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A gift to the Montana State University Law School from Justin Miller, Pacific Palisades, establishes a permanent fund for an award that has been given annually since 1942 by the distinguished MSU alumnus, Dean Robert E. Sullivan announced.

The gift of General Motors stock certificates sets up a capital fund, which is to remain intact, the dean explained. Income from the fund will be used to award a $100 U. S. Savings Bond annually for the best student contribution to the Montana Law Review.

The donor stipulates that income in excess of the amount needed for the bond purchase in any year be added to the permanent fund. He further provides that in a year in which the fund's yield is large enough to purchase a second bond, an additional Justin Miller Award may be made.

Judge Miller was a member of the first graduating class of the Montana Law School in 1913. He was the first Montana law alumnus to become a law-school dean, the first to sit on a federal court and the first to receive an honorary degree from the University. He holds earned doctorates from Stanford and Yale and honorary degrees from other institutions.

The eminent jurist was dean of the University of Southern California Law School from 1927 to 1930, and of the Duke University Law School from 1930 to 1935. He was associate justice of the U. S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C., from 1937 to 1945, when he became president of the National Association of Broadcasters. He has served the association as chairman of the board and general counsel and is still affiliated with it as a consultant.

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Judge Miller has been special assistant to the attorney general of the United States, chairman of the Salary Stabilization Board, and a member of the U. S. Advisory Committee on Information. He has edited law journals and written extensively on the law.