



## COOKING UP COMMUNITY

DUKE LAW CLUB  
PRESIDENT  
COMPLEMENTS  
FIRM WORK WITH  
A COOKING SHOW  
ON THE SIDE

LAUREN DESANTIS-THEN '06

GOOD COOKS tend to produce more than just savory food — they also cultivate community. While building her health care litigation practice at Polsinelli Shugart, **Lauren DeSantis-Then '06** has managed to do both, launching her own cooking show, “Capital Cooking with Lauren DeSantis,” and volunteering with the Duke Law Club of Washington, D.C., which builds community among the growing alumni population in and around the nation’s capital.

DeSantis-Then pursued both interests at Duke Law, where she was a *Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy*’s articles editor, participated in mock trial tournaments, and joined the Women Law Students Association. In **Professor George Christie**’s seminar she engaged her palate as well as her mind in a relaxed, communal setting.

“There were about six or seven students in the class,” DeSantis-Then recalls. “Every week Professor Christie would give us a topic and we would meet at someone’s house to have dinner. It was really fun, because it was a different setting and we got to know each other well while we talked about the law.”

DeSantis-Then lived at Alexan Farms apartments during her 3L year along with a large group of friends who regularly held progressive dinners. “Each person’s house would have a different course — whether

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### DUKE LAW BOARD OF VISITORS

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assumes leadership  
of Duke Law  
School’s BOV



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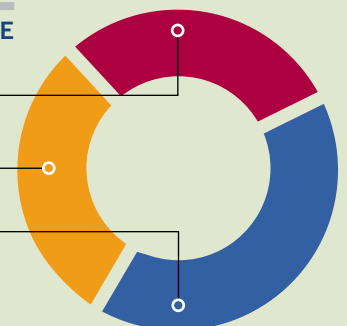
“It takes a special place to generate so much enthusiasm and support.”

— CARLTON FLEMING JR. '07

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### FY09 GIFTS BY SOURCE

Cash:	\$2,849,013
Pledge Payments:	\$3,748,563
New Pledges:	\$3,934,822



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

# “The Duke Way”

I am often asked to explain what is so special about Duke Law. My answer always comes back to what I call “The Duke Way,” a combination of intellectual engagement at the highest level, a commitment to serving the common good, and extraordinary collaboration and collegiality that sets us apart from other law schools.

That last part, the extraordinary collaboration and collegiality, is one that includes our greater Duke Law community, including our friends and alumni throughout the world. And it is in appreciation of our friends and alumni — their many contributions to the success of our students and faculty — that we created this newsletter. The ABA cited our student culture as the strongest in the country; our students are frequently amazed at the level of faculty and alumni commitment to this school and to our students’ success; and I am often moved by the generosity of our friends and alumni, who support this school whole-heartedly in ways both small and large.

There is one story I like to tell that demonstrates perfectly the character of our community: Our graduate, the late **Allen Siegel ’60**, was among the most thankful and loyal Duke Law graduates I’ve met. He was destitute as a law student and he implored **Dean Latty** for a scholarship during his first year. Dean Latty told him, “Mr. Siegel, I am just not that impressed by you. But if you can earn straight A’s next semester, come back here and we’ll talk.” Allen did, and Dean Latty not only awarded him a scholarship for the coming years, but he also made that scholarship retroactive to



Dean David F. Levi speaks with Bruce Rogers at the 2009 Scholarship Luncheon.

the beginning of Allen’s first year, thus paying for Allen’s entire legal education. Allen told me this story the first time I met him.

Allen felt deeply indebted to Dean Latty and Duke Law. He created a scholarship, among many other gifts to Duke Law, named for his father. In 1984, a young man named **Bruce Rogers** received that scholarship. During his years at Duke Law, he was so financially strapped that he confessed to his small-section Torts professor, **Jerome Culp**, that he was considering dropping out. Professor Culp wouldn’t hear of it. He offered to give Bruce a free room in his home in exchange for some help doing repairs around the house. What ripened into a deep friendship lasted until Jerome’s death in 2004.

