

## Development News

“We live in a time characterized by a disturbing trend toward increasing selfishness and ingratitude,” Erek Loosli (G’07, L’07) told the crowd assembled in the Sport and Fitness Center lobby March 24. “You ... stand in stark contrast, in support of the principle of leaving the world a better place than you found it.”

Loosli spoke from experience — and from his heart. He and 62 other student scholarship recipients met with 33 generous donors at the Law Center’s annual scholarship luncheon to say a simple thank-you. Paul Diaz (L’88) spoke on behalf of the donors, encouraging his fellow alumni to support the Law Center’s financial aid program.

The scholarship luncheon is a very personal way to recognize the generosity on which the Law Center depends. This page is another. Georgetown Law is grateful for the support of the following individuals and groups:

- Linda D. (NHS '77) and Timothy J. (L'77) O'Neill have given a \$10 million gift to fund the new O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law. See the story on page 24 for more on the O'Neill Institute.
- The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation has made a \$3 million grant to continue its support of Workplace Flexibility 2010, a project exploring the possibility of a national policy on workplace flexibility.
- David R. Belding (L'71) has made a seven-figure gift to endow the Peter P. Weidenbruch Jr. Professorship in Business Law, in honor of an educator who has served the Law Center for over 40 years. Weidenbruch (L'56, LL.M.'57, H'86) has taught federal tax law since he joined the faculty in 1965.
- The Takada family has given a seven-figure gift to support the Asian Legal Studies Program, which provides financial assistance to Asian students, supports the recruitment and retention of Asian law scholars and provides resources for research and scholarship on Asian legal topics.
- Theresa M. Gillis (L'74) made a new six-figure commitment to the Gillis-Pollock Scholarship Fund, which honors her parents.
- The Law Center has received a gift for campus improvements from Michael Eric A. B. Hotung honoring his father, Ambassador Eric E. Hotung (C'51, H'86).
- Alan H. Fein (L'79), Elizabeth A. Abdo (B'80, L'86) and Abdo's husband, Michael Ross McCabe (B'80), have joined four others as class partners for the class of 2009. The program pools resources to help the Law Center meet its financial commitment to grant-eligible students.
- H. Richard Pressman (L'66) has committed financial support to the Law Center's new animal law program.
- The Law Center continues to receive grants to support the Sandra Day O'Connor Project on the State of the Judiciary: \$100,000 from the Jerome Levy Foundation; \$23,500 from Carnegie Corporation of New York; two grants totaling \$50,500 from the Annenberg Foundation; and \$50,000 from the Lee and Juliet Folger Fund. The Carnegie, Annenberg and Folger grants will provide support for “Our Courts,” a collaborative effort by the O'Connor Project, Ari-

zona State University's College of Law and others to produce an online interactive product on the judicial branch for middle and high school students.

- The Georgetown Environmental Law and Policy Institute has received a \$100,000 grant from the Surdna Foundation to provide general support for the Institute; and a \$20,000 grant from the Weeden Foundation to further work relating to “takings” challenges to public conservation programs protecting endangered wildlife in the West. The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation also made a \$40,000 grant to continue support of a research and education project designed to reconcile the use of regulatory controls and economic incentives to land conservation and sound resource use.
- The Community Development Support Collaborative — comprised of 30 corporations, financial institutions and foundations — renewed and increased its support of Georgetown Law's Harrison Institute's Housing and Community Development Clinic with an \$80,000 grant for the preservation of affordable housing for low-income residents of Washington, D.C.



Top: Erek Loosli (G'07, L'07), the student speaker at the Law Center's annual scholarship luncheon, stands with Dean Alex Aleinikoff and Paul Diaz (L'88), who spoke on behalf of the 33 scholarship donors in attendance.

Bottom: Justin D. Hansford (L'07) and Marianne Keler (L'80) at the luncheon on March 24.

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tures, mergers and recapitalization of multinational companies.

