Lorraine Hitz-Bradley '93** was recently appointed as an administrative law judge to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

**Paula Hopkins '93** practices law in Vinalhaven, ME.

**Joy Reynolds McCoy '93** was recently awarded the "Equal Access to Justice Award" by the Lycoming Law Association and North Penn Legal Services for her "extraordinary level of volunteer work that demonstrates outstanding achievement and commitment to equal justice for the poor."

**Carolyn Martens Michaud '93** is a Commonwealth of Massachusetts Trial Court law librarian at the Superior Court in Taunton, MA. Her Husband **Joseph Michaud '93** recently finished active duty with the 10th Mountain Division in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He has returned home to continue as a partner in Saunders & Michaud L.L.P., New Bedford, MA.

**Nella Rafala '93** received the *Connecticut Law Tribune* "Overall Achievement Award for Middlesex County in November 2002."

**Beth Goldstein Trimmer '93** recently accepted a position as senior patent counsel of intellectual property management for the Teradata Division of NCR Corp., Dayton, OH.

**Suzanne Watson '93** recently accepted a position in Boston with the Northeast State for Coordinated Air Use Management.

**Michelle Burke '94** has joined Akzo Nobel, Inc. in Dobbs Ferry, NY as an intellectual property attorney.

**Amy H. Newton Gutow '94** and husband Tom own and operate the The Castine Inn, Castine, ME.

**Tanya Karanasios '95** works for the United Nation's Coalition for the International Criminal Court practicing international human rights.

**Linda Orel '95** has accepted a position as director of government relations for The Nature Conservancy, Boston, MA.

**Kurt Zachhuber '95** recently co-founded an international consulting firm in the U.S. and Germany.

**Samuel Granata '96** is a founding partner of an intellectual property practice, GG&W Law Office in Antwerp.

**Mike W. Crosby '97** is with the Intellectual Property and Commercial Transaction section of Saint-Gobain Corporation, Worcester, MA

**John Griffith '97** recently joined Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, LLP, Palo Alto, CA.

**Alexander Scott '98** was recently appointed chief of the Claremont Police Department, Claremont, NH.

**Roger Bora '99** recently joined Pierce Atwood, Portland, ME.

**Frank Maldari '99** recently co-authored a cover story published in *IP Today*.

## CLASS ACTIONS

**James Silva '99** has a solo practice handling intellectual property, business and real estate law. He was recently elected a selectman of Westford, MA.

## 2000s

**M. Jordan Denning '00** has taken a position with Drummond & Drummond, LLP, Portland, ME.

**John Lamerdin '00** recently took an in-house position as a patent attorney for Bristol-Myer Squibb, Princeton, NJ.

**Anirudha '01** and **Anjali Valsangkar '01** opened their own intellectual property practice in Pune, India in August 2003.

**Toshikatsu Imaizumi '01** recently joined the national intellectual property law firm Rader, Fishman & Grauer, PLLC.

**Vishal Katariya '01** was recently appointed the chair-professor of intellectual property rights, for the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, a funded chair at the University of Pune, India.

**Keith Morris '02** has accepted a position as a deputy district attorney with the Del Norte County District Attorney's Office, CA.

**Thays Portugal '02** became a member of ABPI, the Brazilian Association of Intellectual Property in May 2003.

**Jennifer Rich '02** has joined the San Francisco office of Townsend and Townsend and Crew, where she is practicing trademark and copyright law.

**Jose Ramon Cardeno Shaadi '02** was recently appointed advisor to the director-general of the Mexican Copyright Office.

**Nancy Childress '03** continues her nonprofit licensing and consulting practice. She is currently seeking a site for a museum, honoring her father, Robert Childress, illustrator of *Dick and Jane* children's books. The museum will be named The National Museum of Children's Illustrators.

**Olga Krauss '03** was the guest speaker at a conference at the University of Colima in Colima, Mexico speaking on the "Protection and Promotion of IP."