Bruce felt deeply indebted to Professor Culp and to Duke Law. He created a scholarship to honor both, and he shared the story of this wonderful friendship between a student, then graduate, and his professor during our 2009 Scholarship Luncheon. He spoke with emotion to those gathered at the Washington Duke, recalling the late Professor Culp’s kindness during a difficult time. “My message to all of you who are thinking about making a contribution?” Bruce said. “Know that you have the ability to impact lives, to change lives, and to give to an institution that is built on the character of the people it recruits as students, faculty, and administrators.”

That is “The Duke Way” — generations of alumni, reaching across the years to give back to an institution that gave them opportunities somewhere along the way, keeping faith with those who helped them. And that is what this newsletter is all about — the people who make this Law School special, through their gifts of time, resources, and loyalty. We are grateful to you.

Sincerely,

David F. Levi  
Dean and Professor of Law

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### NEW BOARD OF VISITORS MEMBERS

July 2009 – June 2012 Term

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Caroline Gottschalk '90  
Daniel Katz '83  
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### NEW LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

July 2009 – June 2012 Term

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Paul Genender '94  
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Miranda Zolot '98

## Ichel assumes leadership of Duke Law Board of Visitors

### Position adds to long résumé of service

David Ichel '78, a longtime volunteer and supporter of Duke Law, has succeeded **Michael Dockterman '78** as chair of the Law School's Board of Visitors (BOV). Ichel previously has served as co-chair of the Law School's Building Campaign Committee and as a member of reunion committees and the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors. He also is a past chair of the New York Metropolitan Duke Law School Alumni Association.

"David Ichel is a dedicated volunteer who cares deeply about Duke Law, its faculty and students," **Dean David F. Levi** says. "He knows the school and our community, and he is committed to helping us build on the loyalty and enthusiasm of our alumni body as we continue to move Duke Law forward even in challenging times.

"As we welcome David into his new role, we are grateful to Michael Dockterman for his leadership these past two years," Levi adds. "His counsel to me during my transition to the Law School was invaluable, and I am indebted to him for his efforts in introducing me to the Duke Law community and in helping all of us shape our priorities and goals for the future."

Ichel is a partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in New York City, where he focuses on a wide range of complex commercial litigation, including securities and banking litigation, class action defense, product liability and mass tort defense, antitrust and unfair trade practice



claims, defamation, insurance coverage, and insurance company insolvency litigation.

"I look forward to building on the enormous efforts and accomplishments of my predecessors as chair, including Michael Dockterman, **Peter Kahn '76**, **George Krouse '70**, **Bob Montgomery '64**, and **John Lowndes '58**," Ichel says. "I plan to be available to advise Dean Levi and the Duke faculty on issues important to the Law School and to bring about even greater alumni participation in support of Duke Law School."

"I want to encourage any Duke Law graduate who has not been back to the Law School in recent years to come and visit the tremendous new facility, see how energized and accomplished today's students are, and get involved," Ichel adds. "I guarantee it will raise your spirits." ▼

## Law Alumni Association establishes New Lawyers' Division

**Susan Prosnitz '89**, president of the Law Alumni Association (LAA) board of directors, has announced the creation of the organization's New Lawyers' Division (NLD), which will meet annually in the fall and include up to 25 members of the five most recent graduating classes. The

division, chaired by **Amy Yeung '06**, will help advance the LAA's overall mission, focusing in particular on such initiatives as mentorship of current students and recent graduates, online alumni networks, and admissions support. "We are excited about the possibilities that this consolidation of

resources presents," says Prosnitz. "The LAA is a productive board, and the energy and creativity that the LAA-NLD will bring to the group will greatly enhance the board's efforts to support the Law School and alumni community." ▼



# New program assists alumni experiencing job transitions

## Online seminars available on Duke Law website

Duke Law's Alumni and Development Office has teamed with its Career and Professional Development Center to create an online program for alumni dealing with an increasingly challenging professional environment.

