Fifty-eight percent of Washington University Law alumni at 23 firms participated in the Law Firm Challenge in its very first year. This achievement set a new benchmark over the previous year, when 34 percent of this alumni group contributed to Washington University Law’s Annual Fund.

Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus PC, led by Helmut Starr, JD ’85, initiated the Law Firm Challenge. Washington University Law alumni at the firm achieved 100 percent participation in 2006–07 and challenged their fellow alumni at other firms to join them.

Armstrong Teasdale LLP also achieved 100 percent participation, thanks to the leadership of Glenn Davis, JD ’82.

“We are grateful to all of the participating firms and their Washington University Law alumni for their tremendous response,” notes Gina Sholtis, director of Alumni and Development Programs. “The alumni at Armstrong Teasdale and Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus are now challenging other firms to reach 100 percent participation in 2007–08.”

To be part of the Law Firm Challenge or for more information, call (314) 935-5246.

Law Firm Challenge
Sets New Record

Inaugural Firm
Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus PC
(100% participation)

Participating Firms
40+ alumni
Bryan Cave LLP
Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale PC
Husch & Eppenberger LLC*
Thompson Coburn LLP

16–39 alumni
Armstrong Teasdale LLP
(100% participation)
Blackwell Sanders LLP*
Gallop, Johnson & Neuman LC
Lewis, Rice & Fingersh LC

5–15 alumni
Carmody MacDonald PC
Curtis, Heinz, Garrett and O’Keefe PC
Frankel, Rubin, Bond, Dubin, Siegel & Klein PC
Goffstein, Raskas, Pomerantz, Kraus & Sherman LLC
Herzog Crebs LLP
Lashly & Baer PC
Mathis, Marifian, Richter & Grandy Ltd
Polster, Lieder, Woodruff & Lucchesi LC
Rosenblum Goldenhersh Silverstein & Zafft PC
Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard PC
Senniger Powers LLP
Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP
The Stolar Partnership LLP
Summers, Compton, Wells & Hamburg PC

* Merged to become Husch Blackwell Sanders
The Former Alumni Executive Council (AEC), a small group of 50–60 alumni volunteers who helped primarily with admissions, is now the new, more expansive Law Alumni Council (LAC). While the AEC officially worked through committees and peer-to-peer recruitment of volunteers, there were also volunteers recruited by professors and other law school administrators who were not always properly recognized. The new Law Alumni Council was created to bring together all volunteers—past, present, and future—to formally acknowledge and organize their efforts. The LAC operates as an online volunteer platform, making it possible for Washington University Law graduates to help students in some capacity, in whatever activities alumni find most interesting, no matter where they are located.

The law school experience is ripe with school, career, and extracurricular activities. The support of alumni volunteers makes it possible to provide a wide array of valuable programs and services to students. Whether it’s helping with admissions, career networking and advising, judging student competitions, or serving as a “go to” person for miscellaneous volunteering needs of the law school, alumni volunteers can enrich students’ lives.

Signing up is easy. Just by expressing interest on the online form, alumni automatically become part of this worthy cause. As LAC members, alumni are invited to biannual volunteer meetings, as well as an event held every other year that celebrates volunteerism of the Law Alumni Council members.

Getting involved is also easy. Visit the Web site (law.wustl.edu/alumni/volunteer.asp), click on the list of volunteer activities, and browse at your leisure. Each opportunity provides a link at the end of its description to fill out a brief online form, which is then automatically e-mailed to the volunteer coordinator. Some volunteer opportunities may require you to call the individual organizing the effort to discuss your interest. Get involved and give back!

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Law student Melissa Katz discusses career opportunities with Judge Ellen Levy Siwak, JD ’88, center, and attorney Debbie Champion Snyder, JD ’88, right, at the Practice Area Expo during Intersession.