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### **Campaign Totals as** of May 17, 2013—



\$41,780,700

(49% of Goal)



#### **Gifts by purpose:**

Endowment Gifts: \$26.1 million Restricted Current Use Gifts: \$8.6 million

Annual Fund: \$6.9 million

#### **CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES:**

- » Recruiting and retaining top faculty scholars
- Supporting student scholarships and public service fellowships
- » Enriching the curriculum with interdisciplinary and professional skills courses
- » Creating and supporting centers and programs that improve the profession and the law



Foundations: \$4.6 million Other Individuals: \$2.1 million Corporations: \$1.2 million

Trusts: \$498,519 Parents: \$346,816

# **The 2013 Law** Firm Challenge

HE LAW FIRM CHALLENGE seeks to strengthen the connection between the Law School and our alumni practicing in law firms across the nation.

Our goal is ambitious and simple: to have 100 percent of graduates working in firms with five or more alumni make a gift to Duke Law by June 30, 2013. Gifts can support any area of the Law School.

We are grateful to all participating law firms and graduates for their generous gifts of more than \$890,000 as of May 20, 2013. See a full list of participating law firms at law.duke.edu/alumni/challenge/results/.

Congratulations to our "Fast Break Firms," Dow Lohnes and Williams & Connolly! Under the volunteer leadership of David Wittenstein '81 at Dow Lohnes and Peter Kahn '76, Jessica Pahl '09 and Jonathan Williams '09 at Williams & Connolly, these two proud groups of alumni reached 100 percent participation by April 8.

#### AS OF MAY 20, 2013, THE TOP PARTICIPATING FIRMS BY GROUP ARE:

Williams & Connolly	100%
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett	76%
Kirkland & Ellis	58%
Alston & Bird	53%
Bingham McCutchen	52%
Firms with 13-19 Alumn	ni
Smith Anderson	100%
DLA Piper	69%
Ropes & Gray	57%
Crowell & Moring	53%
McDermott Will & Emery	53%
Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein	53%
Firms with 9-12 Alumn	i
Morris Manning & Martin	100%
Thompson Hine	89%
Cooley	70%
Poyner & Spruill	67%
	60%

Firms with 20+ Alumni

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Dow Lohnes	100%
Shutts & Bowen	86%
Goodwin Procter	63%
Winston & Strawn	57%
Ballard Spahr	43%
Proskauer Rose	43%
Smith Moore Leatherwood	43%

Eirms with 7-9 Alumni

#### Firms with 5-6 Alumni

Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz

Thompson & Knight	100%
McKenna Long & Aldridge	83%
McNees Wallace & Nurick	80%
Miller & Chevalier	80%
Taft Stettinius & Hollister	80%

43%

» To find out more about the 2013 Law Firm Challenge or to make a gift, go to law.duke.edu/alumni/challenge.

# SUPPORTING THE ANNUAL FUND



The Class Gift Committee co-chairs representing JD, JD/LLM, LLM, and Law and Entrepreneurship candidates, clockwise, from top: Jackson Eldridge JD '13, Eb Bernazard LLMLE '13, Spencer Young JD/LLM '13, and Ligia Schlittler LLM '13

### 2013 Class Gift

AS OF THEIR MAY 12 GRADUATION, members of the Class of 2013 had raised \$153,958 in cash and pledges towards their class gift, surpassing their \$100,000 goal, as well their 70 percent participation goal with 72 percent of the class participating. The level of class participation represents a new class gift record at Duke Law School.

The class gift benefits students directly in every way. Graduates directed their gifts to support the Annual Fund, the Judy Horowitz LLM Scholarship, the Clinical Programs, and the Loan Repayment Assistance Program. Along with friends and family, they also established the Class of 2013 Andrew T. Katbi Memorial Scholarship in memory of their classmate who was killed in a motor vehicle accident on March 31.

A total of \$81,000 has been raised towards a goal of \$100,000 for the scholarship; graduates committed \$61,813, and parents contributed \$16,100 as a participation challenge. Contributions to the scholarship will be accepted until it is fully endowed.  $$\Psi$$ 



To contribute to the Class of 2013 Andrew T. Katbi Memorial Scholarship, please contact Associate Dean Jeff Coates, Duke University School of Law, 210 Science Drive, Box 90389, Durham, NC, 27708.

#### why / give

"Overall, I had a wonderful experience at Duke. I have met numerous lifelong friends and the bonds we have formed I cherish above all. As graduation approached, I wanted to support the community that fostered those relationships."