Spearheaded by **Director of Alumni Relations Susan McLean** and **Associate Dean Bruce Elvin '93**, who directs the Career and Professional Development Center, Career Planning 2.0 is a series of three online seminars — “webinars” — that address how to cope with a layoff and devise a job search strategy. Initially offered as live online sessions in late February and early March, they are available on demand to domestic and international alumni on the Duke Law website at [www.law.duke.edu/alumni/career](http://www.law.duke.edu/alumni/career).

“We aimed to create a series that would walk people through the sometimes difficult process of job transition, from the emotional issues that can be difficult, to the kinds of preparation that will help you be successful, to some practical advice about tactics,” said Elvin.

**Debby Stone '89**, co-founder of Corner Office Coaching in Atlanta, facilitated the first webinar titled “Dealing with Transition: Seeing Layoff as an Opportunity.” She counseled individuals facing economic uncertainty not to panic, and to make a realistic assessment of their professional course thus far.

For those dissatisfied with their careers, having to seek a new job could be a

chance to move in a more rewarding direction, she said.

Kate Neville, an attorney and founder of Neville Career Consulting in Washington, D.C., conducted the second webinar, “Making the Transition: Positioning Yourself for New Opportunities.” She laid out a job-search template, from setting budgetary and geographic parameters, to taking interim, temporary, and consulting jobs to stay afloat financially.

The last in the series offered the insights of three leading legal placement professionals on pursuing a mid-career job transition. **Alan Surchin '95** of Mestel & Company in New York, **Peter Ocko '97** of Major, Lindsey & Africa in Los Angeles, and **Frank Kimball** of Kimball Professional Management in Chicago discussed networking, interviewing, and the

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– ASSOCIATE DEAN BRUCE ELVIN '93

specifics of their regional job markets in “Making it Happen: Headhunters’ Perspectives on the Job Search.”

They advised lawyers to look into using their existing skill sets in a new area. Examples given included attorneys who worked on mergers and acquisitions looking for jobs buying or selling assets in bankruptcy, and real estate associates applying their specialized knowledge to financial workouts.

Conducting and posting the seminars online has facilitated broader access among alumni who may be reducing travel expenses for conferences and seminars, noted McLean. And participants reported finding the concrete advice and tips helpful in formulating elements of their job search plan, added Elvin.

“Now these webinars are an ongoing resource,” he said. “The bottom line is that we’re committed to our continued support of alumni. Job transitions are harder now than they’ve been in some time, but resources like this give Duke Law grads another advantage.” ▽



### CAREER PLANNING 2.0 WEBINARS

- // **Dealing with Transition: Seeing a Layoff as an Opportunity**
- // **Making the Transition: Positioning Yourself for New Opportunities**
- // **Making it Happen: Headhunters’ Perspectives on the Job Search**

Available online at [www.law.duke.edu/alumni/career](http://www.law.duke.edu/alumni/career)

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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appetizers or the dinner portion — and you'd go in groups to each house," she says.

As she started her legal career, DeSantis-Then read an article about a young Texas lawyer who had a cooking show, which inspired her to investigate the possibility for herself. She earned a required video production certificate and submitted a proposal to a local community cable station.

"Capital Cooking with Lauren DeSantis" — filmed by DeSantis-Then's husband, **Corey Then '06** — now airs in 29 U.S. cities as well as New Zealand and Australia. DeSantis-Then is working with a satellite television network to syndicate the program domestically; once the deal is complete, it will reach 20 million households across the country.

"I wouldn't be able to do the show if I didn't love it," says DeSantis-Then, who films only one weekend a month in order to maintain her law practice.

**Jules Shepard '95**, an avid baker who suffers from celiac disease, recently joined DeSantis-Then on Capital Cooking. Having patented a gluten-free flour, Shepard showcased gluten-free baked goods from recipes included in her two cookbooks. The episode aired in August and will continue to run at intervals throughout the year.



