Celebrating David Becker’s 50 Years of Teaching

BECKER 50 TRIBUTE website now offers the latest event details and celebratory information to mark the 2012 milestone of Professor David M. Becker’s 50th year of teaching. Visit law.wustl.edu/becker50 to register, add or view memories, view photo galleries and submit your own photos, contribute to the scholarship initiative, learn more about scheduled events, and see who’s involved and who’s attending.

The Steering Committee and an At Large Committee, fondly calling itself “The Becker Brigade,” now total more than 200 members. To become involved in the celebratory effort, please email Becker50Years2012@wulaw.wustl.edu.

Celebratory activities will coincide with Law Alumni Weekend and Reunion, October 26–27, 2012. Festivities will kick off with a symposium at the law school on Friday, October 26, 2012 focusing on The Law School in the New Legal Environment, featuring top legal scholars discussing recent dramatic shifts in legal education. The day will round out with a reception and gala dinner at the Ritz-Carlton honoring Professor Becker, who currently serves as associate dean for external relations and the Joseph H. Zumbalen Professor Emeritus of the Law of Property.

On Saturday, October 27, 2012, alumni will have the opportunity to visit with Professor Becker during “Office Hours.” Festivities will continue with Reunion class parties for class years ending in 2 and 7 at various restaurants in St. Louis.

Scholarship Initiative Draws Closer to Goal

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY School of Law has raised more than $6.6 million toward its $7.5 million goal to raise funds for student scholarships. The five-year effort, which runs from 2009 until 2014, is part of the university’s OPENING DOORS TO THE FUTURE: THE SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE FOR WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. Approximately 82 percent of Washington University law students receive some form of financial aid, and the current debt load students bear at graduation exceeds $100,000. The law school’s ability to continue to bring in exceptional students is based, to a large extent, on the funds available for financial assistance.

The Scholarship Initiative offers opportunities to sponsor a named scholarship at the law school. Minimum annual gifts may be made in various categories:

- Eliot Society Benefactor ($5,000) Provides support for one law student for one academic year
- Eliot Society Patron ($10,000) Provides support for one or more law student(s) for one academic year
- Danforth Circle Dean’s Level ($25,000) Chancellor’s Level ($50,000) Provides support for one or more law student(s) for one academic year

- Young Alumni Scholarship Gift–Eliot Society Fellow ($2,500) Sponsorship available to graduate and professional alumni under age 35 who have graduated in the past five years.

For more information or to donate to the initiative, please contact Gina Sholtis at gina_sholtis@wustl.edu or (314) 935-5246.