ANNOUNCING THE DUKE FORWARD CAMPAIGN:
Investing in the people who make Duke Law great

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Dear Friends,

In this campaign season, Duke University has announced its own campaign, Duke Forward: Partnering for the Future, with a goal of raising $85 million for the Law School. This is an ambitious and exciting undertaking for the entire University.

Campaigns are an opportunity for reflection and introspection. We gather our energy and focus ourselves on moving confidently forward in those areas in which our needs and opportunities are greatest. We build consensus around certain themes and goals, and then we call upon our community to help us realize these aspirations.

For the Law School, this campaign comes at an important point in our young history. We have made remarkable progress since our birth in the 1930s as a graduate law program, and we are now rightly recognized as one of the top law schools in the world. However, because Duke Law is so good, our mission has become all the more challenging.

First, we seek to support, develop, and attract faculty who are among the leaders in their fields and whose scholarship advances and transforms our thinking about the law. Second, in our students, we seek to bring along the next generations of superb lawyers who will be leaders in our profession, in government, and in business and who possess the attributes of character and intellect that make us proud to have been a part of their growth as young lawyers.

Maintaining and extending excellence is never an easy task. This is why Duke Forward is so important to Duke Law. I will share three facts with you that will help give context.

First, our endowment per student is among the lowest of the top law schools. The University of Virginia’s endowment, for example, is one and half times bigger, while those of Harvard, Stanford, and Yale are four or five times as much. This means that unless we significantly increase our Law School’s endowment we will remain tuition dependent and thus more limited in what we can do for students and faculty, particularly in a time when we are trying to hold down the cost of attending law school.

Second, we have doubled our scholarship assistance for JDs during the past five years from $5.3 million to more than $10 million. That’s the good news, and it is very good news. But, even for scholarship assistance, the lion’s share comes ultimately from tuition revenue rather than gifts and endowment.

Finally, our alumni giving participation rate is far lower than that of our peers. We are at 24 percent and falling. We can do a lot better, we must do a lot better, and this campaign is a great opportunity for us to do so.

Our goal is to raise $85 million in the next five years. With these additional funds we will be able to expand our young faculty and bring more top scholars to Duke; support our students with much needed financial assistance; enrich the curriculum with interdisciplinary and professional skills courses; and create exciting new centers and programs that serve our community, reach out to the legal profession, and advance our understanding of the law, such as our new Center for Judicial Studies. We are well on the way there — at about 40 percent of our goal as of early September — thanks to the generosity of some of our lead donors. However, we still have a long way to go.

Because many hands make light work, and because we actually need many hands to achieve our goal, I am calling upon all of our alumni to join in this campaign. Duke Law alumni love their Law School. Almost without exception, you have told me how much you appreciate the dedication of our faculty and staff to the development and success of each and every law student. You have told me how well prepared you felt when you entered law practice. You have spoken to me of beloved teachers and deans like Jack Latty and Hodge O’Neal, Robbie Everett and Mel Shimm, Kate Bartlett and Pam Gann, as well as many, many others including our current faculty, who are such dedicated and wonderful teachers and mentors.

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Sincerely,

David F. Levi
Dean and Professor of Law

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

A Message from Dean David F. Levi
A message from Duke Law's campaign chair

“The campaign gives all of us who have benefitted from a Duke Law diploma the chance to give back to our alma mater — and support the students, faculty, and administration at one of the leading law schools in the country.

“We are proud to have established the Yates Strategic Priorities Fund at Duke Law and to motivate others to recognize the value of the campaign to the Law School and to Duke University.

“We view our role and that of Duke Law graduates as being to support Dean Levi by reaching — or exceeding — our campaign goals. Our support was triggered by our desire to encourage practical legal education on many levels. Through our expanding clinical program, students are given the greatest opportunity to compete for quality jobs both in commercial and nonprofit organizations. Duke has also established one of the most unique programs to benefit the Law School and enhance our national reputation — the Center for Judicial Studies. What a special opportunity for students to interact with our country’s leaders in jurisprudence.”

— John ’81, T’78 and Ellen T’79 Yates

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In addition to his longstanding financial and volunteer support of the Law School, Krouse regularly co-teaches a seminar titled The Business and Economics of Law Firms and lectures in other classes relating to finance, mergers and acquisitions, and art law. “It’s been a mutually satisfying experience over many years between our family and the Law School,” he says.