On the set of "Capital Cooking with Lauren DeSantis."

In addition to developing her legal career and expanding her television show's reach, DeSantis-Then volunteers as president of the Duke Law Club in Washington, D.C., which started in 2007 and now serves more than 1,000 alumni.

"I think Duke has a great thing going," she says. "Not many other schools have such active alumni networks."

"We're trying to do a mix of events," she adds. "Some family events, some social events, some educational or CLE events — and we're trying to do three to four events per year."

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DESANTIS-THEN '06

DeSantis-Then says the club has helped her establish community in the D.C. area and is a terrific opportunity for others to do the same.

"Being a volunteer is a great way to get involved early, meet people, reconnect with fellow alumni that you might not even realize are in that city, and start taking on leadership roles," she says. "If you are an associate at a firm, you might not be getting big leadership roles in your cases, but here you can take ownership, plan an event, help out the alumni community, and have fun while doing it." ▼

## RECENT D.C. CLUB ACTIVITIES

Duke Law Club activities include educational enrichment programs and informative seminars as well as social and civic activities that reflect the tradition and spirit of the Law School. Recent activities of the Duke Law Club of Washington, D.C., have included:

**The 48th Annual Roll Call  
Congressional Baseball Game at Nationals Park**  
June 17, 2009

**"The Constitution, Gay Rights, and  
California's Proposition 8:  
The Legacy of Romer v. Evans,"**  
featuring Professor Thomas B. Metzloff  
March 17, 2009

**D.C. Area Admitted Students -  
Alumni Reception** hosted by Jones Day  
Feb. 24, 2009

## ALUMNI VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Duke Law School has more than 9,500 alumni, many of whom contribute their time and talent through volunteer activities with local alumni clubs throughout the United States and in 10 international locations. Volunteers help host events, sponsor programs, serve as class agents and correspondents, recruit and mentor students, promote clerkships, serve as moot court judges, offer career advice, and more.

To learn more about Duke Law Alumni Clubs, contact Dawn Downing, assistant director of alumni relations, at [downing@law.duke.edu](mailto:downing@law.duke.edu) or 919-613-8534.



Carlton Fleming Jr. '07 and Carlton Fleming '51

## Fleming passes down philanthropic tradition to his son

Barrister Donor Society is a family affair

Like father, like son.

Carlton Fleming '51 has given to the Barrister Donor Society every year since the group started in 1975. His son, Carlton Fleming Jr. '07, followed that example by joining the Barrister Donor Society shortly before graduating from the Law School.

Duke Law established the Barrister Donor Society to encourage alumni giving and to recognize graduates who set an example of philanthropy for others through their leadership contributions. The Flemings, both of whom also hold undergraduate degrees from Duke, are among the more than 600 alumni who participate each year as Barristers.

Fleming says he was motivated to give back to Duke Law as a Barrister because he recognized the need to support the Law School's outstanding faculty, student body, leadership, and physical facility.

"The Law School has gained recognition as one of the top schools in the country and continues to be that. Although I have given every year to the Barrister Donor Society since it first started in 1975, there are still a lot of other alumni who participate at the Barrister level each year or whenever they are able to financially,"

"I encourage alumni to participate in the life of their alma mater as a donor and give back."

— CARLTON FLEMING '51

Fleming says. "Supporting the Annual Fund or other areas at the Barrister level allows my contributions to help the school in areas where it has the greatest need. Barrister gifts have been well used over time and have also been necessary over time."

His son echoes those sentiments.

"Growing up, I was always impressed by the commitment of my father and his fellow alumni to the Law School. It takes a special place to generate so much enthusiasm and support," says Fleming Jr., who is an associate in the business law department at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein in Charlotte. "As I transitioned from student to alumnus, I saw the Barrister Society as a way to join the thousands of graduates whose gifts and efforts help Duke Law succeed."

