



University of New Hampshire
Franklin Pierce School of Law

UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law Gift Funds



UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law Annual Fund

This is the main current use fund that is spent at the discretion of the Dean on the most pressing issues that face the law school on a daily basis. This allows the Dean to fund both planned and new initiatives.

Ralph H. Baer Family Patent Scholarship Award

Established by the Baer Family to recognize the life achievement of inventor and Franklin Pierce Honorary Degree Recipient, Ralph Baer HD '07. The scholarship is awarded annually to one or more students studying intellectual property and/or patent law. Preference will be given to students who intend to practice in North America upon graduation.

Barn 3.0 Fund: Established by the First Hybrid Cohort, 2022

Income from the Fund may be used for but is not limited to curriculum development, emerging technologies, general programming, and need-based stipends, scholarships, travel expenses, and other activities that are related to the Hybrid JD program.

Stanley M. Brown Scholarship Fund Award

Established with a gift from his son, Hon. Kenneth Brown ('77), this scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 2L or 3L UNH law student who was a resident of the state of New Hampshire when he or she accepted on offer to attend UNH Law and is a graduate from a New Hampshire public high school.



Class of 1976 Trailblazers Scholarship Fund

The purpose of this Fund is to provide need-based scholarship support for students enrolled in the UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law. The Fund honors the founders and the original faculty and staff of the Franklin Pierce Law Center at its inception in 1973.

Class of 1985 William Grimes Fund (program fund for law clinics)

The purpose of this Fund is to provide general program support for the law clinics at the UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law, which are designed to supplement classroom work with experiential learning opportunities to provide legal services for the public in the community. Income from the Fund may be used for but is not limited to stipends, scholarships, expenses related to academic experiences and related experiential learning opportunities such as conducting research and analysis, legal reasoning, litigation, contract drafting/review, project planning, and client interviewing and counseling.

Class of 1994 Scholarship Fund

The purpose of this Fund is to provide scholarship support to students enrolled at UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law. Preference will be given to students interested in either intellectual property or public interest law, alternating each year.

Daniel Webster Scholars (DWS) Program

General program support for the DWS Program. The DWS program allows students to take a version of the NH Bar over the last two years of their JD program via a curriculum designed to make students practice ready during law school. Students are sworn into the NH State Bar the day before graduation.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Fund

This fund supports programming and initiatives to help (1) increase diversity of the law school's students, staff, and faculty, (2) create a welcoming, inclusive, and diverse community – both inside the law school and in the broader community, and (3) provide

educational programming as it relates to diversity, including in the training of lawyers and the provision of legal services.

DEI Scholarship Fund

The purpose of the Fund is to award a scholarship(s) annually to a student(s) enrolled at UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law who has (have) demonstrated financial need. Preference will be given to students who, by their backgrounds, life experiences, and viewpoints will advance the university's goal of enhancing the educational experience through enrollment of a diverse student body.

UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law Student Emergency Financial Assistance Fund

This fund supports students at the UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law who are unable to meet essential expenses due to temporary or unexpected financial hardships. Ex: travel, utilities, textbooks, auto repairs, prescriptions etc.

Bruce E. Friedman Scholarship Award

Established as a memorial initiated in 1997 to Bruce E. Friedman by the Friedman family with gifts from the family, friends, Franklin Pierce faculty, staff and alumni, and legal and social welfare colleagues, this scholarship is awarded to a rising 2L or 3L UNH Law student who demonstrates a dedicated commitment to social justice and public interest law, preparing for a career that advances social justice through course work combining legal knowledge with practical skills, project development, and exposure to practice models for the delivery of legal services.

Hanba Family Scholarship Fund

The purpose of this Fund is to provide merit-based scholarship support to law students participating in the University of New Hampshire Law Review.

Health Law and Policy Program Fund

General program support for the Health Law & Policy Program at UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law which incorporates the intersection of intellectual property and health law.





Health and Wellbeing Program Fund, established by members from the Class of 1997

The purpose of this Fund is to provide support for general health and wellness programming to help ensure the health and wellbeing of law students enrolled at the UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law.

