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4/15/08—Boston College Law School is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's public service scholarships.

Drinan Family Fund Award: Emma Winger

Emma Winger is past President of the Public Interest Law Foundation and the current director of the PILF summer stipend project, the President and Co-founder of the Criminal Justice Law Project and one of the co-founders of the school's Pro Bono Program. Winger has worked for the Immigrants' Rights Project of the ACLU and the Federal Public Defender's Office in Washington D.C. After graduation, she will clerk for two years for U.S. District Court Judge Jerome Simandle before pursuing opportunities for direct client representation and impact litigation in the criminal justice area.

"I know of no one in the third year class who has contributed more to the public interest culture of the law school or who is more determined to pursue a public interest career than Emma Winger," said Professor Sharon Beckman in recommending her for the award. "Our law school is a far better place because of her contributions here. She deserves this recognition and financial support."

The Edward T. Bigham III Scholarship: Branden Brooks

After graduation, Brooks will join the Attorney General's office of the State of Delaware as a prosecutor in the Family Law Division. In this position, he will prosecute cases of domestic violence and abuse and neglect.

This scholarship was established in memory of Edward T. Bigham, III, (BC '75, BC Law '78) who served as an Assistant District Attorney in Massachusetts.

The Keefe Family Scholarship: Sean Delaney

The Robert S. Pitcoff Memorial Scholarship: Sarah Kogel-Smucker

The David H. and Mary Murphy Posner Law Scholarship: Lori Boozer

Sean Delaney is the recipient of The Keefe Family Scholarship. Delaney will begin working this fall at the Department of Justice, Criminal Tax Division in Washington, D.C.

Sarah Kogel-Smucker is the recipient of The Robert S. Pitcoff Memorial Scholarship. She will work as Assistant Corporation Counsel in the New York City Law Department's Environmental Division.

Lori Boozer is the recipient of The David H. and Mary Murphy Posner Law Scholarship. Boozer will begin her career as law clerk to the Honorable Harold Fullilove of the Essex County
Superior Court in New Jersey. After her clerkship she plans to find a position with an agency devoted to civil rights litigation, particularly in the area of housing discrimination.

Lois and James Champy Scholarship: Jason Langberg

Langberg has been very involved in the law school community. Just to name a few of his activities, he has volunteered as 1L representative on the PILF Executive Board, Co-President of the Children’s Rights Group, Outreach coordinator of the Criminal Justice Law Project and Co-Founder of the new Pro Bono Program. Langberg worked last summer at the Children’s Law Center of Massachusetts (for which he received an Equal Justice America Fellowship, an Equal Justice Works Summer Corp award and a Bergstrom Child Welfare Fellowship), and this summer he will work for the Public Defender Service of D.C.

The Lois and James Champy (BCLS ’68) Scholarship is for an outstanding second-year student who has demonstrated the intention and ability to work in the public interest.