

## Faculty Scholarship: Helping Shape the Future



I am delighted to introduce to you the work of just a few of Pierce Law's impressive roster of faculty scholars. While teaching will always be at the heart of the school's mission, our faculty is also in the midst of pursuing leading research endeavors that are helping to shape the future of the law, the legal profession and society generally. Our faculty is shaping critical debates about the direction of the law and public policy, while also offering workable solutions to pressing real world problems. In just the last few years, the faculty's scholarship has covered such broad fields as intellectual property, business law, criminal justice, educational reform and education law, equal access to justice, financial systems reform, food law, health and agriculture issues for the developing world, human rights, immigration, legal ethics, sustainable technology-based economic development, tax, and technology-transfer. Pierce Law is also at the forefront of reinventing the way that law is being taught with advanced faculty research in legal teaching and the creation of the nationally-renowned Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program, which serves as a real world experiment for improving the delivery of legal education. To top things off, faculty members are also expanding their multidisciplinary research efforts.

In addition to relying on the rich curiosity and initiative of our faculty, Pierce Law also recognizes the need for structured R&D efforts to pursue some of society's most pressing problems. In 2007, Pierce Law created the International Technology Transfer Institute (ITTI), whose mission is to increase the flow of technology (either through improved innovation creation processes or increased technology transfer) to countries in need of help. ITTI takes a multifaceted approach to its mission. It serves as a think tank that produces policy papers on pressing innovation development issues and welcomes leading academics and professionals from around the world to assist in those efforts. ITTI also provides a variety of practical, real world solutions to innovation problems in developing countries — from providing patent landscape analyses and patent explorations to providing the support for the establishment of fully functional technology transfer offices. Pierce Law is also launching an exciting new Social Justice Institute this fall under the leadership of Professor Erin Corcoran, who will be joining our faculty. Finally, Pierce Law operates an IP Amicus Clinic to help educate the courts on important matters of IP law. In each case, these focused R&D efforts create an outlet for our faculty to weigh-in on crucial issues that benefit from their expertise, while also providing our students the invaluable hands-on experience of working on such exciting projects.

Never losing sight of their fundamental teaching mission, our faculty continues to form educational relationships with the students that go well beyond the classroom. Whether by including the students in their research efforts, debating the legal issues of the day in the Jury Box or talking IP with Professor Tom Field on the couches next to Jan's desk, the faculty-student bond at Pierce Law remains as strong as ever.

Please enjoy the following interviews of Professors Sophie Sparrow, Mary M.S. Wong, John B. Garvey, Kimberly Kirkland, William O. Hennessey JD '86, Sarah Redfield and Dr. Stanley Kowalski JD '05 on their research efforts. These seven individuals are just the tip of the iceberg for what the faculty is doing here at Pierce Law. These are exciting times to be at Pierce Law and I could not be prouder of the work and accomplishments of all my colleagues.