**Gayle I. Horwitz**, an associate in the Cleveland office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, has been named secretary of the board of directors of the *Cleveland Jewish News*, one of the nation's only independent Jewish newspapers. Horwitz joined the board in 2006.

**Mimi Wong (LL.M.)** has joined the international law firm Bryan Cave as an associate in the firm's New York office, practicing in the tax advice and controversy group. Wong was previously an attorney with the U.S. Tax Court.

## 2006

**Edward V. Ricci (C'01)** has joined the consumer justice attorneys of Ricci Leopold in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. He previously served as an auto safety policy analyst at the consumer-safety organization Public Citizen in Washington, D.C.

## 2007

**Jessica Powley Hayden** has become the fourth Georgetown Law graduate to win a Burton Award for Legal Achievement. She was selected for her paper, "Mullahs on a Bus: The Establishment Clause and U.S. Foreign Aid," which was published in the *Georgetown Law Journal* last November. Hayden and 14 other winners from law schools around the country received their awards at a ceremony in the Great Hall of the Library of Congress on June 4.

**Kevin Trowel** has won the 2007 Scribes Law Award, presented annually by the American Society of Legal Writers for the best student-written article in a law journal. He was selected for his paper, "Divided by Design: *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District*, Intelligent Design, and Civic Education," published in the March issue of the *Georgetown Law Journal*. He is the first Georgetown Law student to receive this honor.

# Across Classes: A Deep Bench for Georgetown Law

When **Thomas L. Ambro (C'71, L'75)** left private practice to become a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit in June 2000, he was the only Georgetown graduate on the court.

Seven years later, four out of the 12 active judges currently on the 3rd Circuit bench hold Georgetown Law diplomas.

The trend began in December 2003, when Ambro was joined on the court by another "double Hoya," **D. Michael Fisher (C'66, L'69)**. Fisher had previously served in the Pennsylvania legislature and later became the attorney general of that state.

"The conversation was, 'It's great to have double Hoyas on the court,'" recalls Ambro, who says that he and Fisher would banter about "the whole experience" of having attended Georgetown's undergraduate and law schools. "We didn't discuss a whole lot of basketball; I think the team was down at that point."

Hoya talk around the courthouse became even more prevalent by December 2006, when Judge **Kent A. Jordan (L'85)**, already a federal judge in Delaware, was confirmed to the appellate court. Judge **Thomas Michael Hardiman (L'90)** rounded out the quartet in March 2007, moving up from the federal district court in New Jersey.

"When Judge Jordan and I first met, we spoke at length about Georgetown," Hardiman says, adding that the two "noted with pride" the number of graduates on the court. "We agreed that we were privileged to have received such a first-rate legal education and we wondered jokingly whether our colleagues might gang up on the Georgetown graduates."

Ambro said that the kidding was good-natured on all sides. "We've threatened to stage a takeover — threatened in a very nice sense, of course," he says.

A fifth judge on the 3rd Circuit spent a year at Georgetown Law but finished her degree at another school, the judges said. And there's always the chance for more Hoyas; in fact, as of June 2007, there were two vacant spots on the court.

"It's very, very unique," Fisher says of the Georgetown connection. "I never envisioned that any circuit, nevertheless our circuit, would have such a Georgetown Law dominance."

The 3rd Circuit hears appeals from federal courts in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. Incidentally, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, which is located in Washington, D.C., boasts three Law Center graduates: **Arthur A. Gajarsa (L'67)**, **Richard Linn (L'69)** and **Kimberly Moore (L'94)**.

"We've got them beat by one," Fisher jokes. "But that also speaks well of Georgetown Law." — Ann W. Parks



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COURTESY D. MICHAEL FISHER



COURTESY KENT A. JORDAN



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From top: Judges Thomas L. Ambro (C'71, L'75), D. Michael Fisher (C'66, L'69), Kent A. Jordan (L'84) and Thomas M. Hardiman (L'90) of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit.