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Annual Giving

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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 - clearly a monumental component - it would be impossible for the Law School to provide the student support, educational program and up-to-date infrastructure that keeps the school a leader in legal education.

A foundation for learning
UB Law's curriculum remains one of the most distinguished in the nation, allowing for smaller class sizes, innovative courses and specialized concentrations. The Annual Fund provides vital instructional resources, allowing the academic program to further evolve each year.

Constructing technique
UB Law is one of just a few law schools in the country to house a fully functioning courtroom. Our students can watch judges and lawyers at work in O'Brien Hall - a valuable opportunity to see law practiced first-hand. This state-of-the-art courtroom can accommodate appellate arguments as well as trials, and offers an incomparable practice environment for trial technique and moot court competition. Alumni giving made the completion of this project possible.

Anchoring a solid student body
Alumni gifts provide monies to fund our highest priority - helping bright, well-qualified students fulfill their dreams of obtaining a quality law degree. Last year, a significant portion of the Annual Fund was distributed to deserving students through scholarships and loans.

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

Bolstering our community
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.

Cementing future success
A large number of alumni gifts to the Annual Fund assist UB Law when it solicits support from corporations and foundations. These entities consider the percentage of our school's alumni donor participation before granting money for special projects.

Providing an alumni pedestal
The Annual Fund provides UB Law alumni with a variety of benefits, which include class reunions and other special events, as well as volunteer, mentoring and teaching opportunities. Alumni receive free career counseling, resume service, job postings and access to our library services. Alumni giving benefits the entire Law School community - including you.

UB Law School Annual Giving Societies

Edwin & Erma Jackle Society
$5,000+ (or $2,500+ for GOLD® alumni/ae)
- Special Naming Opportunities
- Name on O'Brien 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'Brien Hall Donor Wall
- Invitation to Annual Dean's Dinner
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Jacob D. Hyman Society
$1,000-$2,499 (or $500-$1,249 for GOLD® alumni/ae)
- Name on O'Brien Hall Donor Wall
- Invitation to Annual Dean's Dinner
- 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 (1994-2003).

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