

Judge James Baker Addresses Graduating Class



Judge James Baker of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces delivered the commencement address in May.

Baker wrote the main text used in Dean John Hutson's National Security Class, *In the Common Defense: National Security Law for Perilous Times* (Cambridge University Press: 2007). Baker was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, which is composed of five civilian judges appointed for 15-year terms by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, in 2000. The court has appellate jurisdiction over cases arising under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Decisions of the court are subject to review by the United States Supreme Court.

Prior to his appointment, Baker served as special assistant to the President and legal adviser to the National Security Council (NSC) where he advised the President, the National Security Advisor and the NSC staff on United States and international law involving national security including use of force, the law of armed conflict, intelligence activities, foreign assistance, terrorism, arms control, human rights, and international law enforcement. Prior to that, he served as deputy legal adviser to the National Security Council and as counsel to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and Intelligence Oversight Board.

A graduate of Yale Law School, Baker teaches national security law at Georgetown

University Law Center, the University of Iowa College of Law, and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

Students from 16 nations, 33 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico crossed Pierce Bridge to be granted degrees at this year's ceremonies. Student speaker Jermaine Lashley of Brooklyn, NY, told his classmates and friends that his expectations of checking his kinder tendencies at the door while attending law school were smashed within hours of stepping on the Pierce Law campus. Instead, he found

a cohesive and compassionate community he will value his whole professional life. If anyone asks about his alma mater, he says, he will proudly shout, "Franklin Pierce Law Center," where the Class of 2009 taught him to never let self-interest override the common good.

Anubhav Sharma of West Lafayette, IN, echoed Lashley's sentiment about the cohesiveness of the class, assuring his classmates that he will see them at alumni events even as they take their intellectual property education across the world.

Dean Richey Tapped by State Department for International Committee

Associate Dean Susan Richey has been elected United States representative to the Confidentiality Commission of the Conference of the States Parties for the Organisation for the Prevention of Chemical Weapons.

Richey was nominated on the basis of her individual competence, integrity and background in dispute resolution, international law and national legal systems. She joins 19 other representatives from around the world. The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons is the implementing body of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

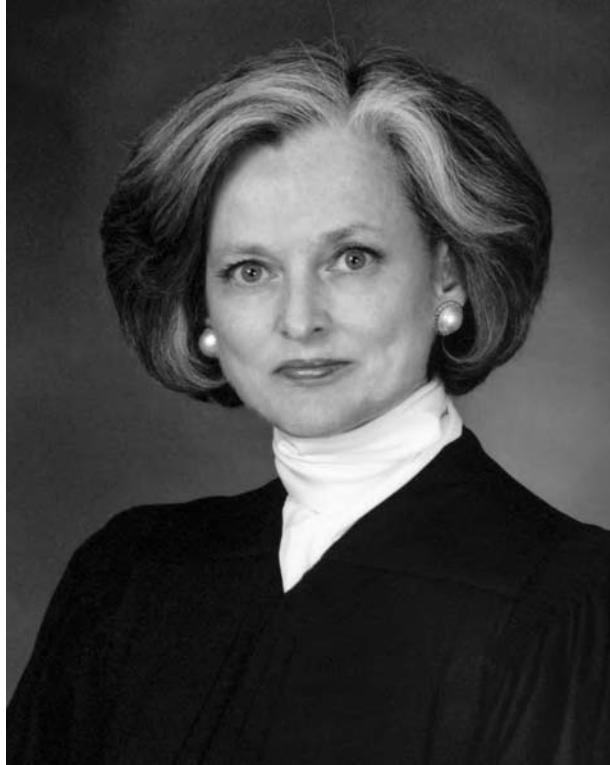
In addition to her duties as associate dean, Richey teaches courses on trademark, copyright and advertising at Pierce Law and at workshops

sponsored by the World Intellectual Property Organization and UNITRAD, the training arm of the United Nations. She currently serves on the International Trademark Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.



Associate Dean Susan Richey

The Honorable Carol Ann Conboy JD '78 Appointed to New Hampshire Supreme Court



Superior Court Judge Carol Ann Conboy JD '78

In a unanimous vote, the Executive Council recently confirmed the appointment of Carol Ann Conboy JD '78 to the Supreme Court of the State of New Hampshire, making her the first Franklin Pierce Law Center graduate and the second woman to sit on the court.

Dean John D. Hutson spoke for the entire Pierce Law community when he stated, "We are very proud to have one of our alumni and a long-time Trustee elevated to New Hampshire's highest court where she joins former professor and dean James Duggan. Judge Conboy has been an esteemed jurist for many years and this appointment bodes well for justice in New Hampshire."

In making the announcement, Governor John Lynch said, "Throughout her career she has distinguished herself through her judicial temperament and in-depth knowledge of the law."

Becoming only the second woman to serve the Bench will be unlikely to faze the Judge. She was a lieutenant in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, a time when few serving in the armed forces were female. Conboy's 1978 Pierce Law graduating class of 94 included only 17 women.

