

## The Barry McNamara Fund

### Background

Northwestern Law's commitment to public interest law would not be possible without the leadership and support of faculty and alumni over the years. Professor Barry McNamara, JD '69, was one of those leaders.



For more than 15 years, Prof. McNamara co-taught a seminar on disability law that introduced students to disability rights issues and examined how current statutes have succeeded and failed to fulfill their promise. Prof. McNamara's service to the Law School and its students helped lay the groundwork for future opportunities in disability law. In 2009, Northwestern Law students created the Disability Law Society to support students with disabilities and encourage open discussion about disability rights on campus. In addition, students regularly participate in externships and summer public interest fellowships at local organizations such as Equip for Equality and Access Living. Barry McNamara's passion for disability rights lives on as students have new opportunities to learn about disability law and explore career opportunities that address these important issues.

Northwestern Law is committed to building its reputation in public interest and thereby, training more students who will serve the public interest after they graduate. To help accomplish this goal and to honor the legacy of Barry McNamara, *Northwestern Law is proud to announce a special fundraising initiative. The goal of this initiative is to raise \$250,000 to establish the "Barry McNamara Fund", which will support four post-graduate fellowships ("McNamara Fellows") over a period of four years.*

- **Eligibility:** Third-year Northwestern Law students who are interested in working as attorneys in public interest positions at government or non-profit organizations;
- **Process:** Fellows would be selected on an annual basis by a committee that is appointed by the Dean. Preference will be given to applicants who plan to pursue a career and/or position in disability rights;
- **Program:** Fellows will receive a \$50,000 salary, plus certain benefits, to work at a host organization for twelve months. Fellowships will begin in the Fall of each year;

Your participation in this special effort will strengthen Northwestern Law's commitment to post-graduate public interest opportunities for its students and will honor the legacy of Barry McNamara.

For more information or to make a contribution to the initiative, please contact Alan Paberzs at 312-503-0707 or [a-paberzs@law.northwestern.edu](mailto:a-paberzs@law.northwestern.edu).

**Thank you very much for your consideration and support!**