 Spencer Young JD/LLM '13, Class Gift Committee co-chair

"After some years practicing law in Brazil, I decided to go back to school for an LLM and Duke couldn't be a better choice! I've had a great academic experience, taken very interesting courses with excellent professors and met many talented colleagues that I now have the honor to call 'friends'.

"When I was asked to participate in the Class Gift Committee, I felt that I had the chance to give back to the school and to engage in an activity that regrettably does not exist in my own country. I really appreciate the American class gift tradition: Having graduated from a public law school, I think that if we had, back home, the tradition to donate to our schools the way people do here, Brazil would have a much better educational system. The support and connection of the students and alumni with the Law School is certainly what makes Duke an incredible place to be!"

Ligia Schlittler LLM '13,
 Class Gift Committee co-chair

"The instruction and opportunity to be involved with the entrepreneurial community at Duke and the Triangle has been even better than I expected. While here, I particularly enjoyed the programs that bring in alumni and guest speakers to add to the instruction from the very involved faculty. I want to make sure that future students have equal if not better opportunities and show how much the Law and Entrepreneurship alumni appreciate being a part of the Duke family."

Eb Bernazard LLMLE '13,
 Class Gift Committee co-chair

"I was drawn to Duke from the very beginning because of the sense of community that was lacking at every other school I visited. I've had a wonderful experience here and I've felt truly blessed to be around so many bright and caring people. I jumped at the chance to lead the Class Gift Committee because I felt that Duke had given me so much, and it was an opportunity to connect with my classmates and bring them together."

Jackson Eldridge JD '13,
 Class Gift Committee co-chair

#### why / give

#### Judge David H. Allard '56:

#### "It is what you do when you are a part of a family."

When I decided to attend Duke Law School in 1953 and was accepted, I made a lifelong commitment to Duke University and particularly the Law School. So I think of myself as being a member of the Duke family; in my professional career I was known as a Duke Law School lawyer and judge. All this seems as natural to me as my last name. Why wouldn't I keep in touch and support the Law School? It is what you do when you are part of a family. More important, there always has been a certain dynamic about the Law School that is exciting. It started happening soon after my graduation when Jack Latty became dean. And look where Duke Law School is now and where it is going. To be honest, I envy the students at Duke Law School now; they get all the advantages of a relatively small law school, yet personal relationships still are important and the opportunities are seemingly unlimited. And the Law School stretches beyond the campus, beyond the U.S. and now worldwide!

While my career was in the public sector I wanted to support measures like the Barrister Donor Society and this year, through the generosity of Stanley Star ['61] and his wife, my wife Hildred and I have established an endowed scholarship. It just seems the natural and right thing to do when you are part of the Duke Law School family.

David H. Allard is a retired federal administrative law judge and former chief judge at the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Social Security Administration. His book, Uncle Clayton: A Soldier's Life in Letters, 1898-1901 (Rose Dog Books, 2006), has recently been adapted into a play, which had its off-Broadway premiere in May.



# **EVERY GIFT MATTERS**

**D**AVID '56 AND HILDRED ALLARD HAVE made giving to Duke Law School's Annual Fund a lifelong habit. In so doing they and other "cornerstone" donors support every person, program, and educational initiative affiliated with the Law School, year after year.

"Unrestricted gifts to the Annual Fund permit us to be nimble and to address a dynamic legal environment in which we must make quick decisions and address needs that vary from year to year," said Dean David F. Levi. "It supports a full gamut of conferences, research, scholarships, and unexpected demands, and provides seed money for innovation in legal education.

"The Annual Fund permits us to try new things, like the Duke D.C. Summer Institute that is offering prospective law students, legal and policy professionals, and journalists in the nation's capital short courses taught by members of our spectacular faculty. We're making the Duke 'brand' ever more visible.

"And this year, when the overall number of applications to top law schools is down — although they aren't at Duke — the competition for top students among those schools is more intense than ever. Annual Fund monies permit us to enhance financial aid and compete."

"There is no way to overstate the importance of the Annual Fund to maintaining excellence at Duke Law School," said Jeff Coates, associate dean for alumni and development. "That's why we have set a Duke Forward campaign goal of raising \$15 million for Annual Giving. And that's why we want to offer special thanks to people like the Allards and others who give year after year. They — and the people you see on these pages — are Annual Fund 'all-stars.' Participation matters. Getting into the habit of annual giving — in any amount — is what it's all about. That's how we're going to meet our goal."  $\P$ 

# To make a gift to the Annual Fund:

- » Online: www.gifts.duke.edu/law
- » By phone: 888-LAW-ALUM
- **» By mail:** Please send checks made payable to Duke University to:

Duke Law Annual Fund
Office of Alumni & Development
210 Science Drive, Box 90389
Durham, NC 27708

#### why / give

Robert P. Riordan '84:

# "... [I]n thanks and recognition for what Duke Law gave to me in forming me as a person and a lawyer..."

If I had to single out one reason over any other, it would probably have to be in thanks and recognition for what Duke Law gave to me in forming me as a person and a lawyer, and to honor those individuals who had such key roles in doing so. Professors like Sara Beale, Ken Pye, Jim Cox, John Weistart, Richard Schmalbeck, and George Christie both challenged and inspired, with a lot of emphasis on the 'inspire' part of it. They're just special people who ignited sparks all over the place for me and my classmates.

