ENVISIONING A GLOBAL LAW SCHOOL

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The law school has joined the university’s campaign, Leading Together—The Campaign for Washington University, to address the school’s most pressing needs in its goal of becoming a truly global law school.

Howard Cayne, JD ’79, and Steven Rappaport, JD ’74, are heading the school’s efforts to far exceed a conservative goal of $55 million. The two are co-chairing a 30-member committee that is helping to guide the school’s efforts. To date, the school has received more than $29 million in gifts and pledges toward its goal as part of the multi-year effort.

“I am deeply grateful to Howard, Steve, and the committee for heading up this most important effort and for all the support we have received to date,” says Dean Kent Syverud. “The campaign is crucial to our school as we embrace change in a challenging legal environment and continue to position our school as a leader in the transformation of global legal education.”

The campaign recognizes that the practice of law is transforming in fundamental ways, and that, in an increasingly globalized world, legal practice has become international in scope. Today’s graduates need not only critical thinking and writing skills, they must also be able to successfully navigate this new global legal environment.

Support of Students $20 million

Student scholarships and experiential externships bring the brightest to our campus in St. Louis and open up a world of practice-ready experiences for our students.

The law school’s campaign seeks to raise financial support for students through a number of bold initiatives. These include expanded and innovative career placement strategies; increased scholarships and summer stipends; and enhanced clinical, experiential-learning, and career-building opportunities nationally and abroad.

To continue the law school’s trajectory of successfully recruiting a strong and diverse student body, the school must ensure that students’ financial means do not limit their ability to enroll here. Gifts ranging from partial scholarships to full tuition scholarships help students manage the significant investment in their legal education.

THE CLINICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM is a strong example of the law school’s global reach as clinics and externship programs serve children and families in the St. Louis community; immigrants facing asylum hearings; entrepreneurs who seek to protect their intellectual property; and individuals in developing countries interacting with governmental, nongovernmental, and intergovernmental organizations. The school also offers a robust curriculum of alternative dispute resolution courses.

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Clinical programs such as those in Washington, D.C., and New York provide students with critical legal practice and networking opportunities.

The Transnational Law Program exemplifies the law school’s increasingly global reach.
that provide negotiation and other skills that students can take directly into practice. Financial support for clinical and experiential learning will help provide much-needed resources for this program.

Also vital is student support for the cost of travel and living arrangements for experiential-learning externships and summer fellowships. These opportunities are crucial to facilitating student professional development and helping ensure connections that will lead to careers after graduation.

**Support for Faculty**  $19 million

*Bringing the world to our campus in St. Louis and bringing our world-class faculty to the world is a game changer.*

At the heart of a Washington University legal education are the school’s internationally recognized scholars and teachers.

Support for faculty focuses on increased chaired professorships and visiting and adjunct opportunities, as well as development of new models for teaching. Leveraging online technology would assist the school in building a world-class visiting faculty of the best practitioners and leaders in the law.

At the same time, strategic use of the school’s distance learning platform, which was developed for the @WashULaw LLM program in U.S. law for foreign attorneys, would allow students to continue their traditional course of instruction while getting...
practical experience anywhere in the world. Gifts to cover the cost of curriculum conversion will support these important new modes of teaching.

Clinical and experiential learning opportunities also have a strong faculty support component. All of these programs require students to engage in closely supervised hands-on legal work, grapple with professional and ethical issues that arise in practice, and develop the fundamental ability to reflect on their work and to learn from experience. Support for clinical faculty will help the school expand its robust program of professional training.

**Law Annual Fund  $16 million**

The Law Annual Fund forms the backbone of support. The Annual Fund’s unrestricted support makes possible both new initiatives and ongoing programs. A strong Annual Fund benefits today’s students, as well as enhances the value of their law degree by building and maintaining the overall quality of a Washington University education. The Annual Fund will be vital to supporting the school’s combined strategies for providing a world-class legal education.

<<Sophisticated technology opens up new possibilities for extending the law school’s national and international reach.  
< Faculty support is a vital component of the campaign. Professors Robert Kuehn and Maxine Lipeles are leaders in clinical education.  
< Partnering with students in their success remains a core value.  
^ Student scholarships continue to represent a critical need. Ned Lemkemeier, JD ’62, center, with two scholarship recipients

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