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Jaeckle Gift to Enhance Center

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Erma Hallet Jaecle ’36 shared with her late husband Edwin H. Jaecle ’15 a strong commitment to excellence in legal services in government. Acting on that commitment, she recently contributed $100,000 to UB Law School. The gift is designated for the Edwin F. Jaecle Center for State and Local Government, which the couple founded in 1980.

The Center has enjoyed considerable success over the years. Its goals have been to help students understand the operation and complexities of government, to work with governments in developing solutions to their problems and to assist in implementing those solutions.

An early accomplishment of the Center was the creation of a certificate program in State and Local government. To receive the certificate at graduation, students must complete a series of courses designed specifically to prepare them to practice in that area. Almost 200 students have met those requirements and are now applying the knowledge they acquired.

The state and a variety of local communities have also benefited greatly from the Center’s work. It has assisted the state on Adirondack Parks issues and is currently working with the New York State Assembly to study proposed changes in financing public education in elementary and high schools. In addition, it has saved millions of dollars in Medicaid expenses statewide by teaching county governments to maximize their receipt of other benefits. The Center has provided the expertise to obtain over $22
Key Bank Grant Aids Law School

The Career Development Office at University at Buffalo Law School has received a $16,500 grant from Key Bank of New York to purchase a specialized computer software package that will allow it to expand services to students and alumni.

"Key Bank is pleased to provide the necessary capital to help the University at Buffalo’s Law School enhance services for its students and alumni," said Timothy Butler, Key Bank of New York senior vice president and Western New York senior commercial executive.

“Our support of education in communities throughout Western New York is just one part of our commitment to the prosperity and success of this region," he said.

The Tailored Solutions software package includes a student employment tracker, an employer database system, a report writer and a job-listings module.

“This system will be used by the Career Development Office to provide greatly expanded services to our students and to the many alumni who utilize that office,” said Alan S. Carrel, vice dean for administration for UB Law. "Job-seekers will have a much broader access to employment opportunities and will be able to conduct a more focused and more effective search.”

One new feature of the system will allow the Career Development Office to track students from the moment they enter the law school, making the link between career planning and the student body more comprehensive and effective. The system also will create a much larger and more accessible employer and job listings database.

In addition, the Career Development Office will be able to produce a wide range of pamphlets, reports and lists to assist alumni and students who are searching for employment.

Key Bank’s interest in the Law School was sparked by a UB alumnus, according to Audrey Koscielnik, assistant dean for career development.

“it’s wonderful that an alumnus’ commitment to the Law School will allow us to better serve future students in a tough job market,” Koscielnik said. ■

Center projects. "We are delighted with the opportunities that Mrs. Jaecckie’s additional gift provides us to expand the Center and advance the Law School’s New Curriculum," said Dean Barry B. Boyer.

The public-spirited values and principles for which Mr. Jaecckie stood and his great service to the state and nation continue to live on through the State and Local Government Center that he founded.

“The new resources will greatly increase the ability of the Law School’s faculty and students to meet the needs of local governments and state agencies.”

According to University Provost and former Dean Thomas E. Headrick, the Jaecckie Center will play a leadership role in shaping UB’s law school of the future.

“The New Curriculum provides students with a strong foundation during their first year of Law School. They are then ready to work on important projects in the real world, where they can play an effective role in the design and implementation of meaningful programs for state and local governments. Students can conduct legal research and related investigations, draft necessary legislation, prepare training materials, devise strategies, project expected outcomes and formulate appropriate safeguards.

The possibilities are endless.” ■