

# DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Innovation. Ingenuity. Inspiration. Initiative. All make the world go around.

Everyday our alumni, across the country and around the world, demonstrate their innovation, ingenuity, inspiration and initiative as they pursue their careers, frequently in fields outside of the law.

John Hart '98 recently took a year off from his legal career to pen a top-rated mystery novel, *The King of Lies*, which according to novelist Pat Conroy "moves and reads like a book on fire." Arnold Karanko '76 was recently honored with the decoration of knight, first class, for his achievements in the pharmaceuticals industry and his role in helping to bridge the cultural gap between Finland and the USA.

Peter Lando '91 co-founded a new breed of law firm in Cambridge, MA that has successfully foregone the traditional billing system "to focus on the quality of client and associate work while encouraging a more balanced professional life." Pierce Law alumni Keith Noe '91, Nicole Palmer '05, Thomas J. McGinnis '06 and Sandra Szela Congdon '06 have joined him in this venture.

At home, our first class of students selected to participate in Pierce Law's new Webster Scholar Honors Program will begin the program this fall. This new initiative, the only one of its kind in the country, is the result of a cooperative agreement between Pierce Law, the New Hampshire Supreme Court and the New Hampshire Bar Association. Students will build a portfolio by taking practical course work focusing on New Hampshire law. In 2009, an examination before the Bar Examiners will form the basis for their bar passage, in place of taking the traditional bar exam.

We continue to recognize our international constituencies: view the map in this issue highlighting where our alumni live and work; Young-Wook Ha MIP '90/JD '92 of Korea and Gloria Isla MIP '88 of Mexico recently joined our Board of Trustees; Dr. Chulsu Kim, educator and statesman from Seoul and parent of an alumnus, was awarded an honorary degree at Commencement.

In closing, I want to publicly thank Douglas J. Wood '76, chair of our Board of Trustees, for his tremendous generosity. Doug made possible a recent gift of \$600,000 which will be used for scholarships for students who, like Doug, did not receive scholarships upon matriculation but go on to demonstrate great academic achievement. Doug stands as the prime example of giving back to his alma mater for the opportunity he was given by Pierce Law. Doug, on behalf of all the students in the future who will benefit from this scholarship, I thank you.

Please join us in September for Reunion 2006, and tell us all about your most recent inspirations.

I wish you well.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JDH 7/12". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John D. Hutson  
Dean & President

*Pierce Law strives to provide its students with the best possible legal education. Pierce Law is a community of scholars, oriented towards the practice of law, who teach, learn and empower others to contribute productively to a global legal system. Students from around the world with diverse experiences engage in active, practice-based learning in small, cooperative and interactive learning environments. While traditional areas of law and emerging specialties are taught, the intellectual property law curriculum, one of the broadest in the country, is continually emphasized and improved. Graduates are highly capable, confident professionals who will serve clients, employers and the public with integrity and excellence.*