



Dear Fellow Graduates,

As National Chair of the Georgetown Law Annual Fund, I am pleased to report that our fellow alumni have been generous in the first half of the fiscal year. Annual giving

to the Law Center has surpassed year-to-date levels for 2006, and we are on our way to raising record-level funds. To those of you who have already made your contributions this year, "Thank you."

If you are still contemplating your annual gift, please take a moment to consider that a donation to the Law Annual Fund reaches far beyond the walls of Georgetown. Our students and faculty take their commitment to public service very seriously and continually strive to improve their city, our nation and the world.

Georgetown Law boasts the most highly regarded clinical program in the country. Each year, more than 300 students enroll in the Law Center's 14 clinical courses and represent a broad spectrum of clients. Whether they are juvenile criminal offenders, refugees for political asylum or victims of domestic violence, under-represented individuals can find advocates at Georgetown to help ensure that their voices are heard.

The Office of Public Interest and Community Service coordinates numerous programs that pair Law Center students with organizations that need their help. Many of you are familiar with the Equal Justice Foundation, which funds students in public-interest summer fellowships. In the last 10 years, EJF has placed more than 1,000 students in service positions ranging from international environmental law to human rights.

But were you also aware that this office challenges students to take the "Pro Bono Pledge" and commit to performing 75 hours of law-related pro bono service *before* graduation? During the 2005-2006 academic year, Georgetown Law students collectively performed nearly 11,000 hours of community service at organizations throughout the Washington, D.C., area.

In addition, OPICS coordinates service projects as part of orientation activities and, for the last two years, has organized a spring break trip to New Orleans for students, faculty and staff to help build homes for Habitat for Humanity.

I am proud to say that all of these programs receive financial assistance from the Law Annual Fund, and I encourage you to show your support of this good work by making your own contribution today. You may choose to designate your gift to the project closest to your heart, or make an unrestricted donation. Either way, you should feel proud that your gift helps Georgetown teach students not only the letter of the law, but the spirit of justice and service.

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