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Giving

Jaeckle Gift to Enhance Center

Erma Hallet Jaeckle '36 shared with her late husband Edwin H. Jaeckle '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. Jaeckle 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



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million in external financing to fund, construct and manage new affordable housing units for the benefit of Western New York communities.

In the environmental area, the Center has helped a variety of government entities enforce regulations, resolve problems involving waste disposal and has also provided ideas and guidance in reclaiming old industrial sites and putting them to productive uses. Most recently, the Center was a key player in an ambitious, university-wide project which studied regional governance issues and presented an extensive, detailed proposal to consolidate services into a more effective system that would save a significant amount of money.

This gift by Mrs. Jaeckle is one of many that she and her late husband have made to the Law School. A founder of the Buffalo-based law firm of Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel, Jaeckle was a power in local, state and national politics. He gained prominence as the Republican leader who helped propel Thomas E. Dewey into the national political scene.

He was Erie County Republican Chairman from 1935 until 1948 and led New York State's Republican forces and fortunes from 1940 to 1944. As State GOP chairman, he launched the political career of the late Thomas E. Dewey, governor of New York for 12 years. Jaeckle served as Dewey's campaign general for all three of his victorious statewide races.

Jaeckle also engineered both of Dewey's nominations, in 1944 and 1948, as the Republican party's candidate for president of the United States.

He was also an outstanding civic leader who contributed money and time to countless charitable and non-profit groups. He was the first recipient of the highest award ever bestowed by the Law School and Law Alumni Association, an award which is now given annually and bears his name.

Erma Jaeckle was a highly regarded attorney whose impressive career spanned 40 years and two states. She enjoyed success in the private, public and corporate sectors and spent the last 25 years of her practice capably serving her clients in a small firm in Florida. She retired after marrying Edwin Jaeckle and returned to Buffalo where they made their home.

This recent contribution came at a time when there was insufficient funding for many worthwhile potential Jaeckle

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 Koscielniak, 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," Koscielniak said. ■

Center projects. "We are delighted with the opportunities that Mrs. Jaeckle'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. Jaeckle 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 Jaeckle 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." ■