The senior Fleming was a founding editor of the *Duke Bar Review* — now known as the *Duke Law Journal*. Together with the late Professor Robinson Everett '59 and a classmate, the late Arnold McKinnon '51, he helped establish a publication that endures to this day. He says it is a highlight among his Law School memories. Fleming also was a founding member of the Law School's Board of Visitors.

"I have seen firsthand the evolution of the Law School. I have seen the changes in our faculty, students, and leadership over time and the challenges we have encountered. It's quite a story," he says. "I hope alumni recognize that however they came to Duke, a lot of their education was paid for by someone else, particularly through gifts made possible because of the Annual Fund." ▼

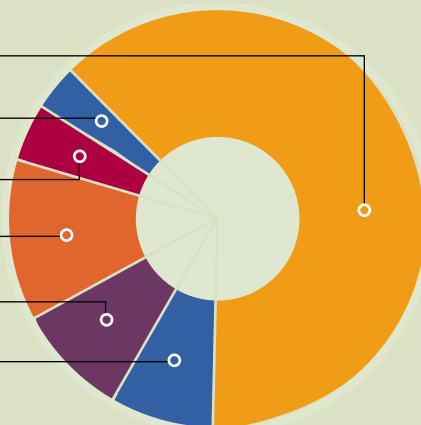
Carlton Fleming '51 with Professor James Coleman Jr.





### CASH GIFTS BY DONOR SOURCE

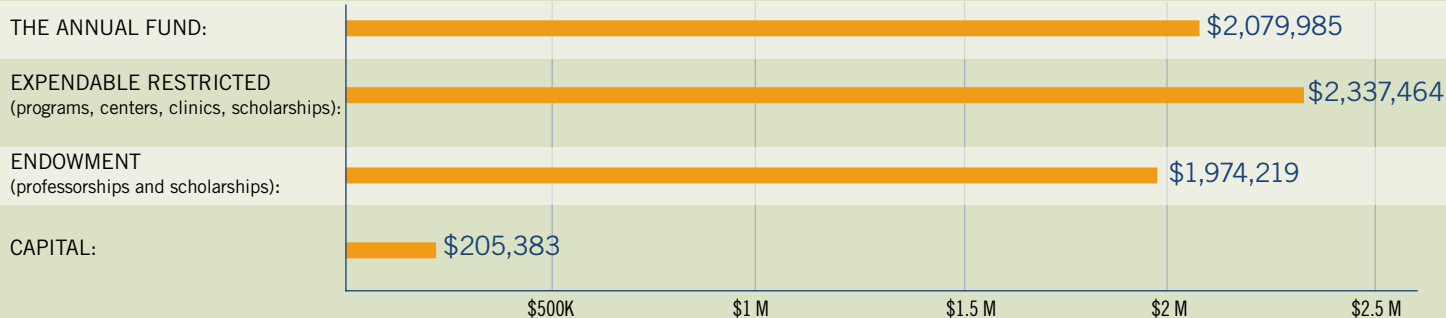
ALUMNI	\$4,115,060
PARENTS	\$253,879
FRIENDS	\$292,240
FOUNDATIONS	\$809,601
CORPORATIONS	\$585,013
OTHER	\$541,733
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,597,576</b>



### JOIN THE BARRISTER DONOR SOCIETY

Barrister Donor Society gifts account for nearly 60 percent of Annual Fund dollars. An annual commitment of \$2,500 ensures your membership in this prestigious giving society; recent graduates (of five years out or less) and those who work in nonprofit and public sector positions may qualify for Barrister Donor Society membership with a \$1,000 annual gift.

### WHAT YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT



**APRIL 16 TO 18, 2010**



# REUNION '10



Duke Law School will welcome back classes ending in "0" and "5," as well as the Half-Century Club (any alum who graduated more than 50 years ago) **April 16 to 18, 2010**, for a weekend of friends, fun, and memories at Reunion '10.

