Dean Announces New Advisory Council

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quite successful in winning funding for significant research and scholarship. We look forward to the newly-formed Dean's Council as an added source of organizational strength for the School, supplementing the important role played by our Alumni Association.

The budget cuts have hurt us, of course, but we can take some satisfaction in noting that the adverse consequences were not as great as they might have been. Indeed, damage to the School would have been much more serious were it not for the strong support which you, our alumni, have shown. Our annual fund drive set another record last year. For this, you have our great and sincere thanks. Alumni giving is an essential resource for us as it is for every public law school. No state law school of which I am aware could survive without substantial private giving.

Your past help has been key to the growth in the quality and national reputation of our School. The coming year will be an especially difficult one. Early restoration of the reductions in our state budget is highly unlikely. And further cuts remain a realistic possibility. Increased private help is necessary simply to maintain our stability.

Of course, we recognize that the impact of the economic downturn has not been limited to State government or public education. A number of those in our profession have also been hurt. At the same time, it seems important that you be made aware both of the present position of the School and the extent to which your continued generous support is truly critical.