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A RECENT $5 MILLION COMMITMENT from Stanley A. Star ’61 and his wife, Elizabeth Star, has established three new full-tuition scholarships for outstanding Duke Law School students and created a matching gift fund designed to encourage other donors to support the school’s financial aid programs.

This is the Stars’ latest major gift to Duke Law School. In 2004, the couple gave $3 million to construct Star Commons, a four-story, light-filled community space that is now a cornerstone of the Law School’s building. In 2011, the couple gave $5 million to help create four new professorships. They also have endowed the Stanley A. Star Professorship in Law & Business, held by Steven L. Schwarcz, and supported other Duke Law distinguished professorships and programs.

“Once again the Stars have shown remarkable vision and leadership,” said Dean David F. Levi. “They transformed our physical space, they strengthened our faculty, and now they seek to keep our doors open to all deserving students who wish to come to Duke Law School. Increasing scholarship assistance so that law school is affordable is one of our highest priorities. Together the Star Scholarships and the Star Challenge are a big step forward toward that goal.”

Of this latest gift, $3 million has been designated to support full-tuition scholarships. The other $2 million established the Star Challenge, a matching fund designed to encourage other donors to establish endowed financial aid funds. Duke Provost Peter Lange, the University’s chief academic officer, is providing an additional $1 million in University funds to enhance the matching fund created by the Star gift.

“I am impressed with Stanley and Elizabeth Star’s commitment to Duke,” said Lange. “It is a pleasure to see their excitement grow as they become more and more involved in supporting Dean Levi’s ambitious vision for the Law School. I was inspired by their generosity, and I hope many others are inspired, too.”

“We have always hoped to inspire others with our giving,” said Stanley Star, who is a member of the Law School’s campaign committee. “We get
why we give

Gratitude, students’ culture and energy prompt scholarship gift

Thomas ’80 and Catherine Giegerich

“Since this capital campaign is not bricks and mortar-focused, it’s really an ‘intellectual capital’ campaign,” says Tom Giegerich, a partner and head of the tax practice in the New York office of McDermott Will & Emery. “To me, that really puts the focus on scholarship, both of students and faculty. Especially given the opportunity to attract matching funds from Stanley and Elizabeth Star’s generous gift, this seemed like an opportune time for Cathy and me to support a scholarship grant for students.

“I was the beneficiary of a merit scholarship when I attended the Law School. It made a big difference,” he adds. “Frankly, I would not have attended Duke without the scholarship.”

A member of the Board of Visitors and past president of the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors, Giegerich notes that both his annual on-campus recruiting visits and his many years of service on the Law School’s boards have offered him a window on curricular and clinic developments and the experiences and achievements of Duke Law students. He has, he says, been continually impressed by the “culture, the spirit, and the energy” he finds among the students at the Law School.

“The level of engagement and support for each other that I see among the students at Duke, the things they accomplish inside and outside the classroom — I’m just highly impressed, as I am by the dedication of the excellent faculty,” he says.

“Cathy and I feel the Law School is a very special place, and know that increases in funding for scholarships is an important priority. We are happy to make an enduring gift to the Law School.”

From one generation to the next

When she was offered a U.S. Supreme Court clerkship, Allison B. Jones ’07 made a flurry of excited calls to family and friends — and to Lanty Smith ’67, a benefactor of Duke’s Mordecai Scholarship program. As a Smith-Mordecai scholar, Jones says she is indebted to Smith. “He is the reason I went to Duke — I couldn’t have made that choice without his generosity.” For Jones — one of six Duke Law graduates to clerk at the Supreme Court between 2010 and 2013 — clerking offered valuable lessons, particularly on the importance of clear and persuasive writing. “In some ways, my clerkships were a continuation of my law school education in learning how to write clearly and effectively. That skill is of course valuable in practice, where we are trying to persuade judges every day.” Jones returned to Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C., following her Supreme Court clerkship.

so excited when we are able to come here and see the potential for growth in this school and to see the enthusiasm of the faculty and the students. We can see how our contributions are helping the school and the people here. And the thanks and acknowledgment we receive are really nice. We just couldn’t be more excited to be part of this community.”