Come reminisce about the past, share in the present, and catch a glimpse of the future of Duke Law.

Contact **Sarah L. Wentz** at [wentz@law.duke.edu](mailto:wentz@law.duke.edu) for more information.



# The venerable, erudite, and somewhat eccentric Samuel Fox Mordecai

## Scholarship namesake was a colorful character

Samuel Fox Mordecai II was Trinity College Law School's first dean, a position he held from 1904 until his death in 1927. Mordecai was a dedicated professor, a great scholar, and a leader in legal education whose published pamphlets and letters were requested by lawyers and scholars throughout North Carolina. He initiated the reorganization of the Law School, requiring two years of pre-law study for admission to the three-year LLB program.



And he loved his dog. Mordecai's beloved daschund, Pompey Ducklegs, was so closely identified with the dean that some thought he loved his pet as much as his students. Mordecai brought the short-legged dog, who was named after a character from James Kirk Paulding's 1832 book *Westward Ho!*, to class with him throughout many of his years as dean, during which time Mordecai missed only three lectures.

However, students could take assurance in Mordecai's description of his dog, which could just as effectively describe the man himself. Mordecai explained that Pompey Ducklegs "cusses, chews tobacco ... [and] loves all Trinity College law students."

Two of Mordecai's students, **William B. Umstead '21** and **R. Gregg Cherry**, later served as North Carolina governors, one became his son-in-law, and many others walked away with fond memories of the gruff yet beloved professor.

In a 1985 letter to the Law School, **P.H. Crawford '29** recalled his experiences in Mordecai's last course, Real Property, in the fall of 1926. Crawford, then 19, attended the course for first-year law students at Mordecai's home on the

northeastern corner of campus where the semester's first months were spent in chairs on the front porch. Come autumn the group moved inside to the dining room among piles of Mordecai's law books and papers.

Crawford described the "most learned" Mordecai as "very venerable, very erudite, colorful, and somewhat eccentric."

Crawford recalled earning the opportunity to drive Mordecai to Raleigh in the dean's old Model-T towing car, a mark of distinction among students. A confident student, Crawford also recalled the occasion when "the good and venerable old dean decided it was about time to cut me down to size."

"After I gave a correct answer to a question he had propounded and several other students had missed, instead of proceeding on into something else with another student, he stayed with me and really shot the questions to me and soon had me confused, baffled, and frustrated," Crawford wrote. "He then relaxed in his questioning, cast a glance in my direction and, with his usual chuckle, said 'Just because you are in here with a bunch of jackasses is no reason for you to think you are some kind of stud horse.'" ▼

### THE MORDECAI SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Initiated in 1997, the Mordecai Scholars program provides merit scholarships that cover the full cost of tuition to students who possess a record of extraordinary leadership and scholarly achievement prior to law school, along with the personal qualities that are likely to result in community involvement and leadership at Duke and in the years after graduation. All admitted students are considered for the Mordecai Scholarship.

"Being a Mordecai Scholar at Duke Law provided me with a great deal of freedom, which I didn't fully appreciate before law school. The scholarship relieved me from incurring substantial debt, which has allowed me to follow the career path that is right for me."

— CHRISTOPHER S. DODRILL '08  
CLERK, CHIEF JUDGE JOSEPH R. GOODWIN,  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT  
OF WEST VIRGINIA



### STUDENT AID NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Mordecai Scholar Program	\$1 million
Public Interest/Pro Bono Fellowship	\$250,000
Student Scholarship	\$250,000 (restricted use)
Student Scholarship	\$100,000 (unrestricted)
Current-Use Scholarship	\$10,000/year for three years minimum



“Aside from the immediate benefit of making Duke Law affordable for me — a gift for which I remain grateful — my Mordecai Scholarship also inspired me to be a more conscientious student and lawyer, as well as a more active and dedicated alumnus.”

