PROFESSOR FISCHMAN delivers his remarks:

It is a great pleasure to express my gratitude to Lowell Baier for his extraordinary gift to the law school.

But it is an even greater honor to anticipate walking into the building named for Lowell Baier every day as I continue my work at Indiana University. He embodies the highest aspirations we faculty have for our students. That, no matter what kind of professional work they pursue, they will live a life of service. That they will deploy those skills we hone in law school on behalf of the causes that inspire them.

One of Lowell's defining characteristics is relentless energy for conservation. But it isn't just this energy that distinguishes Lowell. It is also his creativity.
For instance, his leadership at the Boone & Crockett Club is notable, in part, for the innovative partnerships with environmental groups and universities. His crowning achievement is securing the preservation of Theodore Roosevelt's Elkhorn Ranch and then transferring it to the federal government. That gift profoundly enriched the Theodore Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota.

I am fortunate to make a profession of Lowell's passion: I study conservation law. Within conservation circles, Lowell has earned an enormous reputation for forthrightness, diligence, and success. He does not give up. He is an embodiment of Hoosier values, and he credits much of his success to his education at IU. What a perfect turning of the circle: giving back to current and future students.
On a personal note, I must tell you that Lowell is also a gentleman of the first order. When I travelled to Washington last fall to testify against endangered species legislation that I suspect Lowell supports, his advice was candid and effective. What a rare treasure to encounter such a generous advocate! The last time we honored Lowell at the law school, he quoted from Theodore Roosevelt, one of his heroes. Though Lowell’s tribute was to Jerome Hall, these words of our former President and conservation giant aptly describe Lowell Baier’s approach to life. Roosevelt credits the do-er over the commentator:
PROFESSOR FISCHMAN continues:

Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat. What luck for me that my building now carries the legacy of a great conservationist! What fortune for IU to have a dedicated alumnus committed to self-examination and giving back. On behalf of the faculty, Lowell, I thank you.

(At the conclusion of his remarks, PROFESSOR FISCHMAN is seated; MR. SHAPIRO goes to the lectern.)