

Ralph I. Lancaster, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund



In January 2020, a new endowed scholarship fund was established by Pierce Atwood LLP in honor of their longtime colleague Ralph Lancaster, who practiced law with the firm for nearly 60 years before passing away. He built a reputation as one of the finest and most respected trial lawyers in the country, and firm colleagues knew him as fair, ethical, and kind, with an immense ability, intellect, and an unmatched work ethic. He was recognized as an exceptional mentor who helped shape and propel the careers of so many lawyers both inside and outside of the firm.

By establishing the Ralph I. Lancaster, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, Pierce Atwood hopes to continue to support the tradition of excellence in the practice of law by identifying highly qualified incoming first-year law students with a demonstrated financial need, and providing those students with financial support during each of their three years at Maine Law.

Pierce Atwood managing partner David E. Barry stated, “Ralph Lancaster was an extraordinary lawyer and leader. With this scholarship, we look to honor Ralph’s legacy and commitment to Maine and excellence in the legal profession by helping to lower the barrier to the study of law for exceptional Maine Law students.”