I also give to create, in some small way, opportunities for other people to have the same experience and to open some of those same doors. And for the good of the profession generally, as I think Duke Law turns out excellent graduates who go out and promote the good of the profession generally. I am proud to help support that.

I want to help Duke Law continue to be excellent and continue to strive for excellence. I am both proud, and the tangible beneficiary of, that excellence. Bob Riordan is a partner at Alston & Bird in Atlanta, where he focuses his litigation practice on disputes relating to employment, business torts, unfair competition and commercial transactions.

#### why / give

Charles Axelrod '66:
"My consistent giving is playing forward

the hand up that was extended to me in my time of need."

Jack Latty got me a full boat scholarship to Duke Law School and my wife a job in the Law School library without which I could not have attended. This was a part of Jack's campaign to make Duke a good law school rather than a good Southern law school, which some felt was a contradiction in terms. So Jack reversed the historical paradigm by filling his carpet bags with greenbacks and heading north. My consistent giving is playing forward the hand up that was extended to me in my time of need. Also the 'Latty Boys' that Jack recruited — and we were a virtually all-male class — were a really a diverse yet class act and have hung together throughout the years. Chuck Axelrod is counsel at Fox Rothschild in Los Angeles, where he focuses his practice on bankruptcy, creditors' rights issues and financial restructuring matters. Chuck's daughter, Brett Axelrod '93, is the managing partner at Fox

partner at Fox Rothschild in Las Vegas and, he notes, his "boss" at the firm.

# EVERY GIFT COUNTS

#### why / give

Nwa'ndo Ume-Nwagbo '02:

#### "In order to facilitate change, you have to stay involved."

First and foremost, being able to come to Duke was possible, in part, because I got a scholarship. If I didn't get a scholarship, there's a very good chance I would not have gone to Duke. It's as simple as that. I know that to get a scholarship, people obviously donated money to the Law School in one form or another. So for that reason alone — that I got a scholarship from the Law School, I need to give back because there are people coming behind me who would love to have that same opportunity. As an African American woman, I believe very strongly that receiving a quality education really is the main way for a lot of people to get ahead today. So for me to go to this amazing institution and have the opportunity to get the quality

of legal education and then not turn around and make some effort to give back in order to help another

young African American woman to get that same opportunity just would seem selfish on my part.

I also want to stay engaged. I loved my time at Duke. I made wonderful friends; friends who I believe will be friends for the rest of my life. But my time at Duke wasn't perfect. There were a number of incidents that occurred while I was at Duke Law that definitely forced me to re-evaluate how I look at situations, how I look at confrontations about race. It forced me to realize that things still needed to change even at Duke Law and that I wanted to have some part in helping such change occur. And in order to facilitate change, you have to stay involved. Giving back is one way — the easiest way — to ensure that I am involved.

Nwa'ndo Ume-Nwagbo is a principal at Smithers Thornton & Ume-Nwagbo, LLC in Atlanta, where she focuses her practice on representing employers in the for-profit and nonprofit sectors in all aspects of employee benefits law.

## SUPPORTING THE ANNUAL FUND

#### why / give

#### Sue Ellen Utley '70:

#### "You have to have faith in the administration of the institution."

I grew up in a home that was charitably inclined and my parents always gave money to their alma maters. And I've always given to both my college — Mount Holyoke — and my law school, on the assumption that my college taught me how to live and Duke taught me how to make money. It was only fair that I give to both. I certainly couldn't have made the kind of money that I made coming out of college with an undergraduate degree in medieval civilization. And giving is a habit I've gotten into — and I don't plan on changing it.

I give to the Annual Fund because I think it's important that if you're supporting the school you have faith in what it is doing with your money. I choose not to tie it up by giving to a particular fund. You have to have faith in the administration of the institution.

Sue Ellen Utley of Sagamore Hills, Ohio, is retired from her career in law practice and in the corporate sector as a financial planner.

