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IU News Bureau

The School of Law at Bloomington and the IU Foundation have received a gift from Indianapolis lawyer and businessman Michael S. Maurer to endow a new type of student scholarship at the Law School.

The scholarship, a first of its kind for IU and perhaps a first in the country, emphasizes not only attracting the very best students, but also requires students to recognize the importance of public service while they receive their legal education.

"This scholarship will help bring the very best Indiana students to the School of Law," said Maurer, an alumnus of the School. "I believe that it is vital to have the future leaders of the law profession committed to the best traditions of public service."

Law School Dean Bryant G. Garth added, "We are very pleased to accept this generous gift from Mr. Maurer. The endowment will provide for an annual $8,000 scholarship, the largest the School has ever offered. Moreover, the prestige of the award will be linked to a pro bono commitment that too often gets neglected in the competitive legal world."

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit. The recipient will be required to maintain an excellent academic record in law school and also to participate in a public service project each semester. In addition, to help sustain the scholarship fund, the recipient is encouraged to repay the scholarship when he or she is financially able to do so.

Maurer — a philanthropic and service leader in Marion County — is the owner of several radio stations, including Indianapolis station WTP1 (107.9-FM). He also is involved in motion picture production, having recently completed the movie Diving In.