– JADE TOTMAN '08

CLERK, THE UNITED STATES  
COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS



“As a recipient of the Mordecai Scholarship, I can look out at the landscape of career opportunities and weigh them according to their substance instead of their salary. I am incredibly grateful to have that freedom.”

– SARAH CAMPBELL '09

CLERK, JUDGE WILLIAM H.  
PRYOR JR.,  
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT  
COURT OF APPEALS



## Duke Law honors Law Firm Challenge winners

Williams & Connolly and McDermott Will & Emery outdistanced the competition in March during the inaugural Law Firm Challenge, which matched Washington, D.C., alumni against one another in an effort to reach 100 percent participation in giving at their respective firms. Jones Day and Dow Lohnes also reached the 100 percent participation level. A tiebreaker of largest average gift determined the winners.

Alumni at 10 firms together raised more than \$180,000 for Duke Law during the month-long, volunteer-driven competition, which generated a 59 percent participation rate among the alumni working for the competing firms. The average participation rate among all Duke Law alumni is 26 percent. ▽

### PARTICIPANTS IN THE LAW FIRM CHALLENGE

Dow Lohnes  
Fulbright & Jaworski  
Hogan & Hartson  
Jones Day  
McDermott Will & Emery  
Morgan Lewis & Bockius  
Sidley Austin  
Sutherland Asbill & Brennan  
Williams & Connolly  
WilmerHale

“How could you let your boss pick Carolina?”

– PETER KAHN '76

“It was against my better judgment.”

– REGGIE LOVE T'04

D.C. alumni celebrated the success of the inaugural Law Firm Challenge at a May 19 reception hosted by Sidley Austin. Keynote speaker Reggie Love T'04, President Obama's personal aide and member of Duke's 2001 NCAA Champion basketball team, took questions during a Q&A session.



Reggie Love T'04

# Chadwick chair continues to attract top talent

Helfer is fourth Harry R. Chadwick Sr. Professor of Law

**Laurence R. Helfer**, a leading scholar of international law, human rights, and intellectual property law, has joined the Duke Law School faculty as the fourth Harry R. Chadwick Sr. Professor of Law. The Chadwick Professorship — previously held by professors **Richard Maxwell**, **Paul Carrington**, and **Robert Mosteller** — is the Law School’s second-oldest faculty chair and the first to be funded by an alumnus. **Harry R. Chadwick Jr. ’53** and his wife **Laurel Rosenbaum Chadwick** established the professorship in 1978.

The Chadwicks met as students at Duke and have made the university their primary philanthropic beneficiary, giving to a wide variety of initiatives. In addition to the Chadwick Professorship at the Law School, they have established an endowed chair at the School of Nursing where Laurel received the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award. She earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing education in 1953 after three semesters at the Women’s College and taught briefly at the School of Nursing.

Chadwick was elected to the Pinellas County (Fla.) Commission at age 29 and two years later was named chairman of the commission. He gave up politics after an unsuccessful bid to be mayor of St. Petersburg. “I decided I was going to make money instead of stay in politics,” he says.

After a successful career developing real estate and nursing home facilities in Florida, Chadwick now shares ownership of Carteret Management Corp. — which manages more than 2,200 apartment units — with his son, **James M. Chadwick ’80**, and invests in real estate projects. Like his father, James also earned both his bachelor’s degree and law degree at Duke.

Chadwick says he is proud that the Law School professorship named for his late father has provided continuing faculty support for more than 30 years. “It feels really good,” Chadwick says. “I’m very glad that we made the gift.”

Harry R. Chadwick Sr. completed seventh grade, which at the time was the maximum education offered in his hometown of Gloucester, N.C., says his son. He would have had to take a sailboat several miles to the county seat to receive additional public schooling. Nevertheless, he earned a shipfitter’s certificate following an apprenticeship at the Charleston, S.C., naval yard, a certificate in automobile mechanics in Detroit, and a steam engineer’s license while at sea. He died four years before the Chadwick Professorship was established.

