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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF LAW.

I am especially grateful for your generous contribution as a Maudsley Fellow. The generosity of our Maudsley Fellows provides foundation of the private support we rely upon each year for USD School of Law to fulfill its mission of training outstanding attorneys who will excel in their practice and be leaders in serving their communities.

During the 2019 fiscal year, which ended on June 30, we raised \$5.12 million, exceeding our target of \$3.25 million by 57 percent.

The programs and initiatives highlighted in our Donor Impact Report represent only some of the many ways that your generosity is benefiting our students, supporting our faculty, enriching our curriculum, expanding our experiential offerings, and serving our community.

Thank you for your leadership as a Maudsley Fellow and for all that you do to support USD School of Law.

The impact of the support of Maudsley Fellows on USD School of Law is evidenced in multiple ways, including:

- Contributing \$1,340,662* to support scholarships, including:
 - Endowments for scholarships in the memory of Sister Sally Furay '72, Gerald McMahon '64, Craig Higgs '69, Michael Thorsnes '68 and Judge David Moon '67
 - DACA scholarships
 - Distinguished Alumni Scholarship
 - LGBTQ Scholarships
- Establishing a public interest fellowship program, which is supporting students and recent graduates who want to gain experience by taking internships in our legal clinics or in government or non-profits agencies serving the public interest
- Scholarship support for students to attend our summer study abroad programs in Paris and London, funded through the generous support of the Thomas and Gwen Price Family.



- Sustaining and expanding our strong clinical program, including:
 - Funding the new Women's Legal Clinic, which launched in Spring 2020
 - Expanding the services provided by the Veterans Legal Clinic—supported by individual donors in excess of \$115,000 and our continued advocacy on behalf of student veterans under the Initiative to Protect Student Veterans
 - Enabling our Legal Clinics to provide more than 20,000 hours in pro bono client service
- Supporting lectures and symposia addressing challenging legal and policy issues, including:
 - **Richard Crawford Pugh Lecture on Tax Law & Policy:** NYU Law Robert C. Kopple Family Professor of Law and past White House National Economic Council deputy director, Lily Batchelder, discussed current and developing tax law and policy trends.
 - **10th Annual Hugh & Hazel Darling Foundation Originalism Works-in-Progress Conference:** Hosted by Center for the Study of Constitutional Originalism, this year's conference involved the presentation of a variety of new works concerning originalism. The Works-in-Progress Conference was made possible through the generous annual support from the Hugh & Hazel Darling Foundation.

- **PatCon 9 Patent Law Conference at USD School of Law:** The Patent Conference (“PatCon”) is an interdisciplinary forum where scholars from the fields of law, economics, business, public health, history and philosophy of science, engineering, and other disciplines can share their research. The Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property supports this conference. The conference featured Undersecretary of Commerce & Director of USPTO, Andrei Iancu.
- **34th Nathaniel L. Nathanson Memorial Lecture:** Associate Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuellar of the California Supreme Court spoke on the topic of law and artificial intelligence
- **Bergman Memorial Lecture:** The Bergman Memorial Lecture featured a panel discussion in honor of *Tinker v Des Moines*, a 1969 landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that established students’ First Amendment free-speech rights in public schools.
- **Procopio International Tax Institute:** co-sponsored by USD School of Law, each year brings leading academics, practitioners and government officials together to discuss the latest changes in the tax law and policy in Mexico, Canada and the United States. The conference focused on the new International Federal Tax Reform, so called TCJA- Tax Cuts & Jobs Act.
- **Class Action Mastery Forum:** This newly created conference program was an engaging opportunity for Class Action plaintiff attorneys and service providers to network and hear opinions of eight sitting U.S. judges who participated in panel discussions. We are thrilled to produce this program in collaboration with Western Alliance Bank.

These are just a few of the many ways your generosity as a member of the Maudsley Fellows Society is making an impact. Thank you for your support and all you do for USD School of Law.

Stephen C. Ferruolo
Dean and Professor of Law

2018-2019 WHAT A YEAR!

2,348
TOTAL NUMBER OF
GIFTS FOR FY2019

156
NUMBER OF FIRST-
TIME DONORS FOR
FY2019

\$1,560,607
RAISED THROUGH
THE BIG GIVE
FY14-19

202
NUMBER OF GIFTS
OVER \$1,500

1,700
NUMBER OF GIFTS
UNDER \$1,500

\$1,340,662
SCHOLARSHIP
DOLLARS
RAISED

109
NUMBER OF
ALLOCATIONS
SUPPORTED

\$1,000,000
WOMEN’S LEGAL
CLINIC DOLLARS
RAISED

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UNA AND JACK MCGRORY: MEANINGFUL WORK

Inspired by her volunteer service to GenerateHope, a faith-based organization that provides long-term programs for women who have been victims of sex trafficking, Una Davis recently helped make it possible for USD's School of Law to establish a Women's Legal Clinic.

The clinic was established with a \$1 million gift, which was arranged by Davis through an anonymous donation from a charitable estate making gifts in Southern California. Davis says that her husband, Jack McGrory '81 (JD), who is on the law school's Board of Visitors, and her son James Davis, an attorney at Casey Gerry LLP, encouraged and supported her decision.

The nonprofit clinic, which opened in the Spring semester of 2020, is focused on providing free legal services to victims of human trafficking, some of whom are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and sexual exploitation. The goal is to help women in San Diego County navigate the legal system and obtain services related to divorce, custody, child support, financial exploitation, commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Through outreach events and training programs, the clinic will also raise awareness and educate the community about critical issues related to human trafficking.

"I have been so moved to witness the work of GenerateHope," Davis says. "It brought the whole issue to light and I saw firsthand what they were



doing to help women. Every life they save is precious, but there's so much more that must be done."

"I share the excitement with the School of Law and hope that more law schools will follow," she continues.

This is the 11th clinic at the law school. Established in 1971 as a student volunteer project, the legal clinics have become a key component of the School of Law's experiential education program. In addition to offering free legal services to the San Diego community, the legal clinics also provide law students with real-world training and serve as a foundation of ethical lawyering.

Davis said she contemplated whether the gift should fund a new lecture series or bring in a visiting professor, but ultimately decided it should be used to establish a new legal clinic based on feedback from her son, James Davis, who worked in one when he was a law student at UCLA before joining the San Diego litigation firm of CaseyGerry as an associate.

"He thought the legal clinics offered very practical experience for law students," Davis says of her son. "He says a clinic is the best way for students to learn firsthand and it inspires them." The need is great, especially in the San Diego region. According to GenerateHope's website, the national average age of children entering into the sex trade is 13 to 16 years old. San Diego is considered among the top eight, high-intensity areas for commercial sexual exploitation of



children in the nation, where each year there are anywhere from 3,317 to 8,108 victims.

