New Hampshire Supreme Court Justice Linda S. Dalianis Delivers Commencement Address to Class of 2008



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New Hampshire Supreme Court Senior Associate Justice Linda S. Dalianis addressed the graduating class at commencement exercises held in May.

Professor Albert "Buzz" Scherr was selected by the students to deliver the faculty address. Erik Moskowitz of Blue Point, NY, and Arshdeep Sidhu of Chandigarh, India, were selected by their classmates as student speakers. Christine Boisvert, administrative assistant to the registrar and student services office was chosen to receive the staff recognition award for outstanding service to students.

Justice Dalianis is the first woman to hold a seat on the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Prior to her appointment by Governor Jeanne Shaheen in 2000, Justice Dalianis had served for almost 20 years on the Superior Court bench, both as an Associate Justice and as Chief Justice. She is now the Senior Associate Justice on the Supreme Court.

During her long career in the Judicial Branch, Justice Dalianis has been a member of numerous influential committees that shape the day-to-day work of the courts, the Supreme Court Rules and Legislation Committees, and the Superior Court committees on guardians, marital master and alternative dispute resolution. She is also a longtime member of the New Hampshire Bar Association Committee on Cooperation with the Courts.

Justice Dalianis is chair of the Family Division Implementation Committee, which was appointed by Chief Justice John T. Broderick Jr. to study the delivery of court services in family law cases, and also the chair of the Judicial Branch Dispute Resolution Committee, which was appointed by Chief Justice Broderick to study system-wide development of alternative dispute resolution services.

She is a graduate of Northeastern University and Suffolk University Law School.



Pierce Law founder Dr. Robert H. Rines (center) with members of the first class and Board of Trustees, Douglas J. Wood JD '76 (l.), chair, and James E. Conway JD '76.

Pierce Law Ranks Among the Nation's Top Five Schools for the Study of Intellectual Property Law

Pierce Law was ranked among the nation's top five law schools for the study of intellectual property by *U.S. News & World Report*. Pierce Law is joined in the 2009 edition of *America's Best Graduate Schools* by the University of California-Berkeley, Stanford University, George Washington University and Columbia University.

Pierce Law is one of the nation's few independent law schools to achieve top ranking in a specialty area. "We have been very successful in maintaining our enviable position in intellectual property even as this fast-growing field has attracted the attention of many large, well-known law schools," says Pierce Law President and Dean John D. Hutson.

Hutson points to the school's small student-faculty ratios and cohesive atmosphere as foundational to the high ranking. "Our success over the years is due to two irreplaceable elements: great faculty and great students."

Pierce Law offers the most extensive intellectual property law curriculum in the United States through its Germeshausen Center for the Law of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Home to the nation's largest Intellectual Property faculty and Intellectual Property law library, the Germeshausen Center provides students and scholars with unsurpassed opportunity for in-depth study of patent, trademark, trade secret, licensing, copyright, computer/internet law, and related fields.

"Our students come from all over the U.S. and the world, more than 40 states and 24 nations are represented in our 460-member student body right now, to study with our experienced faculty and to collaborate with other students, building relationships that continue through their careers."

"Intellectual property is not the only story at Pierce Law, though," says Hutson. "Social justice, commerce and technology, international law—all our programs educate lawyers who can leave our Concord campus client-ready and prepared to contribute to the legal system locally, nationally and globally."

In Memoriam

MORTON E. GOULDER



Morton E. Goulder, philanthropist, education supporter, businessman, 2007 Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and member of the Pierce Law Board of Trustees, died January 25, 2008 at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center. He was 87.

Born on January 4,1921 in Cleveland OH, he was the eldest of seven children.

Following his graduation from MIT with a degree in applied physics, he enlisted in the Navy as an ensign in 1942. He met his future wife, Claire T. Heckmann, a Marine officer, while they were both radar school students at MIT. In 1945, they were married. After the war, he worked for Curtiss Wright in Columbus, OH, before joining Raytheon in Massachusetts to work on missile technology.

In 1951, he and ten former Raytheon employees founded Sanders Associates, a Nashua-based electronics defense contractor, which grew to become New Hampshire's largest employer. He served as a director, corporate scientist and vice president, overseeing the company's electronics design and intelligence system division. He developed Sanders' charitable donation program, which sparked his lifelong interest in philanthropy. Sanders was acquired by Lockheed in 1986 and sold to BAE Systems in 2000.