#### **Our Goal:**

**\$15 million** for Annual Giving, by June 30, 2017, which includes the Annual Fund and current-use restricted funds.

We are here 46% ₩

\$15m

**\$6.94 million** raised as of May 17, 2013

#### FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

**Annual Fund:** 

\$2,326,643\*

Average Annual Fund Gift:

NEW RECORD

\$1,147

**Overall Alumni/Donor Participation:** 

23.5%

Total donors:

2,686

Number of alumni who participated in an event or volunteer activity:

941

#### why / give

#### Sachin S. Bansal '08:

# "Being a Duke Law alum has gotten me cases and clients — and most of all, it's opened doors."

I graduated law school having not just the skills to become a lawyer, but to be a productive working professional. Being a Duke Law alum has gotten me cases and clients — and most of all, it's opened doors. My personal and professional development has been unparalleled.

I attended Duke as an undergrad too, and of my seven years at Duke, my three years at Duke Law were the most memorable. I made great friends at the Law School. I grew up.

It was so fascinating to me when I first began law school to note the number of other people I found that adopted Duke as part of their identity, not just through basketball, but by being part of the community.

For those of us who are practicing lawyers, we are blessed with the finest legal education that money can buy — because it's from Duke. And whatever amount we can give back that is affordable and workable for alumni is going to make the Law School a better place, and our degree more valuable. So there

shouldn't be a hesitation to give. Young alumni need to be in the habit of giving. Duke Law should be the nonprofit or charity that all of us include as part of our yearly philanthropy. It should be at the top of the list for everyone, given what Duke has done for us, which was more than just a legal education, but a foundation to be successful. It has provided a platform to be smart, successful, and driven.

Sachin Bansal is an associate in McKool Smith's New York office, where his practice involves a wide range of litigation, including complex commercial litigation, bankruptcy, government investigations and white collar matters. He has recently completed a five-year term on the board of the Law Alumni Association's New Lawyers Division and serves as probono counsel to the Duke Law Wrongful Convictions Clinic, including its successful effort to secure the release and exoneration of LaMonte Armstrong after 17 years of wrongful imprisonment.





# How have we used your Annual Fund donations lately?

In the current fiscal year, the Annual Fund has helped to:



>>> **recruit** five remarkable scholars to the governing faculty who bring expertise in such areas as civil procedure, judicial administration, financial markets, constitutional law and history, and consumer protection and income inequality. They are, L–R: Mathew D. McCubbins; Marin K. Levy; Darrell A. H. Miller; Elisabeth de Fontenay; and Sara Sternberg Greene;











>>> launch an International Human Rights Clinic and hire as director, a prominent human rights lawyer, advocate, and teacher, Jayne Huckerby;





>>> SUPPORT Appellate Litigation Clinic students in their representation of pro se litigants in federal appellate courts and prepare briefs and present oral arguments in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the D.C. and Fourth Circuits, where they prevailed;

>>> **prepare** students to advise, create, and lead entrepreneurial ventures through the establishment of the Start-Up Ventures Clinic, which enjoyed a successful inaugural year under the leadership of Kip Johnson '94, as well the establishment of a new three year dual degree program in law and entrepreneurship, the JD/LLMLE;



Security Enterprise Clinic student's research and advocacy support that helped a client achieve two significant successes before the SEC relating to the way major banks handle home foreclosures, particularly in low-income and minority neighborhoods.

Your gift to the Duke Law Annual Fund supports everything we do.

# **SUPPORTING FACULTY**



TWO NEW PROFESSORSHIPS WILL HELP ENHANCE Duke Law School's faculty and teaching for generations to come, according to Dean David F. Levi. The professorships, one endowed by Candace Carroll '74 and Leonard Simon '73 and the other by Terry G. Seaks in honor of his father, Robert G. Seaks '34, were facilitated by the \$5 million matching gift fund established by Stanley '61 and Elizabeth Star in 2010 with the goal of creating four endowed professorships at Duke Law. The philanthropic goal of the Star challenge has now been achieved; Jeffrey P. Hughes '65 and Bettysue C. Hughes WC '65 and Mark '78 and Jill Fishman in honor of Mark's father, Bernard Fishman, also have leveraged their personal philanthropy through the Star Challenge Fund as they have endowed distinguished professorships at Duke Law School.

"Stanley and Elizabeth Star, who already had endowed a distinguished professorship in law and business at Duke that is currently held by Professor Steven Schwarcz, recognize the importance of faculty excellence to the future of Duke Law School, and chose to amplify their generosity by engaging and inspiring others," said Levi. "Four professorships later, we cannot thank them enough for their leadership and vision.