“The USD Legal Clinics are excited to expand our clinical offerings for students as we grow to 11 direct client-service legal clinics,” says Bob Muth, the academic director for the legal clinics. “Our new Women’s Legal Clinic will initially focus on serving the family law needs of survivors of human trafficking...Unfortunately, there is a great need in the San Diego community for such services,” Muth continues. “We are grateful that the USD Legal Clinics will be able to serve this critically vulnerable population in such a meaningful way.”

ALUMNI HELPING POWER CHANGE

Through fellowships and scholarships, USD Law alumni are engineering success at USD School of Law.

Increasingly, USD Law students are taking interest in work that benefits the greater good. From veterans’ services, to public interest projects, to helping shape fair and equitable policy, more and more students are setting their sights on public service work. With contributions from alumni, students are being given the means to accomplish important goals. Law school alumni have been instrumental in creating scholarships and fellowships that allow USD Law students to engage in public interest and policy efforts that otherwise would not be possible.

Between tuition costs and the demands of law school, many students don’t have the option to spend extra time on pro bono projects, because they are working to help pay their way through school. USD School of Law alumni are creating scholarships and fellowships that give students real-world experience in public interest projects while they work towards their degree.

The recently funded Julie D. Fellmeth Student Scholar Program is one such example.

“Julie Fellmeth BA ’76, JD ’83, has been a giant in the public interest field for 30 years,” said Ginny Nelson, an adjunct professor and USD alumna (’79) who spearheaded the Fellmeth Scholar Program. “We wanted to honor Julie’s work by naming this innovative program after her.” Launched with just a \$5,000 donation — which

will go directly toward the recipient’s tuition — the scholarship was first awarded in 2018 to third year student Kayla Watson. Watson learned about the scholarship through the Public Interest Law course — taught by the scholarship’s namesake at the time — which she took as a second-year student. “The scholarship provided me with the funds to continue to work in the Center for Public Interest Law clinic, which is where my interests were,” said Watson. In order to apply for the scholarship, students have to submit a proposal about a specific public interest issue they would work on if awarded. Watson chose transparency in the healthcare industry. “I created a proposal to have the medical board in California list out the licensing of doctors on a consumer facing website, like Yelp,” said Watson. “I wanted people to be able to see a real history. Does this doctor have a malpractice claim against him? Does she have any dings on her license?” Through the scholarship, Watson was able to make some real strides towards her goals — and learned some real-world lessons along the way. “Our first goal was to work with the public companies to see if we could get a partnership. But without any law that required them to share this information, they weren’t going to do it. So, we worked on getting a piece of legislation passed,” said Watson. While Watson, along with a small group of interested colleagues, weren’t able to change the legislation in their first year of working on the issue, they definitely “started a spark,” she said.

Of course, making change happen is not the sole goal of scholarships like the Julianne D. Fellmeth Student Scholars program. Getting students

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interested in pursuing a career in public interest law — and giving them a taste of how it works in practice — is paramount. “We are seeing a lot of students having interest in the civil rights/public interest field. This is one more way to enable students to pursue that,” said Ginny Nelson.

Watson praised the program for helping her both on campus as a student, and now in her professional career. “It definitely helped me feel more connected to campus through my mentorships with people in the Center for Public Interest Law,” said Watson. “And learning about the legislative process through our efforts have really helped me in my current job. I’m looking at code sections, how bills being passed are going to affect my clients — it’s been really helpful to what I do today.”

Like Kayla Watson before her, Kelsey Burns — the current recipient of the Julianne D. Fellmeth Scholar Program — is also targeting consumer protections in her efforts.

“I’m working on reviewing the efficacy of Senate Bill 657, the Transparency in the Supply Chain Act,” said Burns. The bill requires companies that do more than \$1 million in business to display what they are doing to keep slave labor out of their supply chains. Burns and her student colleagues are looking at whether or not the bill has been effective after being on the books for 10 years. “Is it working? Is it helping? Is it having an effect on consumer decisions? We’re starting by interviewing stakeholders to see how it operates. In the end, we’ll figure out if we need to amend the bill,” said Burns.

The \$5,000 scholarship is also going a long way to help Burns achieve her dream of becoming an immigration lawyer. “I’m learning so much,” she said. “And the \$5,000 toward my tuition definitely helps me be more comfortable about going into the public interest field in my career, since I am able to experience it prior to graduation.”

The Julianne D. Fellmeth Scholarship is currently funded for a five-year period, but Ginny Nelson is hoping to find funding to keep the program going for the foreseeable future. “A donation of only \$5,000 can support a student for an entire year,” said Nelson. “And the scholarship isn’t just a provision of money. It requires that students submit a detailed plan and keep both the school and the donors abreast of benchmarks that have been met,” she said. “It’s a wonderful opportunity to help students learn real-life skills that result in positive change in our community and beyond.”

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE

The Fellmeth Scholarship and the Center for Public Interest Law aren’t the only ones making a change in the community. The state of California is home to more veterans and military members than any other state in the country. There are more than two million veterans currently residing in California, approximately 250,000 of whom live in San Diego County. With the nation’s largest concentration of military personnel, San Diego is a refuge to countless veterans, many of whom need good sound legal advice. USD School of Law’s Veterans Legal Clinic is dedicated to protecting and serving veterans who have made great sacrifices to protect and serve the United States.

Clinical interns and staff attorneys represent veterans who find themselves in a dispute with a for-profit education company over the use of GI Bill® funds or related education loans. The Veterans Legal Clinic provides free legal advice, identifies potential claims and represents veterans in litigation, arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution with for-profit education companies.

The clinic also represents veterans in their appeals to VA disability benefits claims decisions. It offers free assistance to veterans



applying for correct characterization of their military service discharge to receive the benefits, respect and honor they deserve.

Recently, the Veterans Clinic has begun to advise and represent veterans who have experienced Military Sexual Trauma, or MST. Veterans who have experienced MST may qualify for VA disability benefits for symptoms and conditions related to their MST. Some veterans may have been separated from the military because of MST-related symptoms or conditions and may be eligible for a change of discharge characterization.

Knowing that there are far more veterans who would benefit from the legal services being provided by the Veterans Legal Clinic, law school alumni are generously stepping in to help the clinic expand access to more veterans. Within the last three years, donors have invested in a cloud-based Case Management System — enabling staff attorneys, clinical interns and students to access client files from remote locations. In addition, the clinic now includes tele-conferencing stations to allow private online or remote communication with clients, including veterans who may not be physically able to visit clinic offices located off-site in the Alcalá West Center on the western edge of the USD campus. These two improvements alone have made it possible for the legal clinics to continue to represent clients without face-to-face contact or risk infectious diseases associated with in-person consultations.