**Rose Wiant '03** recently joined the Disabilities Rights Center, Concord, NH.

## MARRIAGES

**Christopher Irving '85** and **Jeanne Siebert**, on May 31, 2003.

**Dave Kalish '97** to **Julie Gavaghan**.

**Scott Rothenberger '95** and **Kathy Rae Osterlund**, on April 26, 2003.

**Shruti Singh '03** and **Dean Costales '02** on October 11, 2003.

## BIRTHS

**Christine Bailey Alff '98** and her husband **Douglas**, son, **Ryan** in November 2003.

**Kip Beasley '01** and his wife, son, **Lane Martinez-Beasley**, on June 4, 2003.

**Ray Heflin '97** and his wife **Jenn**, son, **Cole Tao Heflin**, on March 19, 2003.

**Jennifer Diepering Hower '98** and husband **Michael**, son, **David Garrett**, in March 2003.

**Greg Durbin '99** and his wife, **Liz**, girl, **Abigail**.

**Adam Jurison '02** and his wife, son, their first child.

**Crista Niemann '95** and husband, **Rocco Bevilacqua**, son, **Robert Francesco**, on May 14, 2003.

**Nella Rafala '93** and her husband, **Kurt Whitmore**, daughter, **Sydney Whitmore**, on February 4, 2003.

**Andrea Cesare Rash '91** and her husband **John**, son, **Alexander**, in September 2001.

**Angela Tafro-Scala '94** and her husband, daughter, **Isabella Jennifer Scala**, on October 7, 2002.

## IN MEMORIAM

**David Lambarth '93**, Merrimack, NH

**Winfield "Wink" Scott Smyth '82**, Augusta, ME

For many of our students, the availability of scholarship funds is crucial to their pursuit of a legal education. Please consider contributing to one of the many scholarships Pierce Law now offers. Even a small gift will make a big difference.

# Investing in Scholarship



"I am so thankful and appreciative to have received the Winnie McLaughlin Scholarship. Someday, I hope to do for someone else, what you have done for me."

—Barbara Bedard '06

## **Winnie McLaughlin Scholarship Fund**

Agnes Winifred McLaughlin was the first woman admitted to practice law in New Hampshire on June 30, 1917. In honor of her achievement, Pierce Law and the New Hampshire Women's Bar Association have collaborated to create the Winnie McLaughlin Scholarship Fund to attract outstanding women to Pierce Law.

## **Robert M. Viles "Making a Difference" Fellowship**

The "Making a Difference" Fellowship is named in honor of the former president and long-time dean of Franklin Pierce Law Center. The fellowship is a competitive merit award presented to an entering student in the first-year class at Pierce Law.

"As a student aspiring to work in public interest law, receiving the Bruce E. Friedman Scholarship assisted me in financing my education so that I may soon practice what Bruce preached, 'Do good as you do well!'"

—Mia Poliquin '04

## **Bruce E. Friedman Scholarship Fund**

The Bruce E. Friedman Scholarship Fund is named after a professor and former director of the Civil Practice Clinics. The award is based on community and public service participation and commitment of a student while attending Pierce Law.

## **Phinney Fund**

The Phinney Fund was established to provide loan repayment assistance to those graduates employed in the area of public interest law.

Contributions to our scholarship funds assist Pierce Law in attracting high caliber students and graduating superior attorneys. Please designate your scholarship fund of choice and make your check payable to:

**Franklin Pierce Law Center**, Two White Street, Concord, NH 03301



## Calendar of Events

Twelfth Annual PIC Auction	March 19
Basic Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Seminar	April 16–17
Commencement	May 15
Intellectual Property Summer Institute	May 17–July 16
Mediation Skills for IP & Commercial Disputes	May 17–21
Intellectual Property Summer Institute in China	June 21–July 23
Advanced Licensing Institute	July 12–16
Reunion 2004	October 2



Two White Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
603.228.1541  
[www.piercelaw.edu](http://www.piercelaw.edu)

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit No. 749  
Concord, NH 03301