

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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Philanthropy in Action 1973–2008

Throughout the years, the Pierce Law community has demonstrated its belief in the power of the Pierce Law education through philanthropy. Over and over again we hear pride in the voices of graduates like Gaurav Miglani LLM '06, "If I can do something for the school, and pay back even a scintilla of what I have taken from it, I would feel myself to be privileged." From students to alumni, faculty, staff and friends, to law firms and corporations, we continually see the value of the Pierce Law experience expressed through heartfelt acts of giving.

Founder Dr. Robert Rines changed the life of Nancy

Richards-Stower JD '76: "In 1974, I had lost my Maine student loans by getting married (a function of the residency laws) and had lost my waitress job (after complaining about minimum wage violations). Speaking with Dean Rines to ask about readmission, Bob asked me what I needed. I replied '\$1500 p/semester.' Bob exclaimed, 'Great!' 'Why is that great?' Bob's gleeful answer changed my life: 'I need a research assistant this summer and my budget is exactly \$1500; and in the fall, FPLC needs a part time receptionist! You're hired!' 'Then the founder of FPLC pulled out his personal checkbook.'

In 1998, 166 donors created the Robert M. Benson Memorial Fund that helps students like Brett Krueger JD '06 fulfill

their dreams: "As the recipient of the Robert Benson scholarship, I would like to thank everyone who contributed and made this scholarship possible. This scholarship provides me with additional confidence in my abilities to succeed. I greatly appreciate the financial assistance, easing the burden of tuition for my wife and me."

In 2007, Orr & Reno, P.A. of Concord, NH, empowered Christopher Paul JD '09 to experience public interest law:

"As the Orr & Reno Fellow, I was given the opportunity to develop legal research and writing skills, gain a fresh perspective on public service and actually contribute to the Attorney General's mission. I can't thank the generous benefactors enough. Without this support (Public Interest Coalition Fellowship gift), many of us would be forced to forego such important non-paying (public interest) internships in order to pay the bills."

This year, the Pierce Law faculty and staff pooled their gifts to create the "Faculty and Staff Scholarship Fund." Acting on their core value of supporting Pierce Law students' success, this new fund will provide a scholarship to a 2L student with financial need.

Your gifts to the Pierce Law Annual Fund each year enrich the Pierce Law experience. **Your gifts** to scholarship funds empower a student's dream. **Your gifts** to the Loan Repayment Assistance Fund enable graduates to pursue their goals of serving in the public's interest. **Your gifts** to endowment ensure the future of the Franklin Pierce Law Center. *Your gifts bring to life the accomplishments of Pierce Law alumni across the globe.*

Congratulations on 35 years of providing excellent legal education made possible through your acts of philanthropy.