One additional improvement for the Veterans Legal Clinic has been the addition of a funded Clinical Fellowship Program that will support a recent law school graduate. The clinics will provide part-time employment opportunity to a recent graduate while he or she is awaiting bar results, or looking forward to starting his or her first legal position. Fellows will concentrate on the critical mission of helping homeless veterans and those who have lost the opportunity to make full use of their GI benefits. “There are a lot of bad actors out there, and vets are losing these benefits to scammers,” said Bob Muth, Academic Director — Legal Clinics, Professor in Residence, Supervising Attorney, Veterans Legal Clinic. “Our new Veterans Clinical Fellowship is a great

opportunity to help vets and give students and recent grads the kind of practical, real-world experience they need to jumpstart their careers.”

A CULTURE OF GIVING

A true Changemaker campus requires teachers, students, administration and alumni who are willing to pitch in to make change happen. USD law alumni have proven to be generous benefactors whose gifts have not only improved the lives of USD law students, but the lives of those in the San Diego community. Kim Koro ’86 (JD) USD law graduate and senior vice president at Qualcomm Technologies, is a dedicated member of the law school’s Board of Visitors. “I typically look to the dean to tell me where help is most needed,” said Koro. “I love getting guidance from those who are in the trenches — and the school has had some wonderful initiatives that I’ve been honored to support.”

Koro has split her support between student scholarships and recently she added Public Interest Fellowships to her areas of interest, believing that both programs are equally important to student success. “When I was in law school, it was a different dynamic,” said Koro. “It wasn’t as expensive. Today, the costs are incredibly high, but if you can make it through, the return on investment is great,” she said. Koro recently invested in funding Public Service Summer Law Student Fellowships to give students the opportunity to work in a nonprofit or government agency during the summer following their first year of law school. “We need good lawyers in public interest, and this helps pave the way.”

Whether it’s dedicated donors like Ginny Nelson ’79 and Kim Koro ’86, or the genuine collective support of USD law alumni and friends, it’s clear that students are the direct beneficiaries of the long-lasting, philanthropic backing of so many hardworking attorneys, entrepreneurs and community supporters. USD School of Law just wouldn’t be the same place that it is today without the strength and courage of those who believe in its mission to provide an excellent legal education while also serving the community.

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STOPPING TRAFFICK

USD TAKES ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

As USD School of Law prepares to embrace a new decade as the leading law school in San Diego, Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo maintains a bold strategic vision for its future. With more and more students entering law school with a clear interest in public policy/interest and community service, the law school is determined to expand the social conscience of the university's campus community. *Envisioning 2024* — the university's strategic plan — lays out an inclusive vision statement: "The University of San Diego sets the standard for an engaged, contemporary Catholic university where innovative Changemakers confront humanity's urgent challenges."

The statement is ambitious — and it's more than USD's vision. It is a challenge to the USD community to make good on the promise. And the challenge has been accepted.

In January 2020, a committed group of academic and community leaders — led by the work of the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies, the School of Law, and outside organizations including Free to Thrive and Project Concern International — came together to discuss what can be done to address one of the most pressing social and cultural issues of our time: Human Trafficking. The event, "*Stopping Traffick*," was a collaborative meeting of the minds of representatives from different schools within the USD campus, along with outside organizations, experts, community members, and most importantly, those who have experienced human trafficking themselves. Spearheaded by Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo of

the School of Law and Dean Patricia Márquez of the School of Peace Studies, the event is the first of its kind for the university, and the San Diego community at large. The scale and scope of the problem of human trafficking is not always a hot button issue in the media, but the reality is that this form of inhuman abuse is flourishing within San Diego's borders. Human trafficking is a worthy issue to take up — and one that various USD faculty and alumni have been involved with for years.

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\$800 million per year. That's how much the underground sex economy generates in San Diego each year, according to an eye-opening study by the Kroc School's Ami Carpenter. Carpenter, along with Jamie Gates, PhD, a professor at Point Loma Nazarene University, designed and executed a wide-reaching study that now serves as the backbone for addressing the problem of human trafficking within the San Diego community and beyond. "It was a game changer," said Jamie Beck '11 (JD), a USD law alumna, USD Law alumnus and president of Free to Thrive, of the study. "It put concrete data to what we knew only anecdotally." The report detailed some surprising facts — including that 80 percent of the human trafficking victims in our area are Americans, not foreign born, which many assume.

"This is the human rights issue of our time," said Carpenter. Carpenter's study has helped raise awareness, raise funding and even change policies, but much more needs to be done. "We need more beds and medical care for survivors of sex trafficking. We spend plenty on arresting traffickers and johns, but not enough on rehabilitation." Carpenter also believes that demand reduction can make a big difference. These issues, and many others, were on the table for strategic design-thinking discussion during the two-day *Stopping Traffick* event. "We don't want to be overly prescriptive," she said. "We just want to figure out what we can do, and how we can make a difference."

AN INTENTIONAL COLLABORATION

Stopping Traffick is a novel approach to the issue, according to Bridget Gramme '98 (BA), '03 (JD), Director of the Center for Public Interest Law



at USD. “How do we serve our community and the greater border region by using our expertise to engage and partner with the community to solve serious problems? That’s what we’re trying to accomplish,” said Gramme. It was important for Gramme and others involved that the event not take on the typical academic approach where a small group of administrators puts forth an agenda and the solutions were purely academic, without input from those with lived experience. “It’s a more connected approach with the community, versus an ivory tower approach. It’s an intentional collaboration,” said Gramme.

Collaboration matters — and it’s not just between the campus and community. Inter-school and inter-departmental collaboration is equally important to the effort. Even though many groups across campus have been working on the issue of human trafficking for years, their efforts rarely cross paths. “Too often, we operate in silos,” said Gramme. “We want to bring together all of the disciplines and people on campus that are working on this issue.”

Without a prescribed outcome, and expert-led lectures, *Stopping Traffick* aspired to be an entirely new experience for most of its participants, including professor Jessica Heldman ’04 (JD), Fellmeth-Peterson Professor in Residence in Child Rights. “We’re gathering to share with each other what we’re working on and what we know,” said Heldman. “The goal is to find out what we can do together as an institution to make a difference. It’s about starting the conversation.”

Deciding how to start that conversation, though, was the trick to getting *Stopping Traffick* off the ground. The organizers knew that participants outside of the organization were critical to the event’s design and success.

LIVED EXPERIENCE

Jamie Beck ’11 (JD) founder of Free to Thrive — a nonprofit that provides legal support to victims of human trafficking — has been working on the issue for most of her professional life. As a young attorney for Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch, Beck often took on human trafficking victims as clients on a pro-bono basis. She quickly realized that there was a stunning lack of resources available to these victims and set off to found Free to Thrive to help change that calculus.

Through her work with survivors, Beck has gained significant knowledge on the subject. And as one of the working group members of *Stopping Traffick*, she played an instrumental role in bringing those with lived experience into the fold. Beck is working with three different people who have been involved in trafficking — a victim, a john and a trafficker — to hear their opinions, which helped her and colleagues design a discussion model that would be the driving force behind the event. “We want to look at how we, as a community, can address sex trafficking by building empathy for the exploiter and the victim,” said Beck. “Part of our goal is to break down the bias and stereotypes. A lot of what people think about human trafficking is much different in reality,” she said. “It’s a holistic way to tackle this. And it’s the only way to end it.”

The model that Beck and her colleagues brought to bear during the *Stopping Traffick* conference, is based on design thinking — an iterative process that seeks to understand the user, challenge assumptions, and redefine problems in an attempt to identify alternative strategies and solutions that might not be instantly apparent. Beck believes this model served as an effective vehicle through which they were able to generate real solutions to this very real problem. “I believe this model will really show us how to design solutions — it’s not just academics telling us what they think, it’s people who have been there and experienced it,” she said.

In addition to Beck and Free to Thrive, members of Project Concern International — which seeks to enhance the lives of women and girls and also focuses on human trafficking — were part of the *Stopping Traffick* working group. The inclusion of as many outside groups and individuals who can help in this effort was paramount to its success. The university, though, was responsible for driving the action, and spearheading solutions to the issue.

“I think it’s important for the university to be a leader and a driver on this issue, while also being a listener to the victims of this so we can move forward with greater momentum,” said Bridget Gramme. “The resources we have — research, students, engaged people — can make a real difference in this effort. What we’re doing is trying to harness it and help the people who are doing this work on the ground every day.”

EXPERIENTIAL ADVOCACY

HOW IS REAL CHANGE POSSIBLE: VISION, INSPIRATION AND DEDICATED SUPPORT COMBINE TO ESTABLISH AN EXPERIENTIAL ADVOCACY PRACTICUM AT USD SCHOOL OF LAW

Just about every student applying to USD School of Law dreams of his or her first job opportunity — following graduation. If you are George Strong '74 (JD) and you have been running your own company, Cornerstone Research, practicing law and serving as an expert witness for more than 40 years, chances are you have more than a decent understanding of job placement and employment issues facing law school graduates. It took little more than a single meeting between Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo and Strong before these two experienced attorneys came up with a plan to enhance the law school's efforts to equip students and graduates with the requisite skills to hit the ground running, as practice-ready associates who could immediately provide value to their employers. The dean and Strong shared a single goal; they wanted to provide students and recent graduates with valuable practice experience.

Six years ago, Strong and his wife, Annsley, generously provided USD School of Law with the resources to make concrete training and practice-ready experiences available to recent graduates to prepare them for what legal practice would be like in real life. The goal of the program they had in mind was to build

upon the doctrinal education that students were receiving in law school classrooms and add opportunities for graduates to apply their knowledge to the practice of law. Practicing attorneys who are experts in their fields were asked to bring their expertise to this new practice-ready program; lessons focused on firm culture, day-to-day practice, litigation strategies, and first-year associate-type experiences. Practical training proved to be the perfect complement to the clinical experiences students gained at USD. Available to recent graduates, seeking employment after graduation, Strong's new program moved the needle and helped graduates acquire the skills necessary to impress future employers.

As luck would have it, the success of the Practice Ready Program dovetailed nicely into a critical conversation-taking place amongst law school faculty. Influenced by Dean Ferruolo's practice experience, the faculty had begun making plans for a curricular program to infuse hands-on, skills-based learning as part of the law school curriculum.

Prior to becoming dean of USD School of Law, Stephen C. Ferruolo was a practicing attorney; he served as the managing partner of two major law firms in Silicon Valley and San Diego. From 2007 to 2011, he served as the founding partner and chair of the San Diego office of Goodwin Procter LLP. Prior to 2007, Ferruolo was a partner and co-chair of the Corporate/VLG Practice Group at Heller Ehrman LLP in its Palo Alto and San Diego offices.

In 2016, inspiration and purpose combined to launch a plan for a new Experiential Advocacy Practicum (EAP) Program that would become part of the first-year curriculum. Unlike the original plan to provide recent graduates with job-readiness skills, the new EAP set more ambitious goals. 1L students would be equipped with the requisite skills to understand the elements of litigation in the fall and the nuances of transactional law in the spring semester for their very first year of law school.

With the backing of George and Annsley Strong, the law school was able to hire



a Professor in Residence to design and implement a cutting edge integrated trial advocacy and transactional law program. When the faculty of USD School of Law established and approved the EAP, the program's objectives were twofold. First, while recognizing that clinics, externships and similar programs had expanded the opportunities for law students to get experiential training in their 2L and 3L years, the teaching faculty thought that, given the trends in legal hiring, students would benefit if practical skills training began earlier and was integrated into the first-year curriculum. Second, it would be valuable for our students, in thinking about and planning for their legal careers in a competitive and challenging legal market, to be familiar with the two differences between major areas of legal practice, litigation and transactional law, in their first year.

The success of the EAP has exceeded expectations and has affected USD students, as well as the law school, in ways we did not anticipate. The key to the success of the program is the faculty, which consists entirely of practicing lawyers. This year alone, 54 experienced San Diego lawyers were teaching in the EAP as adjunct professors. This group included attorneys representing the full range of law firms, from large international law firms like Cooley, DLA Piper, Latham Watkins, Mintz, Pillsbury and Morrison & Foerster, to leading local or regional firms, such as Casey Gerry, Blanchard Krasner & French and Procopio; from the legal departments of corporations, such as Qualcomm, Illumina, Realty Income, Bank of I Federal Bank and Solar Turbines; and from the offices of public agencies and entities, including the U.S. Attorney, District Attorney, City Attorney, Public Defender, the California Department of Justice and the Airport Authority.

Not only do these attorneys work with students in small sections, teaching them hands-on practical legal skills, assessing their performance, and giving them valuable feedback, but they also generously give their time to mentor and advise students about jobs and job opportunities. Remarkably, given how busy these lawyers are, most have come back

to teach in the EAP year after year and have encouraged their colleagues to teach. There is a waiting list of outstanding San Diego lawyers who want to serve as adjunct professors in the program.

In the EAP, students work on a fictional negligence litigation case in the fall and a buy-sell transaction in the spring, in both cases, simulating the practical tasks that junior attorneys are expected to perform, including client interviews, taking depositions, negotiations, oral advocacy (every student gives a closing argument in the fall) and the drafting of legal documents, such as a letter of intent/term sheet, as well as emails to their supervising partners summarizing client interviews, depositions and negotiations, all of which are graded and critiqued by one or more of the practitioner adjunct faculty. Though many students initially say they are intimidated, they typically gain in confidence as they apply what they are learning in their doctrinal classes and practice their legal skills in these practical contexts. Here are some examples of the feedback from students about the EAP:

- “I really liked being instructed by the adjuncts. I learned so much through doing what we were talking about in class and getting feedback from attorneys who practice what we are learning.”
- “It was so fun to get to have a hands-on, experiential course. It helped me remember why I am in law school and makes it easier



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to see how what I'm learning in all of my doctrinal courses will apply to my practice after I graduate.”

- “The best features of the class were forcing the students to participate hands-on in conducting an interview, deposition, and closing argument. Reading about how to perform these skills and then actually doing them are two completely different things and it was eye opening how much harder it is to actually perform these tasks.”
- “This class gave me a lot of confidence in my ability to handle the practical skills that will be required of me in the future. I also really liked having adjunct professors who are also currently practicing lawyers give me feedback on my presentations, so that I get an accurate idea of what my strengths and weaknesses are.”

One of the anticipated benefits to the EAP is the value to USD students of exposure to practicing legal professionals, serving as adjunct professors. Professional networking opportunities have come to fruition and have proved to be a big success. However, in addition to this anticipated benefit, we are also seeing that these practitioners, in diverse fields of practice around San Diego, are getting valuable exposure to our students and their talents and capabilities. Our adjunct professors are uniformly complementary and energized by the students’ efforts and work in the program. We have numerous reports of students using the networking opportunities

provided by the program and their interaction with these practitioners to launch outside-of-class mentoring relationships, informational interviews about desired areas of practice, and even actual employment. Students are using the skills they have learned in the EAP to market themselves as summer associates and graduating lawyers. One of our graduating 3L students summarized his experience transitioning his skills in EAP to his summer position:

- “I am interning at a small civil litigation firm this summer ... and have put many of the skills learned during the first semester of EAP to good use. I have been conducting client interviews by myself and writing complaints based off those interviews... The background EAP provided made an enormous difference in the quality of my work and made what would have been a steep learning curve a smooth plateau.”

Impact of the Annsley and George Strong Professor in Residence in Trial Advocacy:

- Approximately 900 students have completed the program since its inception during the 2016-17 academic year. Every single student at USD School of Law has benefitted from EAP instruction, including transfer students — since USD instituted a graduate requirement for transfer students entering law school after their first year.
- Students’ on-campus interview skills have improved because of EAP practical skills training and enhanced interpersonal communication skills.
- More students are trying out for Advocacy Teams, including Moot Court, Mock Trial and VICAM because of their exposure to advocacy training during their first year of law school.
- EAP has increased the visibility of USD School of Law amongst legal practitioners in San Diego: This current academic year alone EAP has employed the skills of 54 adjunct professors, half litigation practitioners and half business law practitioners. The number of adjuncts has grown over the years, which





in turn has decreased the student: adjunct ratio. There are approximately 10 students to each adjunct in the small section meetings. The small class size allows adjunct professors and students to have valuable, meaningful exposure to one another.

- Significantly, there is a very high rate of return on adjunct professors. Most of the adjuncts repeat year to year. In addition, the program director and Professor in Residence, Linda Lane, likes to add new adjuncts to provide freshness and perspective. This year alone, USD has newly added practitioners from the Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office, Baker & McKenzie, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, and in-house counsel at ViaSat and JMI Equity. The EAP program has been fortunate enough to gather a wait list of adjuncts who would like to teach in the program — it is an in-demand position.
- Students feel that EAP is influencing their employability, by enhancing their practice-ready skills and developing collaborative

relationships and networking opportunities with adjunct professors (practicing attorneys) and first-year students.

- The EAP has added Career and Professional Development to the teaching rotation of the program, affording students an opportunity to work with placement professionals to refine their career objectives and enhance employment search techniques. Students learn professional networking strategies, resume building, cover letter writing, and deliberate focus on their job search objectives. The EAP curriculum is helping students set career goals and seek out career advice in their first year of law school.
- Metrics of success: There are numerous anecdotal examples of students being hired by adjuncts' places of business. Gomez Trial Attorneys has hired several students from their exposure to them in EAP. Ben Coughlan (Gomez attorney): "Once again, thank you for giving me the opportunity. I love working with students. Truly one of the highlights of my professional career getting to help out with your class." Likewise, Professor Lane has successful hiring stories from DLA Piper, U.S. Attorney's Office, City Attorney's Office, Cooley and more.

Students, equipped with EAP and the other valuable education they have received at USD, go out in to the workforce upon graduation; we are confident that they will hit the ground running and succeed. Just four short years ago, this program did not exist at USD School of Law. Thanks to the inspired innovation of the dean and the law school faculty, coupled with the generosity of Annsley and George Strong, more than 900 USD students and alumni will be better prepared for the demands of contemporary legal practice.

EXPERIENTIAL ADVOCACY

SISTER SALLY FURAY LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Kurt Robinson '84 (MBA), '87 (JD), by any definition, is clearly a USD School of Law success story. He graduated from USD in 1984 with a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) and immediately went on to earn his law degree from USD — graduating in 1987. Kurt must have been a natural at business. By the time Kurt enrolled in business school in the 1980s, his father, Frank Robinson, had already established himself as an expert in the design and manufacture of nimble, civilian/personal helicopters in Torrance, Calif. Frank had long been passionate about the idea of producing high quality, reliable and cost-effective personal helicopters. Throughout his time at Cessna, Bell Helicopter and the Hughes Helicopter Co., Frank was never able to successfully convince his employers that his unique design and assembly ideas had merit. Never afraid of a challenge, he launched his own company, Robinson Helicopters.

With Frank as the engineer in the family, by the 1980s Kurt headed off to business school to hone the skills necessary to lead the business side of the helicopter industry. While earning his MBA, Kurt joined forces very early on with fellow MBA student Tim Goetz '85 (JD), '86 (MBA). Together, they knew that they would have the business side of the equation wired, but what about the legal issues of a high risk industry like helicopter design, manufacture and distribution. As Kurt was completing his MBA, Tim and Frank conspired to encourage Kurt to set his sights on law school. However, by the time the younger Robinson graduated from USD with his degree in business, law school admissions had become highly competitive with limited enrollment.

It must have been a very good year to go to law school. Law school applications were up and everyone seemed to share the same idea — law school was the way to go! “Hill Street Blues” had sparked an interest in law and law enforcement for the masses in Southern California and “LA Law,” a glitzy legal drama followed a few years later. Industries were challenging traditional business models and



creative lawyers were supplying the acumen to make innovation possible. Apple computer unveiled its Macintosh personal computer; AT&T divested itself of Bell, Peter Ueberroth, led a profitable Olympic Committee for the Summer Games in Los Angeles and Ronald Reagan secured his second term as President. Law was where the action was in 1984.

