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GENERATIONS

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL
SEVEN YEARS AGO, THIS GREAT LAW SCHOOL embarked on an ambitious campaign to ensure its future. Our priorities were clear: Build and sustain an excellent faculty, lead the field in curricular innovation and teaching, and attract and support the most talented students from across the country.

We are pleased to report that the GENERATIONS campaign has exceeded its goal, reaching $73 million in June 2015. The campaign has drawn nearly 4,600 contributors, a number that includes 100% of the faculty members. With this remarkable achievement, we have built an unprecedented culture of philanthropy and engagement at the Law School.

Few law schools can match our storied history of innovative teaching, cutting-edge scholarship, and community service. For generations, the Law School has produced not just successful lawyers but also responsible and engaged citizens. Thank you for being a part of ensuring the future of this great institution and for helping equip our students to be the next generation of legal, business, and community leaders across the globe.

“Giving from alumni and friends of the Law School is absolutely ESSENTIAL FOR ATTRACTING A TALENTED AND DIVERSE STUDENT BODY and having the world class faculty to teach them.”

DEAN DAVID WIPPMAN
We are deeply grateful to have co-chaired this campaign to secure the future of the University of Minnesota Law School. When we began GENERATIONS—in difficult economic times across the country—we had confidence that people like you would understand the critical need to support the continued excellence of this vital institution.

We were right! Our alumni and friends stepped up in historic numbers, raising an unprecedented sum to support students, faculty, new innovations and strategic initiatives. We are also thrilled to report that annual contributions to the Partners in Excellence Annual Fund rose by 25% during this time period, adding important momentum for years beyond the campaign. We are thankful to be a part of this incredible growth, and proud of our fellow alumni and colleagues in the legal community. We also deeply appreciate the extraordinary leadership of Dean Wippman throughout the campaign.

It requires a collective effort for a campaign of this size to be successful. With nearly 4,600 contributors, and donations of all sizes, we can safely say that this GENERATIONS campaign truly was a group success. We are building a new culture of giving that will reduce the financial burden on our students, maintain a first-rate faculty and make possible major strides in curricular innovation.

Like many of you, we have benefited from the excellent legal education we received. We have witnessed firsthand how the school has maintained its traditions of academic excellence, dedication to public service and national ranking.

Thank you for playing a crucial role in this campaign. The stories you will read in this brochure are just a few made possible by GENERATIONS. Your support will ensure that future generations benefit from the extraordinary teaching, legal research, and scholarship at the University of Minnesota Law School.

With best regards and sincere appreciation,

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THE ROBINA FOUNDATION’S major support of GENERATIONS made possible the launch of two centers of excellence at the Law School, as well as scholarships for high-achieving students interested in working in public interest.

“Following the vision of founder Jim Binger (’41), the Foundation wanted to fund truly transformative programs that had a significant impact on pressing issues of our time,” says Kathleen Blatz (’84), Robina Foundation Chair. “We were pleased to provide support for the Center for New Americans and the Criminal Justice Institute, which have had remarkable achievements in a very short time.”

“I HAVE A STRONG DESIRE TO SERVE THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY of Minnesota, especially those who cannot afford legal representation. But my overarching interest is to help and advocate for members of our society who have traditionally been denied equal access to justice. The Robina Public Interest Scholars Program is helping me pursue that dream.”

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Law students in the CENTER FOR NEW AMERICANS played key roles in a U.S. Supreme Court victory regarding federal immigration, led high-profile asylum litigation in courts of appeals, and challenged the unconstitutional detention of immigrants in U.S. district courts. With its partners, the center also significantly expanded representation to immigrant detainees, implemented joint initiatives educating hundreds of noncitizens about their legal rights, and trained hundreds of lawyers to provide pro bono service to immigrants.

THE ROBINA INSTITUTE OF CRIMINAL LAW & CRIMINAL JUSTICE recently launched a one-of-a-kind website aimed at increasing understanding of sentencing guidelines nationwide, published groundbreaking research in the Criminal History Enhancements Sourcebook and Profiles in Probation Revocation, and currently is working on a national parole survey in all 50 states to gather data on parole practices.
Growing up on a farm in Minnesota, **BOB OWENS** ('69) didn’t have many resources to afford college, but with support from scholarships and loans he was able to earn his bachelor’s degree, graduate from the University of Minnesota Law School and embark upon a rewarding career with then-West Publishing.

A long-time supporter of the Law School, Owens increased his investment in the Law School through an estate gift to the GENERATIONS campaign. His donation is marked for student scholarships.

“I want my gift to allow students to get the same great legal education I got, people like me who wouldn’t ordinarily be able to afford it. Students now are saddled with such a large debt load. An estate gift is an easy way to alleviate that burden.”

**GENERATIONS** has made possible the **ALLEN AND LINDA SAEKS PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWS PROGRAM**, an innovative program that Director Mark Kappelhoff believes has the potential to transform legal education and expand legal opportunities for students. Funded by a generous gift from Allen ('56) and Linda Saeks, this competitive program will support students who are committed to working in the public interest. In their third year, students will work full-time with top nonprofits and government agencies, and will receive full-time paid job placement at the same organizations for a year post-graduation. “It’s a win-win-win,” says Kappelhoff. “Students get excellent legal training from top-flight organizations. The organizations get top-flight law students to help meet their legal needs, and the Law School is on the cutting edge of legal education in this country.”

“I’ve learned a good deal about public interest over the years, and one thing is clear: alleviating student debt through a job is key to success in public interest work. We wanted to do something unique with our contribution, and this Fellowship program is it.”
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The University of Minnesota Law School gratefully honors its leadership benefactors, whose extraordinary vision and generosity have elevated the quality of legal education and scope of service to society provided by the Law School.

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