The University of Chicago Campaign: Inquiry and Impact

Dear Alumni –

As we near the end of the University of Chicago Campaign: Inquiry and Impact in 2019, we remain vigilantly committed to increasing support for Law School students and faculty, clinics, programs and initiatives, and discretionary annual funds.

Now more than ever, our faculty remain uniquely committed to both scholarly and teaching excellence, our curriculum and clinical offerings have never been richer, and our students continue to impress us all with their intellect, work ethic, and commitment to serious debate.

The Law School’s tradition of unabashed enthusiasm for the life of the mind—the conviction that ideas matter, that they are worth discussing, and that legal education should devote itself to learning for learning’s sake—leads to an oftentimes passionate, even intense, engagement between and among faculty and students.

For more than a century, the University of Chicago Law School has molded students into analytical thinkers, producing not only the best lawyers, but leaders in government, legal education, entrepreneurial ventures, private and public law practice, corporate practice, alternative dispute resolution including arbitration and mediation, and nonprofit organizations.

Our achievements would not be possible without your support. With more than $215 million raised, thanks to alumni support, Inquiry and Impact will be the most successful fundraising campaign in the Law School’s history. Giving, at every level, is critical during the last months of the campaign. Your generosity not only strengthens the Law School today, but also ensures its growth and impact for generations to come.

On behalf of the entire Law School community, thank you for all you have done—and all you will continue to do—to support the people and programs that define our institution.

Thank you,

Thomas J. Miles
Dean and Clifton R. Musser Professor of Law and Economics

Scholarship Support

“Donors such as yourself empower first-generation college students from humble beginnings to pursue our dreams. My parents constantly remind me of how proud they are, and I walk into the Law School each and every day with my chin held high. This wouldn’t be possible without your support, and I aspire to exercise a similar degree of gratitude as soon as I am capable. Thank you.” —Scholarship Student, Class of 2019

Faculty Support

“The Law School is both a true intellectual community and a place that cares deeply about its students. These core values are what brought me here and keep me here.”

—Tom Ginsburg, Leo Spitz Professor of International Law, Ludwig and Hilde Wolf Research Scholar, Professor of Political Science

Clinics/Programs and Initiatives

“The opportunity to work for the Civil Rights and Police Accountability Project during my 1L summer was invaluable. The great thing about the clinic is that it’s designed to teach students. My supervisor invested a lot of time to not only expose us to all the work we’ll do as attorneys, but also to have us complete substantial projects that have a meaningful impact on the communities we serve.”

—Clinic Student, Class of 2018
Gift from David and Susan Kreisman Will Support Expansion of Kreisman Initiative for Housing Law and Policy

Thanks to a $5 million gift from David Kreisman, AB ’60, JD ’63, and his wife, Susan, the University of Chicago’s Kreisman Initiative for Housing Law and Policy will expand to include new programs aimed at advancing housing scholarship, building a community of scholars who will grow the program’s scope and impact, and creating research opportunities for graduate students, faculty, and practitioners.

The gift will establish a partnership between the University’s Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation and the Law School, which hosted the Kreisman Initiative when it began in the fall of 2013. The two institutions will collaborate to expand the Initiative, bringing together the fields of urban science and law to develop new ideas about cities and housing.

“Cities are changing in America and across the world, and it is more important than ever to deepen our understanding of the economic and social implications of housing law and policy by bringing together top scholars and the best housing research and practice,” said Law School Dean Thomas J. Miles, the Clifton R. Musser Professor of Law and Economics. “We are deeply grateful for David and Susan’s generosity, and we look forward to working with the Mansueto Institute to create a permanent intellectual legacy rooted in rigorous inquiry, cutting-edge research, and interdisciplinary collaboration.”

The Mansueto Institute, endowed by a founding gift from Joe and Rika Mansueto, launched earlier this year to bring programs and scholars together to study cities and urban society.

The new Kreisman Initiative programming will include:

• The Kreisman Graduate Fellows Program, which will provide support for up to four fellowships per year for law and public policy graduate students, who will become part of a cohort of Mansueto Institute researchers from a variety of disciplines. It will expand the existing Law School Kreisman Fellows program to offer workshops, lectures, internships, and professional development opportunities to all fellows.

• A Kreisman Law Research Fellow, a legal academic who will conduct a research project on law, housing, and urban society. The fellow, who would be appointed by the Law School dean in consultation with the director of the Mansueto Institute, would participate in the intellectual life of the Mansueto Institute, furthering its connection to the Law School.

• A Kreisman Career Research Fellow, who will be a leading researcher or practitioner in housing at the Mansueto Institute. Kreisman Career Fellows will engage in research, present and organize workshops, advise and mentor students, and give lectures. Fellows will be recruited from around the world, helping to create a network of housing experts with whom students can interact.

David Kreisman is a co-founder of LOGS Legal Network, a multistate law firm that began in Illinois in 1971 as Shapiro & Kreisman. In 1996, Kreisman and his cofounder established the LOGS Group, the largest practice management services provider in the default legal services space. Kreisman has also been involved in funding and managing a number of commercial ventures.

“We are proud of what the Kreisman Initiative has accomplished since its founding and believe the results warrant substantial support as it continues to play an integral part in the law and policy environment at the University,” Kreisman said. “We look forward to seeing what will undoubtedly be important contributions from the new Kreisman Initiative fellows.”

Since its founding, the Kreisman Initiative has furthered its mission to bring Chicago ideas to bear on policy debates, policy making, and legal and business decision making through scholarly research, external engagement, and educational programming.
Annual Fund Highlights
Thank you to the 3,940 alumni and friends who made a gift to the Law School during 2017-18 fiscal year.

| $3.9 Million | Total dollars raised |
| 63% | Percentage of gifts less than $500—Every gift counts! |
| 1,383 | Dean’s Circle members |
| 401 | First-time donors |
| 500+ | Donors giving for 25+ consecutive years—Thank you! |

The Law School Annual Fund provides vital resources for the students, faculty, and programs that make Chicago such an exceptional place.

Gifts to the Annual Fund:
• Provide scholarship assistance to attract the most promising students.
• Support faculty research and the influence of their scholarship on the important political and social issues of today.
• Enhance the programs and clinics that make our great school such a special place.

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Reunion Weekend 2018

| 720 | Approximate number of alumni and friends who attended Reunion |
| 2008 and 2013 | Largest class attendance (65 and 78 people, respectively) |
| $3.4 Million | Dollars raised by Reunion classes |
| 40% | Reunion celebrants who made a gift |
| 50% | Highest giving participation (Classes of 1968 and 1973) |
| $1,483,435 | Largest collective gift (Class of 1988) |

SAVE THE DATE: REUNION WEEKEND MAY 3-5, 2019
New Members of the Law School Council

For close to 70 years, the University of Chicago’s Councils have supported the Divisions, Schools, and Departments they serve, have communicated the work of those units to the world at large, and have enriched the relationship of the University and its closest friends.

Since 1962, the University of Chicago Law School Council* has supported Law School senior leadership, offering unique perspectives on law, legal education, and today’s ever-changing work environment, as well as sharing insight on important issues in legal education and the many challenges and opportunities confronting a contemporary law school.

Law School Council members bring a diverse set of talents and strengths to the Law School, contributing both individually and as a whole in many significant ways. Through their work, they help achieve the Law School’s core mission: to train well-rounded, critical, and socially conscious thinkers and doers. We thank them for their many contributions and welcome the newest cohort of members.

Visit vc.uchicago.edu to learn more about advisory councils at the University of Chicago.

*Formerly known as the Visiting Committee.