One thing that you should know about the Robinson family, they subscribe to the notion that “we leave nothing to chance” and no one gets ahead in the helicopter business by taking “no” for an answer. Frank became his son’s strong educational ally. Although initially hesitant about his son’s decision to pursue a degree in business, Frank not only came around, he became the driving force behind Kurt’s pursuit of a second degree — in law. When faced with tough odds and stiff competition — the Robinsons wanted to know if law school would be the right choice for young Kurt. Frank reached out for expert advice from University of San Diego School of Business Dean, James M. Burns, who immediately suggested that University Provost, Sister Sally Furay, reach out to the young undergrad directly. Sister Furay was not only Provost of USD, she was also a graduate of the law school as well. Throughout her life, she supported the law school, its faculty and the mission of a legal education. She was the perfect person to meet with Kurt to assess his true dedication to pursuing a degree in law.

The conversation between Kurt and Sister Furay was a tough one. Education was an important part of Sister Furay's life; it was a calling that she did not take lightly. Earning her bachelor's degree at Duchesne College, master's degree in English from San Francisco College for Women, and ultimately her doctorate in English and American Literature from Stanford University in 1955, Sister Furay knew what it took to be a serious student. At the University of San Diego, Furay served as Academic Vice President and Provost for 25 years. In addition, she was a professor, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and department chair. In 1968, at the height of the Civil Rights movement, Sister Furay entered law school, earning her JD in 1972. She was an ardent activist for equal rights who would go on to teach a course titled, Sexual Harassment and the Law from 1974-1992. She was a visionary and, lucky for Kurt, a mentor — like no other.

When Sister Furay sat down to talk with Kurt, she looked him straight in the eye and told him that his experience at USD School of Law would shape his life. His dedication would need to be complete and his devotion to learning the law would need to be a serious undertaking if he intended to succeed. There would be no messing around. In her own kind and generous way, Sister Furay made it perfectly clear that Robinson's path to success in law school would include a commitment to putting his full attention into the serious pursuit of excellence. Sister Furay listened to a young graduate student describe what he wanted out of life and what he wanted his experience at the law school to stand for. It is hard to say who was more impressed by whom, because before you knew it, Kurt Robinson was putting together his winning application to join USD School of Law's Class of 1987. His dedication and hard work paid off. Some people have an angel on their shoulder, Kurt Robinson had Sister Furay in his corner; and he never forgot what she did for him.

From the moment that Dean Stephen Ferruolo stopped by Robinson Helicopters in 2018, on his way to Los Angeles, Kurt made it clear that he would forever be grateful for the special interest that Sister Furay took in him. He was a

stronger student and a more dedicated graduate because of her investment in his success. Kurt was anxious to express his heartfelt thanks for the stern and compassionate support that he received from Sister Furay. One year after meeting Dean Ferruolo, Kurt Robinson accepted the dean's invitation to set up a student scholarship in memory of Sister Furay. The scholarship carries on the legacy of this remarkable woman who loved God, believed in the value and beauty of a fine arts education, steadfastly supported USD and was committed to the fight for equal rights. She influenced the lives of so many graduates of USD. It is an honor to have a law school scholarship that will carry on the philanthropic work of Sister Furay in perpetuity.

What an honor it must be to receive the Sister Sally Furay Law Student Scholarship. It is a lot to live up to and even more of which to be proud. USD School of Law is grateful for the generous support of Kurt and his wife, Laura, for remembering fondly the life and work of this remarkable Sister of the Sacred Heart. Sister Furay would be proud of Kurt, his accomplishments and his commitment to supporting students who depend on scholarship support to fulfill their ambitions to graduate from USD School of Law.

INSPIRING OTHERS



MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

SOL G. DUBROOF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sol G. Dubroof was a world-renowned tax system designer known for his insightful analysis and implementation of tax system architectures throughout the world. His innovative designs and tax systems are still in use in many countries.

During his 40-year career, Sol Dubroof and his wife, Gilda, circumnavigated the globe twice. Sol is the author of several tax administration-related texts and journal articles that he wrote at the behest of the International Monetary Fund, and in 2005, authored the historical novel, *Broken Commandments*.

In honor of her father, Sol, Linda B. Dubroof, a 1980 graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law, made the establishment of this scholarship possible. Linda practiced telecommunications law for more than 23 years serving in various management positions at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). While at the FCC, she implemented Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which included a nationwide Telecommunications Relay Service, and other accessibility provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Linda was also responsible for an array of important rulemaking proceedings including Caller ID, Digital Telephony, and Hearing Aid Compatibility. Additionally, she was responsible for international proceedings including the World Radio Conferences and Plenipotentiary Meetings of the International Telecommunication Union, an umbrella organization of the United Nations in Geneva. She also served as adjunct professor at Georgetown Law School.

Before joining the FCC, Linda earned an advanced degree in International Law and Jurisprudence from Oxford University and practiced intellectual property law in Santa Barbara, Calif. Along with her husband, Tom (Admiral McGinnis, Ret.), Linda manages a consulting firm specializing in military medicine and health care issues.

Memorial giving is a meaningful way to create a lasting tribute that will impact future generations of students and bear a loved one's name forever. USD School of Law was proud to

honor notable alumni this past year as families, companies and friends chose to support students who hope to follow in their loved one's footsteps.

In 2019 the USD community came together to honor the following USD alumni and pillars of the San Diego legal community.



GERALD L. MCMAHON '64 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Gerald McMahon Memorial Scholarship Fund honors its namesake for his active contributions to the success of the USD

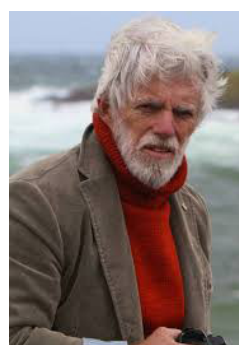
School of Law and its students. The scholarship is intended to support students as they strive to earn their Juris Doctorate.



CRAIG D. HIGGS '69 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Higgs Fletcher and Mack Diversity Scholarship was renamed to honor their longest serving partner, Craig D. Higgs. This scholarship

supports the firm's efforts to promote diversity in the San Diego legal community and is awarded to a student who has a demonstrated commitment to serving diverse communities.



MICHAEL T. THORSNES '68 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Alumnus Michael T. Thorsnes was incredibly involved at USD School of Law and contributed in endless ways to the betterment of the law school. Family and

friends established the Michael T. Thorsnes Civil Advocacy Scholarship Fund in honor of Michael's legacy as an accomplished lawyer and his commitment to academic excellence.



2018–19 MILESTONE REUNION GIVING: A CUSTOMIZED AND COLLECTIVE CLASS APPROACH

Each year, USD School of Law milestone reunion classes celebrate the anniversary of their graduation and commemorate their reunion by choosing a class gift that reflects the varied interests unique to the class.

Every generation of USD law alumni remembers the experience of law school differently, influenced by the professors who taught at the law school, the politics of the day, and the influential programs that shaped their legal practice. Milestone reunions provide an opportunity for classes to ensure the legacy of excellence they helped create is passed along to the next generation of USD law alumni.