The Star Challenge is matching new gifts for endowed scholarship and fellowship funds at the Law School, providing an additional $1 for every $2 committed. For instance, a new $250,000 gift would be augmented with $125,000 from the Star Challenge.

Jeff Coates, the Law School’s associate dean for alumni and development, notes the importance of making sure that outstanding students who want to attend Duke Law School can do so regardless of their ability to pay.

“We are tremendously grateful to Stanley and Elizabeth for recognizing the urgency of this need, for devoting their own resources to support our students, and for helping us excite and inspire other donors who wish to help our students,” said Coates.

Scholarship and fellowship funds are critically important in bringing the very best students to Duke Law, said Bill Hoye, associate dean of admissions and student affairs. “The Star Scholarship will soon become, as Duke Law’s Mordecai Scholarship has already proven to be, one of the most sought-after scholarship awards among top applicants to the nation’s most selective law schools. I am thrilled that deserving new students will be able to proudly inform family, friends, and prospective employers that they have been named Star Scholars at Duke Law School.”

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For information about establishing a scholarship or fellowship fund utilizing matching funds from the Star Challenge, contact Associate Dean Jeff Coates at (919) 613-7175.
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Jerome M. Culp Jr. Scholar

Hoping to craft an international legal career, Christina Mullen was drawn to Duke Law for the JD/LLM program, internationally renowned faculty, and opportunities to study and work abroad. Having spent her 1L summer working for a law firm in Madrid and studying at the Duke-Geneva Institute in Transnational Law, she says she got what she came for — and more. “At Duke Law I am at home with like-minded people,” she says, who are intellectually passionate and equally passionate about community service. As a 2L, Mullen’s activities include service as co-chair of the Public Interest Law Foundation, as a Ronald McDonald House Board of Trustees intern — she also cooks for families with sick children staying at the facility — as co-chair of community outreach for the Veterans Disability Assistance Project, as the Health Law Society’s events coordinator, and as a volunteer and Spanish interpreter at Durham’s JusticeMatters Legal Clinic.

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Enabling “outstanding students” to choose Duke
Horace and Patricia Robertson

“For some time we have been looking for an opportunity to make a gift of sufficient size to make a difference to the institution selected. Our close association with Duke over the past 35 years made it the obvious choice,” says Professor Horace “Robbie” Robertson Jr., who joined the Duke Law faculty in 1976, following a long naval career and service as Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Navy. “We are both proud of the prestige of Duke Law School and of the quality of the legal education provided to its students. We hope that in these days of high (and increasing) costs of attending Duke, our gift will enable some outstanding students who might otherwise not be able to come to Duke to do so.

“We think the strength of a law school is dependent on two principal factors — the quality of its faculty and the quality of its students. We hope our gift will enhance the latter.”

What your gift makes possible:

SUMMER SERVICE WORK WITH LASTING IMPACT

In the summer of 2012, summer service grants helped support more than 130 Duke Law students as they worked domestically and internationally in clerkships and with public interest organizations devoted to environmental and consumer advocacy, foreign aid, civil rights, and criminal prosecution and defense.

Mark Sobin ’14 interned for Judge Alexander Williams Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, supported by a Horvitz Public Law Fellowship. “Over the summer, I saw theory and policy meet reality every day in the courtroom,” he said. “My internship reminded me of the practical aspects of what we are learning in law school.”

Supported by a Carroll-Simon Public Interest Fellowship, Zak Josephson ’13 returned, for a second summer, to Community Legal Services in Phoenix, where he served low-income clients facing discriminatory employment practices as well as foreclosure and eviction actions. “The work this summer was challenging and fulfilling. I look forward to making public interest work a priority in my legal career,” he said.

Danli Song ’14 split her summer between the North Carolina Indigent Defense Services and the Office of the Federal Public Defender in Jacksonville, Fla., supported by Everett and Beber Fellowships: “Not only did I feel like I was genuinely making an impact on indigent defendants in two communities that I care a lot for, but I confirmed what is important to me in career,” she said. “It made me much more sure of my interest in working at a top public defense office next summer and beyond, and put me in touch with people who can help me reach that goal.”