From 1973 to 1977 he served at the Pentagon as a deputy assistant secretary of defense for intelligence and warning. After leaving Washington, DC, he became a consultant, investor and board member in many start-up businesses. He was the founder of the legendary Breakfast Club, an angel investor group that focused on New England's young entrepreneurs. He devoted much of his time and financial backing to charitable causes. He served on the boards of many other educational institutions, including Daniel Webster College, Rivier College and Southern New Hampshire University.

Professor John Orcutt to Chair Statewide Committee

Professor John Orcutt was recently elected chair of New Hampshire's "EPSCoR" Statewide Committee.

New Hampshire became a member state in the National Science Foundation's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) in 2004. Its goal is to maximize science and technology resources through partnerships among universities, industries, state government, and federal R&D agencies and operates on the principle that aiding researchers and institutions in securing federal funding will develop a state's research infrastructure and advance economic growth. EPSCoR status is awarded to states that traditionally have received lower levels of federal research funding.

Orcutt's classes and research at Pierce Law focus heavily on entrepreneurialism and what is needed to create more entrepreneurial environments. Orcutt is also a founder of Pierce Law's International Technology Transfer Institute that focuses on improving the marketplace distribution of technology in countries with low technology flow. Orcutt is a former capital markets attorney and served as a senior investment banker with a Silicon Valley investment bank that focused on venture capital-backed start-ups.

New Hampshire's Statewide Committee brings representation from all major areas of postsecondary education, as well as industry and government, to the state's EPSCoR initiatives. Orcutt notes, "The Statewide Committee sees its role as being the lead organization to advance the state's science and technology infrastructure so that New Hampshire's academic and private institutions increase their national and global competitiveness in both research and development."

Since 2005, more than $12.46 million EPSCoR grants have been awarded to the University of New Hampshire, Dartmouth College, Plymouth State University, Colby-Sawyer College, White Mountains Community College, the NH Innovation Research Center and three small companies. These grants have been awarded by the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, the Department of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.



Dean John D. Hutson was a guest panelist at the "Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution" held in March at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, PA. Named in honor of the late, award-winning news anchor and friend of the National Constitution Center, the annual conference for professional and student journalists is intended to create a deep understanding of the Constitution and its importance in our everyday lives. Hutson participated in an off-the-record conversation about interrogation and the Geneva Accords, moderated by National Public Radio (NPR) Legal Affairs Correspondent Nina Totenberg. Panelists pictured are (l.-rt.): Professor John Yoo, of the University of California, Berkeley Law School, Larry Thompson, former deputy assistant attorney general in the Bush Administration, NPR's Nina Totenberg, Brigadier General David R. Irvine, retired Army Reserve strategic intelligence officer, and Dean John D. Hutson.

First Daniel Webster Scholars Sworn in at New Hampshire Supreme Court



Pierce Law's first class of Daniel Webster Scholars was sworn in at the New Hampshire Supreme Court prior to graduation. Pictured are: front row (l. to rt.) Crystal Maldonado, Ashley Hulse, Lauren Crisera, Rebecca Cotterell and Melinda Siranian. Back row (l. to rt.) Professor John Garvey, director of the Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program; Anthony Galdieri, Milan Patel, Justin Maleson, Jennifer Gibson, Sabin Maxwell, Conrad Cascadden, Cynthia Mousseau and Dean John D. Hutson.

Thirteen members of Pierce Law 's class of 2008 passed the New Hampshire bar exam and were sworn in at the New Hampshire Supreme Court one day prior to graduation. They all participated in Pierce Law's first-in-the-nation program offering law students a two-year method of bar examination rather than taking the traditional two-day bar exam following graduation.

"This is a wonderful time," said Professor John B. Garvey, who directs the Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program. "When I was asked to undertake this journey in 2005, it was just a great idea. However, thanks to a lot of help from judges, lawyers, stenographers, lay people, Pierce Law administrators, faculty and staff, it is now a great program. Many schools around the nation are already showing a strong interest in what we are doing, and the high quality of these graduating Webster Scholars demonstrates that law students can be mentored to be client-ready."