"All of these wonderful alumni and friends who have responded to the Stars' challenge share their leadership and their vision. Jeff and Bettysue, Candy and Len, and Mark and Jill all are longtime supporters of the people and programs at Duke Law who have already made gifts and assumed leadership roles within the alumni community that have made a difference to our students and faculty and our physical space. They, along with Terry Seaks, who taught economics for many years, recognize that ultimately our quality depends on our faculty. If you have great faculty, you will have great students."  $\Psi$ 

#### **Our Goal:**

We seek to substantially increase donor investments in faculty and research to ensure Duke Law can continue to attract and retain professors who are scholars and teachers of the highest caliber. Through the Duke Forward campaign we will secure funding for seven new distinguished professorships; two new professor of the practice positions; two visiting distinguished professorships; and general and programmatic faculty excellence funds.

#### **Gift Opportunities:**

- **» \$5,000,000:** endowed dean's chair
- » \$2,500,000: endowed professorship
- » \$1,500,000: endowed professor of the practice
- **» \$1,000,000:** endowed visiting professorship
- » \$100,000 and up: endowed Faculty Excellence Fund
- » GIFTS OF ANY AMOUNT to the

Faculty Development Fund



#### The Robert G. Seaks LL.B. 1934 Professorship

TERRY SEAKS' \$1.25 MILLION GIFT to Duke Law honors both the legacy of a distinguished graduate and the memory of a beloved father.

When he graduated from Duke Law in 1934 at the age of 21, Robert Seaks became the youngest Duke Law graduate to finish at the top of his class. He also was a leader in his class in spite of his youth; a classmate described him as "the glue that binds us together." Seaks served as editor of the Duke Bar Association Journal (the precursor to the Duke Law Journal) and was elected to the Order of the Coif.

After his Duke Law graduation, Seaks negotiated power contracts for the Tennessee Valley Authority. He subsequently became a Sterling Fellow at Yale Law School, served as assistant to the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and as special assistant to Attorney General Tom Clark in the U.S. Justice Department. For the last 30 years of his career, he practiced law with the small Washington, D.C., firm of Wheeler & Wheeler, where he specialized in regulatory work representing radio and television stations and railroad and trucking firms. Seaks died in 1992.

During World War II, Seaks served as a Navy code-breaker in Pearl Harbor alongside a young officer named John Paul Stevens. They both received Bronze Stars for their service and forged a lifelong friendship. When the now-retired Supreme Court Justice Stevens spoke at Duke Law's hooding ceremony in 2012, he invited Terry Seaks to participate in the day's events.

That was the connection that brought Terry back to Duke and inspired him to move forward with his gift. "Justice Stevens invited me to a luncheon here at Duke during the graduation events," Seaks said. "When I walked into that room with the justice, whom I hadn't seen in years, and 40 or 50 law faculty, I was just overwhelmed. And then to hear Justice Stevens talk about my dad in his remarks to the students it was just an honor to be there."

A 1972 graduate of Duke's doctoral program in economics, Seaks is professor of economics, emeritus, at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. He and his late wife, Jane, a teacher, valued excellent teaching and were devoted to supporting education.

"I've always felt that great professors are at the core of what makes a university great," Seaks said. "I feel blessed to have had such a remarkable father and to be able to honor him in this way. I am deeply proud of this chair and to know that dad's name will be forever linked to the Law School he so loved." \$\frac{\psi}{2}\$



#### **Letters Home**

Robert Seaks meticulously recorded his law school experience in letters home to his family, that both illuminate his father's lasting affection for Duke and offer a peek into a remarkably poised young man's experience of "the grind" that is law school. The Goodson Law Library has archival copies of the letters.

#### The Carroll-Simon Professorship in Law

A S LONGTIME SUPPORTERS of the Law School and Duke University, and as members of Duke Law's campaign committee, Candace Carroll and Leonard Simon have directed their philanthropy in ways they hope will advance the school and enhance opportunities for students. They established a public interest fellowship fund in 1998 to provide summer grants for students who work in non-paid public interest positions during law school; 10 Duke Law students benefited from

Carroll-Simon fellowships in summer 2012 alone. The couple, who met at Duke, also has established the Carroll-Simon student scholarship and provided support to numerous other initiatives. They say their \$1.25 million gift to create a professorship is a natural extension of those efforts.

"The faculty is the most important aspect of a school," said Carroll. "I have done some teaching, and I know how hard it is. I also remember how good my professors were when I was in law school. I remember sitting in Professor (William) Van Alstyne's class; much of the time, you couldn't keep up with him. But on those days that you could, you could actually feel your mind expanding. It's an amazing experience to be in the classroom with teachers of such intellect and skill. Faculty of that quality are what sets Duke Law apart."