“My father was adamant that I get a professional degree,” Chadwick says. “He was a great advocate of higher education, particularly for me. I felt he would have been proud if he could have known that a professorship in the Duke Law School bore his name.” ▼

## FACULTY NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Professorship in Law	\$2,500,000
Professor of the Practice	\$2,500,000
Visiting Professor	\$1,000,000
Senior Lecturing Fellow	\$500,000
Research Fund	\$250,00 (minimum)
Program Fund	\$100,000 (minimum)

## Meet Laurence Helfer

**Laurence Helfer**, the co-director of the Duke Center for International and Comparative Law, came to Duke from Vanderbilt Law School where he was a professor of law and director of the International Legal Studies Program. He is a widely respected scholar whose research interests include interdisciplinary analysis of international law and institutions, human rights, international litigation and dispute settlement, international intellectual property law and policy, and lesbian and gay rights.



He is the co-author of the forthcoming casebook, *Human Rights* (2d edition, Foundation Press, 2009), and author of the monograph, *Intellectual Property Rights in Plant Varieties: International Legal Regimes and Policy Options for National Governments* (United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, 2004). He has authored more than 50 publications and has lectured widely on his diverse research interests. His articles have appeared in leading American law reviews and in numerous peer-reviewed and international law journals.

“Professor Helfer is a tremendous addition to our faculty,” says **Dean David F. Levi**, adding that Helfer’s broad range of research interests complements and strengthens the Law School’s programs in international law, intellectual property, and human rights. “He is a creative and forceful institution builder who will help unify many parts of the university that are interested in human rights and interdisciplinary research.” ▼



# Schmalbeck, Benjamin, and Young honored with distinguished professorships



Schmalbeck



Benjamin



Young

## New professorship named for Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

Professors **Richard L. Schmalbeck**, **Stuart M. Benjamin**, and **Ernest A. Young** have been honored with distinguished professorships at Duke Law School. Schmalbeck becomes the Simpson Thacher & Bartlett Professor of Law, Benjamin received the Douglas B. Maggs chair, and Young was awarded the Alston & Bird Professorship.

“These members of our faculty are exceptionally gifted scholars and lawyers who are leaders in their respective fields,” said **Dean David F. Levi**. “All highly interdisciplinary and committed to the pursuit of knowledge in the service of society, a hallmark of Duke Law School and Duke University, they also are engaged teachers. They are all deeply deserving of these distinguished professorships.”

Levi emphasized the significance of having a new professorship named for Simpson Thacher & Bartlett.

“These members of our faculty are exceptionally gifted scholars and lawyers who are leaders in their respective fields.”

– DEAN DAVID F. LEVI

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Benjamin, who also serves as the Law School’s associate dean for research, received the Douglas B. Maggs chair. A faculty member since 2003, Benjamin is an expert in telecommunications, administrative, and First Amendment law, as well as other areas of constitutional law.

One of the nation’s leading authorities on the constitutional law of federalism, Young was awarded the Alston & Bird Professorship. A member of the American Law Institute, Young joined the Duke Law faculty in 2008 after serving as the Charles Alan Wright Chair in Federal Courts at the University of Texas at Austin School of Law, where he had taught since 1999. ▽



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Approximately 150 students attending the workshop heard from speakers including **Robert Harrington '87**, from Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson in Charlotte, Shea Denning, assistant professor of public law and government at the University of North Carolina School of Government, and a panel of second-year law students. Attendees enjoyed dinner as part of the event that was sponsored by Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson through the Blueprint Benefactors Program.

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"Our firm was eager to participate in the Critical Skills Workshop to increase student understanding of the legal market and sharpen their job search and interviewing skills. The job entry market demands these skills more than ever before," says Harrington, who also attended Duke as an undergrad and is a member of the Law School's Board of Visitors. "More broadly, our participation in the program reflected our support for the Law School. Three Duke Law School grads founded our firm in 1960, and today roughly 20 percent of our lawyers are Duke Law grads, so our commitment to Duke remains steadfast."

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