CUNY SCHOOL OF LAW

Naming of the Dave Fields Auditorium

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the “Dave Fields Auditorium” at the CUNY School of Law.

EXPLANATION: Dave Fields, University Dean and Special Counsel to the Chancellor, has been devoted to the CUNY School of Law since before its founding: he was the staff director of the Queens President’s Advisory Commission for the establishment of the “University School of Law at Queens College,” as it was then conceived. He was responsible for much of the behind-the-scenes work to found the CUNY Law School, the nation’s first law school devoted exclusively to public interest law.

In addition to his role as University Dean, Fields also serves as parliamentarian on the CUNY Law faculty. A very special advocate for the CUNY Law School, in 2002 Fields was awarded the Dean’s Medal for his support.

In 2012, Dave Fields bequeathed $1 million to the CUNY School of Law. The funds will be used equally to support student scholarships and faculty and staff development. His generosity, through this gift, will have an enormous impact on CUNY Law’s ability to provide critical financial support to students and faculty alike.

In recognition of his extraordinary service to the CUNY School of Law and his generous bequest, it is recommended that the auditorium on the second floor of the Law School’s new building at 2 Court Square in Long Island City be named the “Dave Fields Auditorium.”