The 13 graduating Webster Scholars are: Conrad Cascadden, Hampstead, NH; Rebecca Cotterell, Yardley, PA; Lauren Crisera, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Anthony Galdieri, Clark Summit, PA; Jennifer Gibson, Londonderry, NH; Ashley Hulse, Moultonborough, NH; Crystal Maldonado, Londonderry, NH; Justin Maleson, Reisterstown, MD; Sabin Maxwell, Colebrook, NH; Cynthia Mousseau, Plattsburg, NY; Milan Patel, Parsippany, NJ; Melinda Siranian, Wilmot, NH; and Joshua Wyatt, Hope Mills, NC.

Praised by members of the Carnegie Institute's new legal education initiative on the future of law school curricula, the program provides students with a "better bar exam." It requires students to take a rigorous curriculum of simulations, clinical work and externships. Webster Scholars write reflective papers regarding their developing professional skills and judgment, receive constant peer feedback, and compile a portfolio of work. Four times during their second and third years, students are required to demonstrate their ability to practice law by submitting their portfolios to the bar examiners, who also orally examine the students during their last semester. The next class of Webster Scholars will graduate in 2009.

Dean Hutson Appears in Academy Award-Winning Documentary

An interview with Dean John D. Hutson regarding torture and interrogation techniques is featured in this year's Academy Award-winning documentary *Taxi to the Dark Side*. The film's creators received the honor at the 80th Academy Awards.

The film tells the story of a young taxi driver who was arrested in 2002 by the American military while carrying passengers in a deserted area of Afghanistan. He was taken to Bagram Air Base and found dead five days later. The mystery surrounding his death by beating provided the basis for the documentary made by Australian producer Eva Orner and writer-director Alex Gibney, a journalist turned filmmaker.

Slate Magazine's Dahlia Lithwick Guest Lecturer at Bownes Forum

"'Supreme Changes'—How Supreme Court Press Coverage has Changed in a Few Short Years" was the focus of a presentation by Dahlia Lithwick, senior editor and legal correspondent for *Slate* magazine and guest lecturer at this year's Judge Hugh H. Bownes Forum on Civil Rights held in April.

Lithwick writes a column entitled "Supreme Court Dispatches" for *Slate*, an online magazine. Her work has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *New Republic*, *Elle*, the *Ottawa Citizen*, and the *Washington Post*. In 2001, she received the Online News Association's award for online commentary.

Lithwick is co-author of *Me v. Everybody: Absurd Contracts for an Absurd World*, a legal humor book and *I Will Sing Life: Voices from the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp*, a book about seven children from Paul Newman's camp who have life threatening illnesses.

Before joining *Slate*, Lithwick worked for a family law firm in Reno, NV, and clerked for Chief Judge Procter Hug of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She holds a BA degree in English from Yale University and JD degree from Stanford Law School.

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. Named after United States First Circuit Court Judge Hugh H. Bownes, the Forum is 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 was committed to these ideals.



Slate *magazine's Dahlia Lithwick (l.) and Interim Director of the Social Justice Institute Megan De Vorsey at the Bownes Forum.*

2008–2009 Schweitzer Fellows Announced



Saurabh Vishnubkahat '10



Hanna Wason '10

Two Pierce Law students were recently selected as 2008–2009 Albert Schweitzer Fellows by the NH/VT Schweitzer Fellows Program.

Both first year law students, Saurabh Vishnubkahat of Lilburn, GA, and Hanna Wason of Hampton, NH, were named "Fellows for Life" and will now join students from Dartmouth Medical School, the Thayer School of Engineering and Vermont Law School in the Vermont–New Hampshire component of this international program. As Schweitzer Fellows, they will work with local community agencies to carry out a project that addresses the needs of local residents. Each will contribute 200 hours of direct service. Vishnubkahat, who earned a BS degree in biochemistry from Georgia Institute of Technology, will assist on website and intranet development for nonprofit organizations in the Concord area. Wason holds a BA degree in English from Mt. Holyoke College and will work on policy and qualitative research on issues of concern to persons with disabilities.

The mission of The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship is to reduce disparities in health and healthcare by developing "leaders in service." These leaders are individuals who are dedicated and skilled in helping underserved communities, and who influence and inspire others by example.

Pierce Law Celebrates World Intellectual Property Day

Pierce Law joined institutions worldwide and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), a specialized agency of the United Nations, in celebrating World Intellectual Property Day, held each year on April 26.

A special reception for participants attending Pierce Law's 10th Comprehensive Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminar was held. A proclamation from New Hampshire Governor John Lynch was presented.

