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MoFo funds scholarship for women to honor late partner

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Rachel Krevans, a leading intellectual property attorney at Morrison & Foerster LLP for over 30 years who died last year of cancer, has been honored with a scholarship in her name. The \$5,000 scholarship will fund female law students in their third year who are interested in pursuing international property law careers.

Morrison & Foerster is funding the scholarship, which is awarded by ChIPS, a non-profit for women leaders in law, technology and policy. Krevans was on the ChIPS Law Firm Advisory Board and was a ChIPS Hall of Fame honoree.

“One of the things we wanted to do was really recognize the unique contributions that Rachel made as, really, a trailblazer,” said ChIPs co-founder and CEO Mallun Yen. She added that she hopes the scholarship recipient will be influenced by Krevans’ example and will ultimately be motivated to give back as Krevans did.

Krevans handled many well-known cases, including her representation of Apple Inc. in patent litigation against Samsung Electron-



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ics Co. Ltd., where she helped win over \$1 billion for her client. She also represented EchoStar Corp. and Bayer AG in other prominent intellectual property cases.

Bitra Rahebi, a Morrison & Foerster partner who helped establish the scholarship, said Deanne Maynard, co-chair of Morrison

& Foerster’s appellate group, approached ChIPS about a project to pay tribute to Krevans.

“Rachel had been very active in the ChIPS community, and we were thrilled that ChIPS wanted to honor her,” Rahebi said.

Rahebi added that she thought it was important for law students to see Krevans as an example of success and also as a reminder to achieve one’s goals.

“She was a longtime friend and a longtime colleague to many at Morrison and an example to us all,” she said.

Yen said the mission of ChIPS was personified by Krevans and the scholarship will serve as a reminder of her passion for mentoring and promoting women in technology and law.

“Rachel was an inspiration to us all. She was a wonderful colleague, a world-class litigator, and a pioneer in the legal industry,” said Morrison & Foerster chair Darren Nashelsky in a press release. “We are proud that Rachel made her home at Morrison & Foerster, and we are delighted to partner with ChIPs to continue her legacy of passionate client service and the advancement of women in IP.”