



Dear Fellow Graduates,

As the new National Chair of the Georgetown Law Annual Fund, I would like to thank our previous chair, Kevin J. McIntyre, for his excellent work over the last three years. More importantly, Kevin and I would like to thank the more than 5,000 donors who last year contributed more than \$2,100,000 to

the Law Annual Fund. I hope these numbers will continue to grow over the next few years. It's great to see so many graduates giving back to the Law Center.

Those of you who have not visited the Law Center recently would hardly recognize the campus. Georgetown has surpassed other top law schools by adding the Edward Bennett Williams Law Library (the fourth largest academic law library in the nation), the Gewirz Student Center and the recently completed Eric. E. Hotung International Law Center Building and Sport and Fitness Center. Among other things, the Hotung building houses the John Wolff International and Comparative Law Library and a moot court facility where the Law Center's Supreme Court Institute mooted three-fourths of last year's Supreme Court cases. These new facilities enable Georgetown to compete for the best students in an extremely competitive and global marketplace and are a far cry from the days when the classrooms and library were all housed in McDonough Hall and recreation was provided by the video games downstairs. However, the heart of the Law Center, its acclaimed faculty, remains relatively constant, with many professors remaining here 25 years or more.

The student body is top-notch as well. According to a recent *National Law Journal* survey of outside law firms, Georgetown was the law school at which they're most likely to recruit and the second largest source (after Harvard) of their actual hires. Equally significant is that a higher percentage of our graduates enter careers in the public service.

As an adjunct professor at the Law Center, I'm impressed by students' motivation and intelligence. As a recruiter, I'm impressed by the number of well-qualified applicants I see in on-campus interviews. More importantly, Law Center graduates demonstrate the right combination of intelligence, pragmatism and ethics that makes great lawyers and colleagues.

Our students are also staying connected to the Law Center after graduation and participating in alumni events, assuring future support for the school. Their efforts — your efforts — through teaching, mentoring, interviewing and, yes, giving — play a meaningful role in the Law Center's success. Although I will be emphasizing the philanthropy role, I hope that you continue to support the Law Center in any way you can.

A gift to the Law Annual Fund is a great way to contribute to Georgetown Law's ongoing success, because all the money raised is used solely for the school's needs: financial aid (particularly important in light of the need-blind admissions process), Equal Justice Foundation Fellowships, the Loan Repayment Assistance Program, the Edward Bennett Williams Law Library, the many clinics and journals as well as student activities.

I am proud to say that I'm a Georgetown lawyer and I hope you feel the same. I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming years and I thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Vasily". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

John Vasily, L'82

National Chair, Georgetown Law Annual Fund