Initiated by WIPO in 2000, World Intellectual Property Day seeks to increase public understanding of what Intellectual Property really means, and to demonstrate how the Intellectual Property system fosters not only music, arts and entertainments, but also all the products and technological innovations that help to shape our world. Specific goals include: raising awareness of how patents, copyright, trademarks and designs impact on daily life; increasing understanding of how protecting Intellectual Property rights helps promote creativity and innovation; celebrating creativity, and the contribution made by creators and innovators to the development of societies across the globe and encouraging respect for the Intellectual Property rights of others.



Guest speakers David Reed and Carol Bidwell, consultants from the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) office of the PCT, addressed participants at Pierce Law's Tenth Comprehensive Patent Cooperation (PCT) Treaty Seminar held in April. They are pictured with Professor Karl Jorda (far rt.) prior to the presentation of the Governor's proclamation honoring World Intellectual Property Day.

Students Win Best Oral Argument in Eastern Region Competition of the Saul K. Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition

Pierce Law second-year students, Daniel Landau of Chester, NH, and Michael Farah of Arlington, TX, won "Best Oral Argument" at this year's Eastern Region Competition of the Saul K. Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition held in New York City.

Second-year students Heather Devine of Nashua, NH, and Kristin Scaduto of Georgetown, MA, also participated in the regional competition. The teams were coached by third-year students Brandt Madsen of Mesa, AZ, and Raman Bharatula of Salem, NH.

The competition is sponsored by the Brand Names Education Foundation, the educational complement to the International Trademark Association, and is intended to introduce law students to the varied issues involving trademark law and unfair competition. The competition bears the name of Saul Lefkowitz who served for more than 30 years in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Graduating Students Receive Awards

Pierce Law honored six graduating students with special recognition awards. The awards are given annually prior to commencement.

Jennifer Reed of Gilbert, AZ, received the National Association of Women Lawyers Award, presented to the law student who contributes to the advancement of women in society, promotes issues and concerns of women in the legal profession, exhibits motivation, tenacity and enthusiasm, demonstrates academic achievement, and earns the respect of the dean and faculty.

Andrea Reed of Chelmsford, MA, was selected to receive the American Bar Association and Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. Award for Excellence. The award honors superior academic performance and is given to a student for study in one of three areas of law; labor and employment, intellectual property or health law.

Luke Webster of Manchester, NH, received the American Law Institute-American Bar Association Award, presented to a law student in the graduating class who best represents a combination of scholarship and leadership.

Lauren Crisera of Minot, ND, and Joseph Tessier of Nashua, NH, were both given the Howard James Nedved Commencement Award presented to a graduating student who participated in the Association of Trial Lawyers of America Student Trial Advocacy Competition and the National Trial Competition; and who has participated in the Bar Review and has applied to take the bar exam in any state.

Peter Keane of Newark, DE, received the Yacos Prize honoring the memory of Judge James E. Yacos who sat on the bench of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New Hampshire for 15 years. It is awarded to the Pierce Law student who has shown exceptional merit in an area of commercial legal studies.

Weonmee Park of Seoul, Korea, received the Graduate Student Award, given to the Pierce Law graduate student who demonstrates exemplary leadership and global perspective by teaching, learning or contributing productively to a global legal system.

Pierce Law Students Compete in National Trial Competition

Four students participated in the Northeast Regional of the 32nd Annual National Trial Competition held in Hartford, CT.

Participants included third-year students Ashley Hulse and Luke Webster, who finished with a 1-2 record in the preliminary round, and Lauren Crisera and Joseph Tessier who won 3-0 in the preliminary round, advancing to the semi-finals as the top-ranked team. Crisera and Tessier also won their semi-final round, but lost in the finals in an exceptionally close battle, 2-1.

"The National Trial Competition (NTC) is one of the oldest and most prestigious mock trial competitions in the United States. Every ABA-accredited law school in the country is invited to compete," says Professor Albert 'Buzz' Scherr, director of Pierce Law's Trial Advocacy Program.

According to Scherr, "This is the third consecutive year Pierce Law has placed a team in the regional finals, and the fourth time in the last six years. Pierce Law has become known throughout the New England law school region for the very high quality of its teams every year."

Jacalyn Colburn JD '96, director of legal services at the New Hampshire Public Defender Program and adjunct professor of law at Pierce Law, coached the teams.



Pictured are (l.-rt.) Luke Webster '08, Ashley Hulse '08, Lauren Crisera '08 and Joseph Tessier '08.