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# Annual Giving

## The 12 percent difference



### *How alumni can support the Law School*

UB Law School is a public institution, supported by the State of New York; however, state support amounts to just 31 percent of the school's annual budget. Tuition and student fees, interest on our endowment, and grants make up another 57 percent. That leaves 12 percent of the Law School's annual budget provided by our generous alumni and friends. Without that 12 percent, it would be impossible for the Law School to offer the student support and the educational and infrastructure enhancements that make the school a leader in legal education.

#### **Seven ways the Annual Fund advances the quality of the Law School**

##### **On-campus courtroom**

UB Law School is the only one in the nation to house a fully functioning courtroom. Our law students can watch judges and lawyers at work in O'Brian Hall — an invaluable opportunity to see law practiced firsthand. The state-of-the-art courtroom can accommodate appellate arguments, as well as trials. Alumni giving made the completion of this project possible.

##### **Leading-edge technology**

UB Law School is now wireless. Information technology is a fundamental part of the legal education infrastructure and curriculum at UB Law, just as it is a critical tool in legal practice. Alumni giving has made it possible for the Law School to devote significant resources to staying at the leading edge in this arena.

##### **Innovative, flexible curriculum**

Our program has evolved into one of the most distinguished in the nation, allowing for smaller class size, innovative "bridge" courses, and specialized concentrations. Alumni giving directly advances the practice-readiness of UB's law graduates.

##### **Scholarships and financial aid**

Your gift provides much-needed dollars to fund our highest priority — helping bright, well-qualified students fulfill their dreams of obtaining a quality law degree. Last year some portion of every contribution to the Annual Fund was distributed to a deserving student through scholarships and loans.

##### **Ranking**

Participation in the Annual Fund makes a dramatic difference when national publications rank UB Law against other schools. Your gifts are used to enhance program areas most pertinent to ranking formulas.

##### **Clinical education**

Our clinical program provides an array of legal services to nonprofit organizations and to the poor and needy. Alumni support helps the community while providing valuable experience to student participants.

##### **Outreach to alumni/ae**

The Annual Fund helps support a variety of alumni/ae activities, such as reunions and other special events and volunteer, mentoring, and teaching opportunities. Alumni receive free counseling, résumé service, and job postings; Law Library services; and interaction with our law faculty. Alumni giving benefits the whole Law School community—including you.

##### **UB Law School Annual Giving Societies**

**Edwin & Erma Jaeckle Society**  
\$5,000+ (or \$2,500+ for GOLD\* alumni/ae)

- Special Naming Opportunities
- Name on O'Brian Hall Donor Wall
- Invitation to Annual Dean's Dinner
- Invitation to Distinguished Speaker Lecture
- Listing in UB Law School Honor Roll

##### **John Lord O'Brian Society**

\$2,500–\$4,999 (or \$1,250–\$2,499 for GOLD\* alumni/ae)

- Name on O'Brian Hall Donor Wall
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##### **Jacob D. Hyman Society**

\$1,000–\$2,499 (or \$500–\$1,249 for GOLD\* alumni/ae)

- Name on O'Brian Hall Donor Wall
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- Invitation to Distinguished Speaker Lecture
- Listing in UB Law School Honor Roll

##### **Dean's Club**

\$500–\$999 (or \$250–\$499 for GOLD\* alumni/ae)

- Invitation to Distinguished Speaker Lecture
- Listing in UB Law School Honor Roll

*\*GOLD alumni/ae are Graduates of the Last Decade (1993–2002)*

##### **Three ways to give**

##### **Make a check payable to:**

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– Law School  
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