

Development News

Thanks to the monetary donations of its alumni and friends, Georgetown Law can educate the next generation of lawyers, serve others through its many clinics, and tackle complex legal and social issues by bringing together scholars and leaders from business, government and other communities.

Here are recent examples of our donors' generosity:

- Bob Barker, the host of television's longest-running game show, "The Price Is Right," made a \$1 million donation for the study of animal rights law. Barker's donation will be used to strengthen and expand the Law Center's animal rights law curriculum, provide opportunities for students to work in the field, support student-initiated animal rights projects and sponsor conferences and symposia on subjects related to animal protection.
- A gift from Edward M. Ricci (L'73), the managing partner at Ricci-Leopold, P.A., in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, and his wife, the Honorable Mary E. Lupo (L'74), who retired as a judge of the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, supports summer employment for rising third-year Law Center students working for public interest nonprofit organizations in the United States. The primary goal of the fellowship program is to develop civil law and public interest advocates. "It is my hope that this gift will inspire other alumni and friends of Georgetown University Law Center to fund similar programs or to add to the existing Public Interest 2L Summer Fellows Fund," said Ricci.
- Several grants and gifts helped make possible the groundbreaking conference "Fair and Independent Courts: A Conference on the State of the Judiciary," held at the Law Center in September. (For more on the conference, see the cover story, which begins on page 24.)
 - \$100,000 grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York
 - \$25,000 grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
 - \$50,000 grant from the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association
 - \$100,000 gift from Dwight Opperman
 - \$25,000 gift from Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz
- To celebrate his 30th reunion, Robert Dufek (L'76), along with Patrick J. Moran (L'73), became the first donors to give to the Opportunity Scholarship program, which helps make a Georgetown Law education attainable for students with academic potential and financial need by providing \$30,000 grants to select full-time J.D. students over three years. The program is designed to ensure economic diversity among the student population.
- A major gift from Ralph V. Whitworth (L'85) supports the corporate governance program at Georgetown Law. Whitworth is a founder, principal and investment committee member of Relational Investors, an investment fund specializing in strategic block investments. An expert on corporate governance issues, he has been invited to present his views before Congress, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange board.
- The Georgetown Environmental Law and Policy Institute (GELPI) received a grant of \$77,000 from the Gray Family Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation to conduct research and public education related to the "fairness" question at the heart of the ongoing property rights debate in Oregon; that is, whether the Oregon land use system unfairly singles out individual land owners to suffer unfair economic losses for general public benefit. The Surdna Foundation, a long-time funder of GELPI's work, also made a \$100,000 grant of general support.
- The Harrison Institute for Public Law's Housing and Community Development Clinic received two grants to support its work in preserving affordable housing in the District of Columbia: a \$30,000 grant from the Community Development Support Collaborative, which is composed of 30 national and D.C.-based corporations, financial institutions and foundations; and a \$25,000 grant from the Enterprise Foundation, also a consortium of foundations and financial institutions.
- The Harrison Institute's Policy Clinic received a \$240,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to support the health team's work with a national network of community health workers. The project's goal is to integrate these workers into the health care system as a means to overcome cultural and political barriers to preventive care. (For more on the Institute's work, see page 76.)