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- **The Class of 1968 50-Year Reunion** encouraged supporting the program or initiative that is most meaningful to them, and the experience they had at USD.
- **The Class of 1978 40-Year Reunion** promoted the Dean Donald T. Weckstein Memorial Scholarship Fund.
- **The Class of 1988 30-Year Reunion** created the Class of 1988 Scholarship benefiting students with financial need and scholastic merit.
- **The Class of 1998 20-Year Reunion** aspired to raise \$5,000 to help support students with extraordinary financial needs in memory of classmates Timothy L. Skelton, Jacob M. Slania and Kristina L. Velarde.
- **The Class of 2008 10-Year Reunion** set a goal of \$5,000 for the Class of 2008 Scholarship.
- **The Class of 2013 5-Year Reunion** aimed to raise \$2,013 toward technology and infrastructure enhancements.

If you have any questions about establishing a memorial gift, or if you would like to make special arrangements for your gift, please contact Debbie Rider, director of development at (619) 260-7554 or djrider@sandiego.edu.

MILESTONE REUNION GIVING

SCHOLARSHIP LISTING

2018-19 PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Alan H. and Deb S. Barbanel Annual Named Scholarship
- Alberta S. Casey Scholarship
- Anderson Reynard LLP Scholarship
- Antonyan Miranda Family Law Scholarship
- Baumgaertner Family Scholarship
- Blanchard, Krasner & French Scholarship
- Bruce D. and Laurie S. Poole Transactional Law Scholarship Fund
- Christopher Wesierski Annual Scholarship
- Class of 1976 Scholarship
- Class of 1979 Merit Scholarship
- Class of 1986 Scholarship
- Class of 1988 Scholarship
- Dean Donald Weckstein Memorial Scholarship
- DLA Piper Life Science and Technology Scholarship
- Donna Lee Arledge Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Faye D. Hunter Annual Named Scholarship Fund
- Finch, Thornton and Baird LLP Build California Scholarship
- Haida Massoud Mojdehi Scholarship Fund
- Harvey Levine Scholarship Fund
- Helen and Webster Kinnaird Law Scholarship
- Higgs Fletcher and Mack LLP Diversity Scholarship in Honor of Craig Higgs
- Jackson Lewis Labor and Employment Scholarship
- James R. McCormick, Jr. – Delphi LLP Scholarship
- Jerry G. Gonick and Susan S. Gonick Student Scholarship Fund in Honor of Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo
- Judge David Laro Scholarship Fund
- Julianne D. Fellmeth Public Interest Law Scholarship
- Julie M. Robinson Scholarship
- Karen P. Hewitt Annual Named Scholarship
- Kim and Markus P. Koro Scholarship
- Law Alumni Board Scholarship
- Law Evening Dean's Outstanding Scholarship
- LGBTQ Alumni Law Scholarship
- Linden Root Dickinson Scholarship
- Michael & Karen Lurie Social Responsibility Law Scholarship
- Michael J. and Deborah J. Rider Scholarship
- Price Family International Studies Fund
- Procopio International Tax Scholarship I
- Qualcomm IP Scholarship Program
- Robert Brewer Student Veteran Scholarship
- Ronson J. Shamoun RJS Tax Law Scholarship
- Schwartz Semerdjian Cauley & Moot Community Service Scholarship
- Sol G. Dubroof Memorial Scholarship
- Steven Cologne Annual Named Scholarship
- The Gomez Trial Attorney LGBTQ Scholarship
- The Gomez Trial Attorneys DACA Scholarship
- The Gomez Trial Attorneys Gender Equality Scholarship
- Thomas F. L. McCauley Annual Named Scholarship

- Turner Diversity Scholarship
- Vargas Scholarship
- VICAM Scholarship
- Westover-Giali Family Scholarship

2018-19 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

- Albert and Mae Lee Memorial Scholarship
- Alec Cory/Procopio Scholarship
- BusinessLink Scholarship
- C. Hugh Friedman Endowed Scholarship
- Carr Ferguson Graduate Tax Research Fellowship
- Class of 1975 Scholarship
- Congresswoman Lynn Schenk Endowed Law Scholarship
- Darling Foundation Scholarship
- David S. Casey Trial Advocacy Scholarship
- Delroy Richardson Endowed Law Scholarship
- Fiorenza and Hernando Courtright Endowed Scholarships
- Founders Endowed Scholarship
- Frank E. and Dimitra F. Rogozienski Scholarship
- Gerald and Donna McMahon Endowed Scholarship
- Grant Morris Endowed Scholarship
- Harvey Levine Endowed Scholarship
- Irvin and Eleanor B. Kahn Endowed Scholarship
- Jack R. McGrory Endowed Veterans Legal Clinic/Student Veteran Legal Scholarship Fund
- James E. Spain Family Law School Student Aid Endowment
- John Winters Memorial Fund
- Keith F. Park Endowed Scholarship
- Kenneth and Thelma Doucette Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Kevin and Bryan Briscoe Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Law School Endowment Scholarship
- Lawrence Mahlum Memorial Scholarship
- Loan Repayment Assistance Program
- Lou Kerig Endowed Scholarship
- Mary and Alan Schulman Scholarship
- Michael Konz Memorial Scholarship
- Michael Mohr Memorial Scholarships
- Moller Scholarship Endowment
- Procopio International Tax Scholarship II
- Professor Joseph Darby Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Richard A. Bayer Endowed Scholarship
- Richard A. Shaw Scholarship
- Roseann Gerold Hoffman Endowed Scholarship
- Senior Emergency Fund
- The Christopher McCallister Memorial Scholarship
- The Honorable Louis M. Welsh Endowed Scholarship
- Tim C. Rothans Public Service Scholarship
- Vern D. Schooley Endowed Scholarship
- Warren Family Endowment for Student Assistance

STUDENT QUOTES

“As always, I am incredibly grateful for the foundation USD has provided me. Through the wonderful faculty and staff, including each of you, I feel I have honed a base skill set which can be adapted and utilized to meet the challenges of our changing society and support our community.

I will always be appreciative of my education and experiences garnered as a Torero.”

—Juliana Mascari '16 BA, '19 JD

“Thank you so much for your support to help not only me, but others like me year over year. Your generous gift allows me to focus on Law Review, Transactional Law Team, and my grades. I pay my own way through law school and came straight from undergrad, so I've been going to school, solely, on my Law Faculty Achievement Scholarship and loans.”

—Ben Gourley '20 JD

“Thank you for your generosity and for welcoming me with open arms into San Diego's legal community. I am constantly amazed by your support of law students. When I received the scholarship email from Dean Garcia this evening, the faces of so many attorneys flashed before me — you and Robert and Ashley and so many others. The LGBTQ legal community in San Diego is so special, and I promise to pay your kindness forward.”

—Maddie Orcutt '21 JD

“I hope I can make this scholarship and the donor proud as I continue in my law school career and beyond. I cannot thank you enough for your support to my school and for students like me. As you may be aware, my financial burden is something that constantly weighs on me as I attend lectures, write papers, prepare for exams and apply for jobs. Your scholarship has lightened this weight on my shoulders, and I am immensely appreciative. I can breathe a little easier and can work less stressed knowing that I have support from a generous donor like you.”

—Rachel Geagea '21 JD

“Law school has been the time of my life. As a man in his 40s, I appreciate the opportunity to have this experience and thank you so much for your support and for your faith in me. You have assisted with my academic and professional endeavors. I offer my appreciation for your continued support and am inspired to help others and give back to the community of San Diego when I am able.”

—Stefan Seper '20 JD

“Being selected for the Michael Konz Memorial Scholarship is incredibly encouraging because of how hard Michael worked and because of the kind and optimistic person he was to those around him. I am grateful that you saw those same traits in me, and I will continue to honor his legacy through my work in law school and in the community. Your generosity will be remembered as I push through these next couple of years to the finish line.”

—Mikaila Hernández '21 JD

THE BIG GIVE

APRIL 1-2, 2019

The Big Give is a 36-hour online fundraising campaign which helps to fund key initiatives, strengthen academic programs and rally support of USD School of Law. The 2019 campaign was a tremendous success and raised more than \$382,000 for scholarships and academic programs. The Big Give success can be attributed to the support of Casey Gerry, Dale Giali and Susan Westover-Giali, Gomez Trial Attorneys, Jackson Lewis P.C., Patrick and Sunita Martin, C. Edward Miller, RJS Law—A Tax Law Firm, Ronson J. Shamoun, and Kurt and Laura Robinson, who provided more than \$100,000 in matching funds. Matching gifts allow our donors to double their impact by doubling the gift that they make. This helped boost alumni support and encouraged donors to increase their gifts. We received an average of seven gifts an hour from family and friends.

Special recognition to the following matching gift contributors throughout each Big Give Campaign from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2019.

- C. Edward Miller*
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- Virginia C. Nelson*
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- Steve Doyle
- Ronson J. Shamoun / RJS Law—A Tax Law Firm*
- David S. Casey, Jr.
- Anonymous*



JULIANNA KAT

One day, Julianna Kat '16 (JD), hopes to establish a scholarship to support students of color at USD's School of Law.

Last year Kat took the first step by making her inaugural gift of \$750 to the School of Law, joining *Young Maudsleys*, the law school's donor society dedicated to recent alumni who've graduated within the last seven years.

"I know my donation can have a positive impact on the school and the students," says Kat. "My gift could cover an event put on by a student organization, could bring together the legal community and the students. Or it could go toward covering the cost of a student's books for the semester. I remember how helpful that was for me when I had to study full time and could not work. Although small, I know it will make a difference."

As a student, Kat was a member of the Women's Law Caucus Society, where she networked with women in the legal industry and learned how they balanced family and civic engagement with their professional pursuits. She was also co-president of the Black Law Student Association, which brought African American judges to campus to discuss their legal careers and their paths to the bench.

While in law school, Kat took the opportunity to work in the field as much as possible — doing legal research, and externing for a judge, as well as for small, medium and large litigation firms. She also did contract work, reviewing depositions for a solo practitioner and even helping to edit a law review article about intellectual property.

Those experiences are how she met her mentor, who helped her along the way and is still there for her when she needs advice. The work experience, as well as the networking and alumni connections, prepared her to land a job serving as in-house counsel.

Today, Kat is working to pay back student loans. And now, her husband, Alex Kat, currently a 1L at USD's School of Law, is taking on student loans of his own.

However, giving back remains a priority for the couple.

"For us, donating a small amount shows that we believe in helping students succeed," says Alex, who expects to graduate in 2022. "I would not have gone to law school but for my wife believing in me. The support students can feel by knowing a community of alumni is invested in their success, makes the experience more powerful. For students who may be unsure of their place in this law school or of their part in this community, our donation could be the reassurance they need to know that they belong."

YOUNG MAUDSLEY



STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

MESSAGE FROM 2019–20 SBA PRESIDENT MADISON LATHEM

As donors, your support and generosity drives the meaningful endeavors USD School of Law's student body sets out to accomplish every day. As Student Bar Association president, I have the privilege of working with a diverse sample of students daily and although each of them has a unique goal and path that lead to USD School of Law, a common thread among them is the financial burden of law school. Yet, at the heart of every conversation is a steadfast commitment to making the most of a legal education. Your contributions are a meaningful endorsement of every student's capabilities and futures. You allow students to realize that law school is more than a means to an end, but rather three years of personal and professional growth. Thank you!

Initially, USD School of Law was an unexpected option for me. Being from London, Ontario, Canada, I had no ties to San Diego. Even as I received my acceptance, the thought of moving to California seemed distant. Not only is law school itself a major economic commitment, but adding an international move on top of that? Forget it. I did not give attending much thought until I started receiving more personal correspondence from the law school; even an email from a USD School of Law alumnus and fellow Canadian. Through these interactions with admissions and alumni, I began to further contemplate the logistics of a move and ultimately decided that USD was on the trajectory for my future academic goals. I felt so fortunate that the generous three-year scholarship I was granted made this option attainable for me.

The personal touches I felt from USD School of Law made all the difference in my decision to attend and they continue to contribute to my experience. On the first day of my 1L year in Professor Heiser's Civil Procedure class, I was surrounded by so many bright and passionate people, I could see that I was in for some challenges. These bright and passionate people who sat on either side of me quickly became more valuable than any law textbook. I could learn about the nuances of tax law from a peer with accounting background or about immigration law from a student who lived the experience.



As a 1L there was so much to explore, I did not know where to start. I chose to indulge my strengths and, in typical Madison style, chat my way through the seemingly endless options of law.

Through networking and being an active member of the SBA, I have found my interests align with transactional and contract law and that I love the idea of helping people build things. I have been able to explore this through the corporate counsel externship program where I have found guidance and invaluable mentors in practice. Various networking events held by some of our student-run organizations have turned into fruitful relationships and friendships with alumni. All of these student-run networking events, panels, or mixers are products of the passionate students at USD who are putting into the school, and student body, what they see the school and the USD School of Law community put into them.

As I look toward graduation and entering the USD Law Alumni community I am confident that I am leaving USD School of Law with the tools I need to build a successful legal career and that I carry with me the silent support of so many USD Law alumni who came before me and helped build the school's reputation. I intend to uphold the same commitment shown to me in my education to future generations of USD law students.

Every student has taken a different path in his or her life leading to USD School of Law and every student will follow a different path after law school. But for three short years, when all these paths converge, a very special community is formed. This is something that is only possible because of support like yours, bringing students with diverse backgrounds and ambitions together.

2018-19 MAUDSLEY FELLOWS SOCIETY HONOR ROLL LISTING

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