

Annual Giving to the Law Fund
Sustaining a Foundation of Excellence





“Annual giving from alumni makes it possible for Stanford Law School to sustain our momentum and train the next generation of leaders. The Law Fund also provides the flexible resources we need to create a new model of legal education for others to follow.”

LARRY KRAMER

RICHARD E. LANG PROFESSOR OF LAW AND DEAN

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The Stanford Challenge concludes in 2011, but the law school cannot wait until then to begin transforming legal education. To the benefit of our students, we already have begun.

We seek to run more clinics, hire new faculty, and offer additional financial aid before we can secure sufficient endowment support for these priorities. The Law Fund serves as the critical source of discretionary funds that enables the school to meet its highest priorities. Annually replenishing the Law Fund is a collective effort, carried out by hundreds of volunteers and thousands of donors. Gifts of all sizes go into the fund, and everyone who participates is an important part of the law school's success. Increased discretionary funding and participation from alumni are critical priorities for the law school and The Stanford Challenge.

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LAW FUND CO-CHAIRS SHANNON EAGAN, JD '00, AND HER FATHER MICHAEL EAGAN, JD '74



CLASS OF 2007 GRADUATES FRED SMITH AND CODY HARRIS IN THE MARION RICE KIRKWOOD MOOT COURT COMPETITION FINALS



SUSTAINING A FOUNDATION OF EXCELLENCE

In a typical year, the Law Fund supports many elements within these core areas:

FINANCIAL AID AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Discretionary gifts support financial aid and dozens of student organizations and conferences. Nearly every student benefits directly from the Law Fund.

FACULTY TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Discretionary funding helps retain our talented faculty by supporting their teaching and research and providing them with the resources to do their best work.

CLINICAL EDUCATION

Until we can build a substantial endowment for the Mills Legal Clinic at Stanford Law School, support from the Law Fund makes it possible to provide the hands-on learning, low student-to-faculty ratio, and mentorship that is the hallmark of our clinical program.

PROGRAMS AND CENTERS

The Law Fund provides flexible support for our interdisciplinary programs, ensuring that our curriculum can adapt to the needs of our changing world.

Annual giving is the backbone of Stanford Law School's success. Each year, thousands of alumni and friends demonstrate belief in Stanford's mission by investing their philanthropic dollars.

The Law Fund is a collective and sustained effort in which all alumni can play a role. In 2007, contributions to the Law Fund totaled \$3.83 million, roughly equivalent to the annual payout of a \$70 million endowment. These funds are spent every year on the school's highest priorities. Without the annual influx of expendable, discretionary support, the law school would likely exhaust its resources just to maintain the status quo. Every contribution to the Law Fund supports programmatic growth and continued excellence at the law school.

Through The Stanford Challenge, we will inspire more alumni to participate in the community of donors and build a broader, more sustainable base of support.

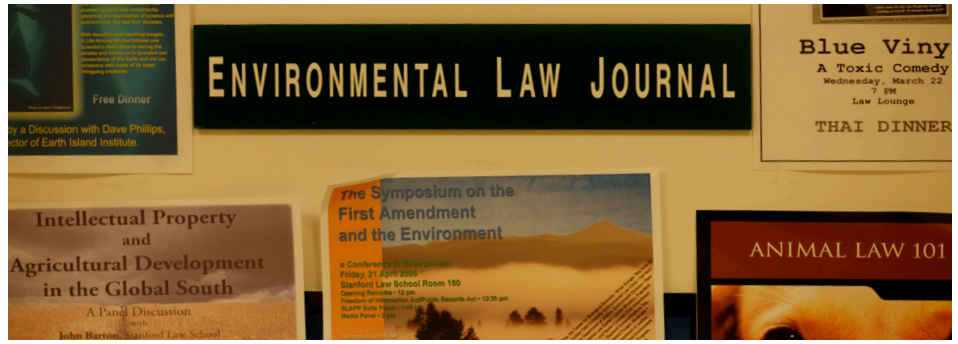
EVERY DOLLAR SUPPORTS ALL THAT WE DO

These are just some of the many law school programs supported by the Law Fund:

- Junior and Clinical Faculty
- Financial Aid
- Research Assistantships
- Career Services
- Moot Court Competition
- Stanford Community Law Clinic
- Student Organizations and Conferences
- Youth & Education Law Project
- Environmental Law Clinic
- Faculty Workshops
- Supreme Court Litigation Clinic
- Center for E-commerce
- Center for Law and the Biosciences
- Stanford Criminal Justice Center
- Library - Supreme Court Records Database
- IP Scholars Conference
- Immigrants' Rights Clinic
- Advocacy Skills Workshop
- Empirical Research



THE LAW FUND HELPS MAINTAIN ONE OF THE LOWEST STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIOS IN THE NATION



STANFORD LAW SCHOOL HAS OVER FORTY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND SEVEN STUDENT-RUN PUBLICATIONS. AT LEAST 70 PERCENT OF STUDENTS WORK ON A LAW REVIEW OR JOURNAL BEFORE THEY GRADUATE



LEADERSHIP IN ANNUAL GIVING

The law school gives special recognition to those who demonstrate leadership through their annual gifts. The Dean's Circle honors all Stanford Law School alumni and friends who contribute \$10,000 or more annually. Members of the Dean's Circle are among Stanford Law School's closest friends—a group of individuals who have distinguished themselves not only through monetary contributions but also through direct involvement with the school's direction and future.

In addition to prominent recognition in the law school's annual report, giving at the Dean's Circle level confers benefits such as campus liaisons, who provide personal assistance with Stanford-related matters, and invitations to exclusive events and receptions. Members are honored each fall at a formal dinner with the dean during Alumni Weekend.

The Partners' Circle honors all alumni and friends who contribute \$1,000 or more annually. Receptions are held across the country to honor Partners' Circle members and provide them an opportunity to hear directly from law school faculty.

Young alumni—those who have graduated in the last 10 years—may join these leadership giving circles with smaller gifts: \$5,000 annually to join the Dean's Circle and \$500 annually to join the Partners' Circle. During The Stanford Challenge, we aim to increase the number of young alumni who participate in annual giving at leadership levels.

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RECOGNITION LEVELS FOR ANNUAL GIVING

DEAN'S CIRCLE	\$25,000 or more	
	\$10,000-\$24,999	<i>\$5,000 for young alumni</i>
PARTNERS' CIRCLE		
Sterling Partners	\$5,000-\$9,999	
Benjamin Harrison Partners	\$2,500-\$4,999	
Nathan Abbott Partners	\$1,000-\$2,499	<i>\$500 for young alumni</i>
LAW ASSOCIATES		
George E. Crothers Associates	\$500-\$999	
Marion Rice Kirkwood Associates	\$250-\$499	<i>\$100 for young alumni</i>
LAW DONORS		
	up to \$250	