To make a gift: Please contact Associate Dean Jeff Coates at (919) 613-7175 or coates@law.duke.edu.
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.

Facts:
» Duke Law’s student-to-faculty ratio currently is 9.8 to 1.
» We aspire to have 50 tenured and tenure-track faculty, up from our current 46.
» Duke Law hired four outstanding new faculty members in 2012.
» Our faculty run eight academic centers and programs on topics of domestic and international concern such as the Center for the Study of Public Domain; the Center for Law, Ethics and National Security; the Program in Public Law; the Center for Judicial Studies; and the Center for Criminal Justice and Professional Responsibility.
» Our faculty taught almost 250 courses and seminars in the 2011-2012 academic year.

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

What your gift makes possible:
CREATIVITY IN PROBLEM-SOLVING, TEACHING

THE CHALLENGES OUR SOCIETY FACES — from climate change and financial regulation to health care reform and human rights — have important legal dimensions. Duke Law faculty help shape conversations on these issues through their scholarship, research, and counsel. They provide testimony at congressional hearings, comment publicly on policies and legislation, and consult with organizations and government agencies around the world. Their work enhances their teaching as they engage students with the opportunity to grapple with real-world problems and develop innovative solutions. And our professors love to teach.

Your gift supports people like James Cox, the Brainerd Currie Professor of Law, who has helped shape efforts to reform credit rating agencies as a member of the Bipartisan Policy Center’s credit rating agency task force and testified before lawmakers on matters relating to securities class actions and corporate behavior. A few others, among many:

Professor Neil Siegel, co-director of the Program in Public Law, has been a leading voice in the public debate on health care reform, testifying before Congress, offering public commentary, and developing influential scholarship.

Arti Rai, the Elvin R. Latty Professor of Law and a noted expert in patent law and innovation policy, served in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, heading the policy analysis for legislation that became the America Invents Act.

Professor H. Jefferson Powell, a leading scholar of constitutional theory and history, also has a long record of public service, most recently as deputy assistant attorney general in the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Sara Sun Beale, the Charles L. B. Lowndes Professor of Law, focuses her influential scholarship on federal criminal law and procedure and how such factors as media reports on crime ultimately translate into legislative changes in criminal laws and procedures.

Guy-Uriel Charles, the Charles S. Rhyné Professor of Law and director of the Center on Law, Race and Politics, has led three seminars engaging Duke Law students in Haitian law reform and rebuilding efforts.

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Tackling the Eurozone debt crisis — in class and out

A sovereign debt expert whose recent work on the Eurozone debt crisis has been particularly influential in the negotiations over Greece’s debt, Professor Mitu Gulati also focused a spring 2012 seminar on finding workable solutions to the situation. His students in International Debt Finance crafted innovative and useful proposals, publishing scholarly papers, even influencing Gulati’s own work. “They worked extremely hard on difficult and contentious questions and did much more work than I could reasonably have asked of them. It is superb work,” he said. A few examples:

» Andrew Edelen, Paige Gentry, Jessalee Landfried, and Theresa Monteleone, all now 3Ls, crafted a proposal for addressing Italy’s liquidity crisis, suggesting that Italy extend the maturities of existing debt that had been borrowed at low rates, instead of borrowing on the markets at high rates.

» Melissa Boudreau ’13 explored the legality of a mandate to retrofit certain contract provisions — collective action clauses — into local law bonds, which made up the vast majority of Greece’s debt prior to its restructuring last March; her analysis, published in the Harvard Business Law Review Online, has implications for litigation that is the likely fallout of the Greek debt restructuring.

» Keegan Drake JD/MBA ’14 studied the implementation of collective action clauses in existing sovereign bond contracts, finding that some sovereign debt instruments allow a government to vote to modify its own contract terms and reduce its obligations to private creditors; these findings are directly relevant to ongoing attempts to draft new sovereign bond contracts that ensure more orderly resolutions for future crises.

» Current 3Ls Melissa Boudreau, Matt McGuire, Logan Starr, and Andrew Yates developed a paper encouraging Italy to reduce its debt load through a voluntary bond exchange in which Italy issues new Italian-law bonds with reduced principal in exchange for increased investor protections against further restructuring.

"I’ve been lucky and so I have a responsibility to give back"

Mark Fishman ’78

“I’ve always believed that the great equalizer among people is education — that if we could ever figure out how to have everybody educated well, that would solve most of the world’s problems,” Mark Fishman says.

Through his longtime support of scholarships and fellowships, Fishman, the CEO of F&T Apparel LLC, has facilitated need-based financial aid for numerous Duke Law students, helping them stave off the accumulation of debt, a formidable barrier to law school for many. Now, by endowing a distinguished professorship at Duke Law, Fishman says he aims to bolster the main draw for students — “great educators.”

A life member of the Board of Visitors, Fishman says his endowment of a faculty position also stands as a tribute to “the unbelievably good leadership and stewardship” of the two deans with whom he has worked most closely, Katharine T. Bartlett and David F. Levi. “I think Dean Levi is an extraordinary leader, as was Kate before him,” he says. “Dean Levi’s vision for the Law School is wonderful.”

A member of the Law School’s campaign committee who is active in numerous charities in his hometown of Philadelphia, Fishman offers a straightforward rationale for his philanthropy: “I’ve been lucky and so I have a responsibility to give back.” He offers a similar pitch to fellow alumni. “People who have been lucky enough to have had successful careers owe it to the next generation to do whatever they can to allow them to have successful careers.” He hopes other donors will take advantage, as he has, of the challenge funds established by Stanley ’61 and Elizabeth Star to match gifts to endow professorships and scholarships. (Read more, Page 4.)

“The challenge fund is a wonderful tool, and the Stars are ‘superstars’ to do this kind of thing,” he says. “If you are considering making a significant gift, it is the thing that pushes you over. It’s as though you’re in Vegas thinking about betting a dollar and knowing you’re going to win two.”

“Mark has been such a devoted alumnus, in so many ways,” says Dean David F. Levi. “His enthusiasm for Duke Law, its faculty and students, is inspiring. Whether it is the funding of new faculty or student scholarships, Mark is the ‘go-to’ guy because of his dedication to the school and to philanthropy. This latest gift is an expression of his deep gratitude to Duke Law and to our faculty, and his fervent hope that Duke Law will provide to future students what he experienced here in his time. We are grateful to him for his loyalty, leadership and vision.”
DUKE LAW’S FACULTY-RUN RESEARCH CENTERS serve as incubators for ideas that advance legal scholarship and improve the law. Our campaign goal is to sustain and expand programs and centers that expand Duke Law’s reach and influence and effectively harness knowledge in the service of society.

What your gift makes possible:

ADVANCING THE BENCH AND BAR: THE CENTER FOR JUDICIAL STUDIES

GUIDED BY THE VISION of Dean David F. Levi, a former federal judge, Duke Law’s new Center for Judicial Studies is filling a need in the academy and the judiciary for innovative scholarship and research on judicial institutions and decision-making, and for advanced educational opportunities for judges.

Eleven sitting judges — including several state Supreme Court justices, federal judges, and two international judges — make up the inaugural class of the center’s new Master’s in Judicial Studies program. Last summer they took courses on such subjects as analytical methods, international law in U.S. courts, federalism, forensic finance, and the study of the judiciary, many of which were taught by members of the Duke Law faculty. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito taught a seminar entitled Constitutional Courts, and visiting jurists and scholars taught the weekly Judges’ Seminar.

The intensive four-week session represented the first of two in the master’s program for judges, the only one of its kind offered by a law school in the United States. The degree program requires 22 course credits earned in-residence at Duke over two successive summer terms, as well as writing a thesis.

“I wanted to enhance my skill set, to be a good judge, the best judge I can be,” said George Hanks Jr., a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Texas. “To do your job better, you have to understand how you do your job. And that’s what I’ve gotten here.”

The center also brings members of the profession together to address critical issues relating to the judiciary and judicial decision-making. In April, the center’s inaugural conference focused on presidential and judicial oversight of administrative agencies. And in October, the initial “Duke Conference: Bench-Bar-Academy Distinguished Lawyers’ Series” convenes in Washington, D.C., to examine the use of technology-assisted electronic document review to dramatically reduce ediscovery costs.
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“I have said for many years that Duke Law is like a bumble bee,” says Richard Horvitz ’78, chairman of Moreland Management Company in Cleveland. “Just like a bumble bee seems like it shouldn’t be able to fly, Duke Law, given its small size, location and relatively small and young alumni base (which presents Annual Fund and endowment challenges), shouldn’t have been able to achieve the greatness it has.