Professor Emeritus Bill Hennessey International Scholarship Fund

Established in honor of Professor Emeritus Bill Hennessey, the purpose of this Fund is to provide scholarship support to students from outside of the United States, who, through their life experiences and education, will bring to the Law School student body knowledge, understanding and perspective of an individual, culture or ethnic group.

Marcus B. Hurn Scholarship Fund

Established in 2021 in memory of Professor Marcus B. Hurn. The purpose of this Fund is to provide scholarship support to students enrolled at the Law School in honor of Professor Marcus Hurn who passed in 2021.

Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property Fund

The Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property is an internationally recognized center inclusive of the core IP fields of patent law, copyright law, trademark law, privacy, internet law, bioinnovation, and law and technology. This fund supports the work of the Center and helps sustain and enhance programming and support for students and faculty.

Law Library Fund

Provides support for the Law Library at UNH Franklin Pierce. It can support collections, research, physical space improvement initiatives and more.

Winnie McLaughlin Scholarship Fund Award

Established as a partnership between UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law and the New Hampshire Womens Bar Association (NHBA), the scholarship is awarded to a rising 2L UNH Law student. Recipients must be in good academic standing and must demonstrate a commitment to advancing the interests of women in the legal field or broader community.

Doris Monroe Rapee and Evelyn Rapee Schmitt Scholarship Fund

The purpose of the Fund is to provide merit-based support to students enrolled at the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law. Preference will be given, but will not be limited to, those students interested in public service.

Robert J. O'Connell Scholarship Award

Established by alumnus Robert J. O'Connell (JD '97), this scholarship is awarded to a rising 2L or 3L UNH Law student in order to help offset the cost of tuition.



Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership & Public Service

This fund supports the The Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership & Public Service which provides financial, experiential, and curricular support for law students interested in public service.

Rudman Scholars Scholarships

These renewable scholarships of up to \$5000 per academic year are awarded to two members of the rising 2L class who demonstrate, and attest to, an intention to work for a government agency or non-profit that serves vulnerable or underserved populations after their graduation. Recipients agree to serve as ambassadors for and to support the work of the Rudman Center.

Rudman Summer Fellows Program

Provides stipends to law students who devote their summer employment, without pay, to a government or nonprofit entity.

Sports and Entertainment Law Institute

This fund provides general program support to the Sports and Entertainment Law Institute. The institute provides opportunities for students who demonstrate a talent and passion for sports and entertainment law with core skills in these practice areas and opportunities for thoughtful discussion of contemporary legal issues in the field.

Student Professional Development Fund

The purpose of the Fund is to provide support for Law students to participate in professional conferences, webinars, and other professional development opportunities, virtually or in person that advance professional networking and the knowledge of law for students.

Gordon V. and Nancy B. Smith Scholarship Award

Established through the generosity of Gordon Smith, a member of the former Board of Trustees and adjunct faculty member of Franklin Pierce Law School, to recognize the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries and that this geographic region is in great need of intellectual property law professionalism. Preference will be given to a rising 2L or 3L UNH law student from an ASEAN nation: Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand or Vietnam. In the event no qualified student from an ASEAN nation is identified in a particular year, the award will be made to any qualified international student.

UNH School of Law General Scholarship Fund

Established in 2005 by many to provide annual scholarships to deserving students based on merit and need.

Robert M. Viles Fellowship Fund

Established in honor of former President and long-time Dean of Franklin Pierce Law Center, Robert M Viles, to encourage and continue the long-standing Franklin Pierce Law Center tradition of educating, training and graduating law students committed to careers in Community Lawyering. The purpose of this Fund is to provide a merit-based scholarship to a full time first year student at UNH Law. Preference is for a student pursuing a career in Community Lawyering with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in undergraduate work with an LSAT score of 154 or higher.

Douglas J. Wood Chairman's Scholarship Fund Award

Established by Douglas Wood, Esq. (JD '76), the purpose of the Fund is to award a scholarship(s) annually to a student(s) enrolled at UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law who have demonstrated academic excellence but have not otherwise been awarded merit scholarship assistance. Preference will be given to students who, by their backgrounds, life experiences, and viewpoints will advance the university's goal of enhancing the educational experience through enrollment of a diverse student body.

