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Legacy Giving

Law School Legacy Society

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Membership in the Legacy Society is open to anyone who has made such a future commitment, regardless of the donor's age or the amount of the gift. If you have already provided for the Law School, you automatically qualify for membership. Please inform us of your intentions. Please contact either:



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