A Day of Celebration


SOTOMAYOR, the first Hispanic member of the court, was appointed by President Obama in 2009 to replace retiring Justice David Souter. She addressed questions from students on a wide range of legal issues (and gave life advice) for more than an hour to a packed house of more than 400 students, graduates, and faculty.

The celebration also marked the official addition of “Francis King Carey” to the name of the law school. The renaming was prompted by a $30 million gift, announced in April 2011, from the W.P. Carey Foundation. Carey, an 1880 graduate of the law school who became a prominent attorney and civic leader in Maryland, was the grandfather of Carey Foundation founder Wm. Polk Carey.

“This is a joyous, transformational moment for the law school,” said Dean Phoebe A. Haddon, JD, LLM. “We are honored that Justice Sotomayor and so many...
other distinguished guests were able to join us for the first of what we hope will be many fall convocations at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.”

The Convocation included an alumni awards celebration at which Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley ’88 was honored with the Distinguished Graduate Award. The Benjamin L. Cardin Public Service Award was given to Monique L. Dixon ’96, who is deputy director of Open Society Institute (OSI)—Baltimore. Mark Paul Lehman ’01, vice president and senior counsel of Colfax Corporation, was honored with the Rising Star Award for his work with Moveable Feast.

This was only one event in a day that was completely reserved for celebration. Before the Convocation, the members of the W. P. Carey Foundation Board attended a luncheon with Dean Haddon and invited guests. After the Convocation, University System of Maryland Chancellor William “Brit” Kirwan hosted a dinner at his residence, where a portrait of Francis King Carey was unveiled, and third-year law student Derrick Wang serenaded Wm. Polk Carey with song especially written for the occasion.

“‘Doing good while doing well’ means that when we are financing properties for companies we are also helping the communities those companies serve,” said Wm. Polk Carey, chairman of W.P. Carey & Co. LLC and of the W.P. Carey Foundation. “It is important to always ask, ‘What is the impact of what we are doing? What is good for society? What is good for the country?’”


6. Board of Visitors Chair Christine Edwards ’83 and Making an Impact campaign co-chair Joanne Pollack ’76.

7. A favorite gift of Wm. Polk Carey to new friends was a coin. UM Carey Law had some coins specially minted for Convocation guests.

8. Monique Dixon ’96, Benjamin R. Cardin Public Service Award Winner (right) with Sen., Benjamin Cardin ’67 and 2011 Almuni Board President Heather Doherty Clark ’98.


10. Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley ’88 (center), the 2011 Distinguished Graduate Award Winner, with 2011 Almuni Board President Heather Doherty Clark ’98, and Dean Phoebe Haddon.