A life member of the Duke Law Board of Visitors, Carroll is an appellate practitioner with more than 30 years of experience handling appeals in the federal, state, and bankruptcy appellate courts. She has practiced with the San Diego firm of Sullivan Hill Lewin Rez & Engel for 30 years, and has taught seminars in advanced legal writing at Duke Law and the University of San Diego School of Law, where she currently supervises a Ninth Circuit Legal Clinic.

Simon specializes in complex litigation in the federal courts, including class actions in the securities and antitrust fields. He is of counsel with Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd in San Diego, where he also has handled a substantial number of significant complex appellate matters, arguing cases in the United States Supreme Court and several federal and state appellate courts. He has taught courses at Duke, the University of San Diego, and the University of Southern California law schools on complex litigation and sports and the law, and has lectured extensively on complex litigation in professional development programs. \(\bar{V}\)



## **SUPPORTING STUDENTS**



**C**Great lawyers-to-be keep on coming. So we cannot stop."

> — John R. Wester '72, above, to scholarship and fellowship donors.

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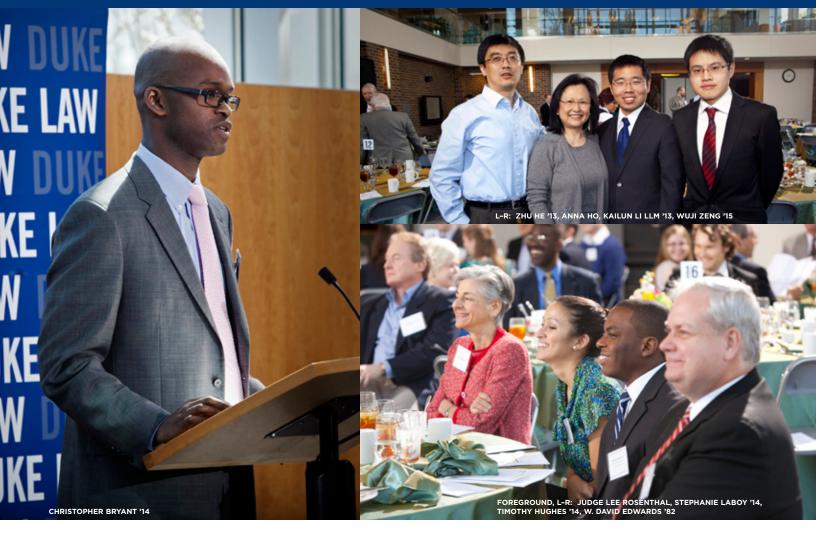
than 160 individual scholarships for named scholars, including 11 scholarships that were awarded for the first time, Dean David F. Levi said in his welcoming remarks.

Associate Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid Bill Hoye thanked benefactors for helping Duke Law build a talented and diverse student body, and keeping the gate to the legal profession open to all deserving students.

"The students who are here today were able to come to Duke because of the support of alumni and friends of the school," he said. "In many cases, these scholarships were the deciding factor for these students when they were selecting a law school."

Student speaker Christopher Bryant '14 agreed. Having been a public school teacher for three years following his graduation from Duke University, Bryant said that Duke Law, with its promise of "quality career opportunities throughout the country" was the clear choice for him, but





that he and his wife had established debt limits, so it was clear that they could not afford Duke's tuition without assistance.

"I am incredibly grateful for the scholarship that Mr. William Louis-Dreyfus ['57] provided, and for the opportunity it afforded me to attend Duke University School of Law. I can honestly say that without it, I would not be in law school right now," said Bryant, the editor in chief of the *Duke Law Journal* who already has two postgraduate federal clerkships lined up.

"After almost two years here, I cannot think of a better place to be," he said. "The students, staff, faculty, and alumni of Duke University School of Law are the most friendly, accomplished, and generous collection of people I have ever met. And in large part, that is due to the donors. All of the scholarship recipients come from different backgrounds, but we all share the same feeling of appreciation for our scholarships. It makes us even more excited about Duke Law, and even more likely to continue to the tradition of generosity in the future.

"Thank you all for making the Duke experience so incredible," he said.

In his remarks, Board of Visitors member John R. Wester '72 joked that he was "grateful and then some to attend Duke Law School on the Louise and John Wester Scholarship." A partner at Robinson Bradshaw in Charlotte where he specializes in complex civil litigation at the trial and appellate levels, Wester recently made

his "scholarship" official, establishing the Louise Robbins & John Howard Wester Scholarship Fund in his parents' honor, thus benefiting future deserving students.

"However established this tradition [of giving], however warm this gathering, I am anxious that we fail to recognize the abiding threats to the opportunities of those who would follow us to this place — those who would take advantage of the Duke Law experience that has been our blessing to know, and to live," he said, citing high tuition costs among them. "Will we answer them? I am one who believes we will find answers ... and I believe in the remarkably good persons who have built what we honor today."