“We designate our gifts mainly around the Program in Public Law and a professorship in the area because we believe that public law, most importantly constitutional law, is critical to our nation because it forms the basis for the legitimacy of our government and the activities it undertakes. To me, an understanding and discussion of constitutional law both in the academy as well as the general public is critical because it is one of the major forces which distinguish the values of our nation from the other countries of the world.”

Horvitz and his wife, Erica Hartman-Horvitz, have made that happen at Duke Law through their steadfast support of the Program in Public Law, which sponsors conferences, the “Lives in the Law” speaker series, dozens of other community panel discussions and debates, and a summer fellowship program for students working in the public sector. Horvitz, a life member of the Board of Visitors, also has provided critical support to Duke Law by establishing the Richard A. Horvitz Professorship which is held by Matthew D. Adler, a top scholar of constitutional and administrative law.
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Clinic support “the least I can do”
Abby Dennis ’08

“It’s important to me to give back to Duke because Duke was very generous and provided me with a scholarship to attend the Law School. And within Duke Law, I choose to give to the organizations and causes that matter most to me, including the Wrongful Convictions Clinic. During my third year, I worked in the clinic, along with my clinic partner, Sachin Bansal ’08, on the LaMonte Armstrong case. I benefited so much from my experience in the clinic — it helped me build practical skills that prepared me for my litigation practice, including interviewing witnesses and honing in on the relevant facts of a case.

“I worked in the clinic as a student because my father is an attorney and I had grown up realizing the flaws in our criminal justice system and hoping to work to change some of those. It was something I was passionate about in law school and supporting the clinic now seems like an obvious thing to do to further that passion. It also helps the clinic infrastructure and allows Professors Coleman and Newman — two of my favorite professors and inspirations in the work they do — to further that work with future students. Giving financially is the least I can do to support an organization that meant a lot to me as a student and continues to work tirelessly to correct injustices.”

Abby Dennis is a litigation associate at Boies, Schiller & Flexner in Washington, D.C.
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The Duke Legal Clinic is run as a teaching law firm providing pro bono legal services through eight distinct practice areas. Clinic students gain practical experience, strengthen problem-solving skills, and develop professional identities, all while providing important — and free — legal services to underserved communities. The goal is to make them better practitioners on day one of any practice they enter. Along with a growing list of practice-focused programs and courses, the Duke Legal Clinic helps prepare students for success in practice on day one.

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Start-Up Ventures Clinic

Grant Reid ‘12 felt lucky to work with HyTower Energy as his first client in the Start-Up Ventures Clinic. The three Duke MBA students behind HyTower were working on a venture to convert abandoned water towers into electrical generators. “We had good chemistry,” Reid said. “I was a first-time lawyer, they were first-time entrepreneurs. We learned a lot together.”

Then a 2L, Reid and his clinic partner, Kristen Wolff ’11, drafted articles of incorporation, non-disclosure agreements, intellectual property assignment agreements, and other documents vital to a young company’s growth, all under the supervision of Clinical Professor Andrew Foster, who then directed the clinic.

“The clinic mimicked a law firm,” Reid said. “I’d interact with the client, go back to my desk and draft a form document or agreement, and then bring it to Professor Foster, who, like a partner at a firm, would mark it up and suggest changes.”

“The clinic was great,” said Reid, who is now an associate at Wilson Sonsini in Palo Alto. “It got my feet wet and provided invaluable hands-on learning and experience. I have plenty to learn, but feel more confident in my ability to dive right in on ‘day one’.

Duke in D.C.

Duke in D.C. gives upper-year students an opportunity to study federal policymaking firsthand, under the direction of Duke Law faculty and practitioners. The program has three components: a semester-long externship placement in a congressional or policymaking office; a weekly course taught by Duke Law faculty; and a substantial research project.

