



## CAMDEN COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION CHRIS MOURTOS MEMORIAL AWARD

For 33 years, **Chris Mourtos** owned the Coastline restaurant, a Cherry Hill institution that was much more than a place for dining. Because Chris had a very real commitment to the community, particularly those less fortunate than he, there were so many ways he found to use his restaurant to benefit others. Among the beneficiaries of Chris' caring ways were police officers, firefighters, military organizations and the Camden County Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the county bar association. For decades, Chris opened the doors of the Coastline early on the first Saturday in December so that the Camden County Bar Foundation could bus in hundreds of children from shelters, inner city schools and groups dedicated to helping children in need and entertain them in true holiday fashion. The Bar Foundation arranged a magic show and a visit with Santa (who had a striking resemblance to U.S. District Judge Joseph Rodriguez). Elves helped Santa hand out holiday gifts and each child left with a photo of her/him on Santa's lap. Chris, however, did more than open the doors; he opened his heart and brought in staff to serve the children a sumptuous Coastline breakfast. After his passing, the Camden County Bar Foundation established a scholarship it awards each year to a deserving law student, a fitting tribute to such a generous man.

### **SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

A \$1,000 award available to a full or part-time law student who is not in his/her final year of study. The applicant must be a resident of South Jersey, preferably Camden County, and have demonstrated a commitment to charitable, humanitarian and/or community service activities. To the extent possible, a preference will be given to applicants who graduated from the Camden City public school system. Applicants must also demonstrate genuine financial need.