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The William S. Richardson School of Law Continues the Vision

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"To me, and to the people of Hawaii, you represent no less than the realization of a dream. . . . The founding of this law school means greater opportunity for our young people in particular and for the State in general. . . . I hope [the law school] will excel, that it will not be run-of-the-mill, that it will keep the law alive, that it will think in terms of the future and what can be." – CJ Richardson

Pondering today the words of the late Chief Justice William S. Richardson (“CJ Richardson”) at the inaugural law school class speech delivered on September 4, 1973, one must wonder if it is possible that CJ Richardson, in his wildest dreams, could have foreseen the impact that the “Richardson Lawyers” would have on the legal profession and our community during the past 40 years. Did CJ Richardson really expect that the impact of the Law School would be as great as it has been on our community, our State, and even on the national level? We sincerely hope so.

Since speaking to the inaugural law school class of 53 students and six professors, the William S. Richardson School of Law has changed dramatically. Academically, the Law School has steadily progressed. Today, Richardson School of Law enjoys a high national ranking and continues to rise in stature and prestige. The physical location has moved and increased in size, adding buildings and the number of students. It has grown from classrooms located in ‘quarry’ portables to its own plant which is an integral part of the Manoa campus, consisting of a library, five classrooms, four seminar rooms, and a moot court room.

One of the primary reasons why CJ Richardson advocated for the creation of a law school in Hawaii was to allow legal education to be accessible to students. Taking this accessibility a step further, the Law School now offers two academic tracks, full time and part time, ensuring that all individuals aspiring to be attorneys have the opportunity to receive a legal education in Hawaii. The Law School is offering unique clinics, projects,
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