Pierce Law Clinic Students Win Employment Case

Administrative Law and Advocacy Clinic students, both past and present, were pleased to learn in May that the New Hampshire Supreme Court had ruled in their favor in an employment law case they have been working on for more than two years. In that time, they argued against a law firm with more than 750 employment law specialists at four different court levels.

The case was overseen by the clinic's director, Professor Mary Pilkington-Casey, and was argued in the New Hampshire Supreme Court by Professor Peter

Wright, director of the clinics. The ruling will affect how Appeal Tribunal chairmen make their decisions; ensure that employers do not change reasons for termination; and encourage claimants to have a clear understanding of the allegations against them.

The Administrative Law and Advocacy Clinic entered the case in December 2006, when the defendant, Julie Motuzas, requested help in preparing for her Appellate Board hearing following what she alleged was an improper firing from Sam's Club and the Appeal Tribunal's denial

of unemployment compensation. She brought tapes of the hearing, which then student Gideon Korrell JD '07 transcribed. Korrell advised Pilkington-Casey that they should take the case. During the spring semester student, Kelly Dollins JD '07 drafted the brief and argued before the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security Appellate Board.

Believing that Motuzas' rights were being violated, the Administrative Law and Advocacy Clinic took the case. Students and Pilkington-Casey were involved in two

Appellate Board briefs and hearings and one Appeal Tribunal hearing. After losing the last Appeal Tribunal and Appellate Board arguments, they took the case to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. The New Hampshire Supreme Court reversed the Appellate Board and the Appeal Tribunal decision finding that the Appeal Tribunal chair erred when interjecting impermissible grounds for finding misconduct.

Graduating Students Receive Awards

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

Theresa (Tess) Casey of Concord, NH, 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.

Michael Joe Clement of Penacook, NH, 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.

Austin Padgett of Milton, FL, 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.

Adam Rick of Concord, NH, was 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.

Joseph Mattson of Center Harbor, NH, received



Adam Rick JD '09 of Concord, NH, with donor Ginny Nedved received the Howard James Nedved Commencement Award at a champagne reception held annually prior to commencement for graduating students.

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.

Shashwat Purohit of Rajastha, India, 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.

Christopher Paul of Amherst, NH, was awarded the Northeast Law Student Ethics Award that recognizes students who have demonstrated exemplary ethical conduct.

Pierce Law Welcomes Two New Faculty

Pierce Law will welcome two new full-time professors in the fall of 2009.

Erin B. Corcoran will serve as Pierce Law's first full-time director of the Social Justice Institute. She is presently on the professional staff of the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations and has also served on the staff of Senator Barbara Mikulski, Human Rights First, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Zambia. Corcoran has taught

at George Washington College of Law, American University, Washington College of Law, and has spent several years as Public Interest Law Scholar Mentor at Georgetown University Law School, from where she received her JD. She earned her BA from Montana State University. Her scholarship and presentations have centered on human rights interests, with special focus on international issues.

Dana Remus Irwin, a graduate of Yale Law School and Harvard College, comes to Pierce Law from Drexel

University's Earle Mack School of Law. She took a leave of absence from Drexel 2008-2009 to clerk for United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito. Prior to teaching at Drexel, she clerked for Chief Judge Anthony J. Scirica on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Irwin's scholarship has included articles and presentations on the intersection of law and technology and legal ethics. She will teach a variety of general law courses.

New Professorship Honors Retiring Professor Karl Jorda



Alumni and friends enjoyed a gala reception held in honor of Professor Karl F. Jorda who retired in June. Pictured (l.-rt.), Douglas J. Wood JD '76, chair of the Board of Trustees, Dean John D. Hutson, Professor Karl F. Jorda, Jennifer Tegfeldt JD '85, Chief Judge Paul R. Michel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and Young-Wook Ha MIP '90/JD '92, a member of the Board of Trustees.

During his 20 years at Pierce Law, Professor Karl F. Jorda has nurtured students, encouraged scholars and practitioners, and reinforced the pre-eminence of Pierce Law in the field of intellectual property. To honor his distinguished tenure, the school has established the Karl F. Jorda Professorship in Patent Law.

Jorda's impressive resume includes: chief intellectual

property counsel at a major pharmaceutical firm; former president of the New York Intellectual Property Law Association and the Pacific Intellectual Property Association, and former member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the American Bar Association, Intellectual Property Section, the Association of Corporate Patent Counsel, Intellectual

Property Owners, International Trademark Association, and the International Intellectual Property Law Association; and most recently serving as the David Rines Professor of Intellectual Property Law and Industrial Innovation and first director of the Germeshausen Center.

Individuals, corporations and foundations are invited to invest in a 21st century legal

education by donating to the professorship. The income from the permanently invested endowment will support a faculty appointment whose scholarship is on the cutting-edge of legal education, practice and research, building upon Pierce Law's foundation of innovation and entrepreneurship.