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(NOËL FERRIS, '79) ABOVE RIGHT, AND R. PARKER WHITE, '80, LEFT

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#### NOËL FERRIS AND R. PARKER WHITE TRIAL ADVOCACY SCHOLARSHIP

Noël Ferris, '79, and her husband, R. Parker White, '80, met at Pacific McGeorge, where both participated in the trial advocacy program. Today, they have successful practices in Sacramento—both specialize in personal injury and medical malpractice cases—and have been widely honored by the local, national and international legal community. (See Page 44 to learn more about Ferris and White.)

Their experience at Pacific McGeorge inspired them to create a new scholarship focused on trial advocacy. The Noël Ferris and R. Parker White Scholarship, while not part of the Powell Fund Match, will provide \$10,000 for a student who demonstrates outstanding trial advocacy skills.

Ferris and White want to support McGeorge’s trial

advocacy program because they say it gave them the real-world skills they needed to thrive in the combative atmosphere of the courtroom. “We learned how to take evidence, how to pick a jury, how to make a case in front of a judge and how to think on our feet,” says Ferris. “We learned to get over the jitters of being in a strange courtroom. It was a huge experience for both of us. When we graduated law school, we were ready to walk into a courtroom.”

According to Ferris, many law schools don’t give students practical courtroom experience. “I have a particular interest in encouraging women to pursue trial advocacy,” she says. “I think it’s a calling; you either have it or you don’t. But the training is also so important. Today, cases are more and more complex, so building those courtroom skills in law school is all the more important.”

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