Jacy Gaige ’12 spent her Duke in D.C. semester working for the D.C. Department of the Environment and taking the Federal Policymaking class taught by Professor Christopher Schroeder, who currently heads the Office of Legal Policy in the U.S. Department of Justice; former Senator Ted Kaufman; and Jeffrey Peck, head of the financial services and capital markets practice at the lobbying firm of Peck, Madigan, Jones & Stewart, Inc. Gaige said Duke in D.C. prepared her well for her current job in the Department of Housing and Urban Development Legal Honors Program.

“The class gave me a framework of knowledge about the legislative process, the functioning of executive agencies, and the more hidden, informal politics of Washington D.C.,” she said. “I feel much better equipped to start work at a federal agency and be able to closely follow, and someday influence, the policy-making process at the top. In addition, through my externship at the D.C. Department of the Environment, I got a crash course in real-life environmental policymaking that I simply could not have gotten in the classroom in Durham.”

The best part of the program, she said, was being exposed to three “accomplished, passionate, and well-connected professors” who brought insights from inside the legislative process, the highest levels of the Department of Justice, and lobbying. “The professors and guest speakers engaged in discussion of current events but also offered historical perspective and personal reflections that really helped me understand the big picture,” she said.

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“THE IMPORTANCE of the Annual Fund to the life of Duke Law School cannot be overstated,” says Jeff Coates, associate dean for alumni and development. “Unrestricted gifts to the Annual Fund fuel all of the school’s priorities. They provide crucial flexibility — offering immediate support for faculty and students, and enabling the school to take advantage of new opportunities. The Annual Fund supports our students, our faculty, research, clinical work, student organizations, activities, summer institutes — everything we do and how we do it.”

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Annual contributions “installments” on debt
S. Ward Greene ’73
“When I arrived at Duke in the summer of 1970, I was intimidated by my obviously superior classmates. I felt undereducated, underprepared and underwater. What I quickly learned was that a lot of the other students felt the same. The professors (with a couple of scary exceptions) helped us gain poise and confidence. We at least started feeling smarter.

“When I ran out of money at the beginning of my third year, the Law School loaned me enough to stay and finish. My debt to Duke, its professors and my classmates, will never be fully repaid. I consider my annual contributions to be installments on that debt. As I watch the Law School’s stature and reputation grow, I am happy knowing that I am making a small contribution toward its success. I encourage all my classmates to do the same.”

S. Ward Greene ’73, managing partner at Greene & Markley, Portland, Ore., has contributed to the Annual Fund every year since his graduation.
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It's a pleasure to be able to give back
Kirkland Hicks '97

“Duke University, to me, represents excellence in everything — academics, athletics, collegiality, and hospitality. It’s a very important part of North Carolina. I grew up in Roxboro, N.C., and I always had Duke sort of front and center on my mind. I went to a Duke pre-college program when I was a student at the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics. That’s probably the biggest reason I give to Duke.

“I was very fortunate to attend Duke Law School and I’m grateful for that opportunity, so it’s a real pleasure for me to be able to give back. And I’m grateful that I can afford to give back. I can, in part, because I have the Duke name on my résumé.

“I also want to ensure that the education I got is available to others who will maintain its status as one of the leading, premiere academic institutions. It just feels good to give to Duke.”

Kirkland Hicks ’97, a member of the Board of Visitors, is managing counsel-commercial, at Towers Watson & Co., in Arlington, Va. He will become vice president, general counsel, and secretary on Nov. 1, 2012. He is a steadfast supporter of the Annual Fund and scholarships at Duke Law.

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Giving helps improve educational experience
Hilary Houston Adams ’07

“There are several reasons I stay connected to and support Duke Law. First, giving to Duke is important to me because I received a scholarship to attend the Law School. I feel it’s important to give back and fund scholarships for future Duke Law students. Giving is also important to ensure the continued improvement of the educational experience that’s provided by Duke, which can only increase the value of our degrees. It’s also important to give so we can continue to attract and keep talented professors, like Jim Cox, who encourage and inspire students.

“Setting aside the academic experience I had at Duke and the resulting career I’ve enjoyed, I feel a strong sense of community with Duke. I made lifelong friends at Duke and met my husband, Jeff Adams ’08 there. I even got married in the Duke Chapel.”

Hilary Houston Adams ’07, a litigation associate at Morris Manning & Martin in Atlanta, contributes regularly to the Annual Fund and helped lead her 2012 Reunion Committee.
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