Wester pointed to "a remarkable, even mysterious element" in the philanthropy demonstrated in scholarship and fellowship endowments. "In nearly every instance, those who have begun a scholarship fund have no connection to, no knowledge of, no tie whatever to those who have or will receive the scholarship they provide.

"Fundamental to these gifts is a faith that those benefiting will repay the gifts with lives that make for the best dividends of all — professional distinction with exemplary service. And the evidence of such dividends keeps on coming.

"Great lawyers-to-be keep on coming. So we cannot stop." \$\\P\$

» Read more about supporting students on Page 12.

# **SUPPORTING STUDENTS**

RECENT SCHOLARSHIP gifts include a new scholarship for students studying law and entrepreneurship or business created by Anne L. Dollard '94 and Adrian E. Dollard '95, and a scholarship established by 1983 classmates Nora Jordan and W. Allen Reiser III. The gifts expand the school's resources for students and reflect a unique depth of commitment within the Duke Law community to reigning in student debt and support for students in and out of the classroom. »

Continuous that no student's tuition comes close to paying for the education they actually receive. ... [E]veryone is really standing on the shoulders of the generosity of folks who have come before and tried to make that possible."

— Adrian E. Dollard '95

#### The Adrian E. and Anne L. Dollard Scholarship

THE DOLLARDS, WHO MET AT DUKE, have established their scholarship with a \$500,000 gift commitment that will be matched with \$250,000 from the Star Financial Aid Fund, established in 2012. The Dollard Scholarship will be used to provide scholarships to students who are pursuing a dual JD and LLM in law and entrepreneurship, a dual JD/MBA, or the LLM in law and entrepreneurship (LLMLE). This focus reflects the professional interests of the San Francisco-based couple.

Anne Dollard retired last spring as deputy general counsel and chief patent counsel for Takeda, where she managed all facets of Takeda San Francisco's general legal and intellectual property matters, including the global management of Takeda's antibody technology. She joined the company in 2008 after spending more than a decade in the area of antibody technology and therapeutic antibody intellectual property.

Adrian Dollard is a co-founder and the chief operating officer of Qatalyst Partners, a global, independent investment bank that services the emerging technology sector. Prior to co-founding Qatalyst in 2008, he served as general counsel of Credit Suisse's technology group and practiced law at Shearman & Sterling, where he specialized in mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, and venture capital. He is a member of the Law School's Board of Visitors and the advisory board for the LLMLE program.

Establishing a scholarship for students pursuing studies in law, entrepreneurship, and business meshes with the couple's professional interests and Duke University's strengths, said Adrian Dollard, who also received his undergraduate degree at Duke.

"Duke has a strong culture of innovation; it's not hidebound to tradition and it's also very interdisciplinary, which is exactly the stew of things you need to have a successful entrepreneurial class," he said. "One of Duke's defining characteristics as an institution is its nimbleness. It's much younger than its peer insti-







# **(()** I've had a great career, and Duke was part of that."

— Nora Jordan '83

#### The Thomas Jordan Memorial Scholarship

WHEN NORA JORDAN AND ALLEN REISER decided to endow a scholarship at Duke Law, it was a logical choice to name it for Jordan's father, said Reiser. "He was a great guy with a great story of achievement and ability."

An Irish immigrant who settled in Cleveland in 1958, the late Thomas Jordan had just an eighth or ninth grade education, said Jordan, head of the Investment Management Group at Davis Polk in New York and a member of the Duke Law Board of Visitors.

"He did manual labor his whole life. He worked for the public utility for 30 years and held second jobs because he had seven children," she said. "But he was very smart and entirely self-educated. He read all the time when he wasn't working and he encouraged all of his children to do so. He thought it was important to understand what was going on in the world.

"Once a week, on one of the few nights that he didn't have a second job, he would take us to the local public library — a 30-minute walk each way because we didn't have a car — so that we could get books and participate in programs. That's how my love of reading began. He would give us riddles to do in the evening and help us with our homework. He really inspired us to learn."

Describing her father as quiet, unassuming, and extremely honest, Jordan said he stressed education for its own sake, not just as a means to get ahead. But thanks to him, his children did. "The result is that we have three partners at law firms, one doctor who specializes in infectious diseases, one head of economic development in North Royalton, Ohio, one executive at Hewlett-Packard, and a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for the *Washington Post*," she said with a laugh.

Grateful for her father's example and inspiration, Jordan said she is also grateful for the scholar-ship assistance she was given to attend Duke as well as the legal education she received. "The teachers were engaged and really spectacular. Sara Beale, Jim Cox — they're just amazing teachers," she said. "I've had a great career, and Duke was part of that. Giving me a scholarship was part of that. And it's time to give back."

Reiser, who met Jordan when they both joined Davis Polk immediately after law school, recalls Duke Law's small-school atmosphere as being nurturing. "It was like being in a family. It still feels that way when I go back," he said, having returned frequently to interview on campus during a long career with JP Morgan Chase, first as a lawyer and then as a structured-finance banker. "Duke has a very different feel from other schools."

Now retired from banking, Reiser is engaged with multiple nonprofits including St. Joseph High School in Brooklyn, the Sharon (Conn.) Historical Society, and the Sharon Green Preservation Association; he and Jordan also are involved in the American Skin Association which, among other things, funds research on melanoma. Reiser said that given their fond memories of Duke Law, establishing a scholarship, with a \$125,000 gift and \$62,500 from the Star Financial Aid Matching Fund, "seemed like a great opportunity to give something back."

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### Sarah Hawkins Warren '08



PHILANTHROPY HAS LONG BEEN ROUTINE FOR Sarah Hawkins Warren.

A litigation associate at Kirkland & Ellis in Washington, D.C., Warren was just 17 when she started a foundation to support the construction of a high school in Nyeri, Kenya.

She and her classmates at Westminster Schools in Atlanta had been sending used books and other materials to help Mount Kenya Academy in Nyeri since elementary school. But after spearheading a spring break trip to the school during her senior year, Warren saw the need for a high school at the academy.

"We realized that in Kenya, elementary and junior high school education is fairly common, but the real barrier to success is that kids don't go to high school," she says. "After eighth grade, a lot of kids who have performed well in school will go home to be farmers or goat herders, and they don't have anywhere to go for high school. Interestingly, you can also go to college, but there's this high school gap."

Four years after Warren started the Mount Kenya Academy Foundation, the high school became a reality. The foundation now provides financial assistance to children who could not otherwise afford tuition and supports strategic planning to promote the school's success.

"Now we're seeing the kids go on to university and do really great things," Warren says. "We hope they will stay in Kenya and prevent the brain drain that can occur when the smartest students head to the U.K. or to the U.S. for education. We're encouraging them to be the next leaders of Kenya."

In 2002, as a Duke sophomore majoring in public policy and Spanish, Warren "caught the politics bug" while volunteering in Salisbury, N.C., on behalf of Senate candidate Elizabeth Dole. She worked in the Bush White House as an intern the following summer.

"I had applied to law school and thought I was going to go straight through," she says. "A month before graduation I called my parents and told them, to their surprise, that I was going to defer a year and go back to work on the 2004 re-election campaign for President Bush."

After the campaign, Warren continued to work on the Inaugural. She then returned to the White House as deputy press secretary, in the Office of Management and Budget.

Warren says her White House experience reinforced her plan to go to law school; every key position seemed to be held by an attorney.

"Whether it was a national security advisor or a domestic policy advisor or even the head of communications at the time, they were all attorneys," she says. "And the skills they had learned as attorneys translated into so many other things that it made me realize that there are many things out there that you can do with this skill set."

Warren, who served as editor in chief of Law & Contemporary Problems and graduated from Duke Law magna cum laude, went on to clerk for Judge J.L. Edmondson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and then for Judge Richard J. Leon of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia after a year of practice. She is pleased, she says, to see the emphasis Duke Law is placing on practical skills training.

"One thing I've observed in the years since I've left is that Dean Levi is trying to help people understand what the practice of law on a day-to-day basis is really like. That's a tremendous service to the students and it's made our students more marketable. Law firms understand a Duke Law graduate is somebody who might really understand what it means to be a first-year associate or, frankly, to do any job."

As chair of the Law Alumni Association's New Lawyers Division, Warren has helped develop formal mentoring and networking programs for students and young alumni.

She also serves on Duke University's Annual Fund Executive Committee and is the vice president of the National Board of Directors for Duke's Young Alumni Development Council. She received the LAA's Young Alumni Award for her volunteer service during Duke Law's reunion in April.

























### **Reunion 2013**

ALUMNI FROM CLASSES ending in "3" and "8" returned to Duke Law April 12-14 to renew friendships with classmates and favorite professors, and take in special reunion programming. The Law Alumni Association honored Pamela Gann '73, Richard Horvitz '78, Manuel Sager '85, James Smith '86, Christian Broadbent '99, and Sarah Hawkins Warren '08 for their career achievements and service to the Law School. The JD/LLM program also celebrated the 25th anniversary of its first graduating class with a celebratory lunch.  $\Psi$ 



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