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Each year I have the honor of thanking alumni and friends for the vital role you play in advancing the progress of the Indiana University School of Law—Bloomington. This year, I am thrilled to announce that, for the first time in the School’s history, our Fund for Excellence exceeded $1 million. I am struck by the great variety of donors and donations to the School. From foundations to families, from gifts of time to gifts of treasure, every name in this Dean’s Report has a place in ensuring that Indiana Law achieves its vision of increased visibility and influence in the state, the nation, and around the world.

In this report, we attempt to recognize and thank every person and organization who has been of service to Indiana Law for contributions. Your gifts are varied — from judging the Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition (sponsored by Bose McKinney & Evans LLP) to giving generously to name a scholarship or clinic.

I would like especially to thank every person who has given his or her time to the Law School. This is the first Dean’s Report in which we sought to acknowledge our army of volunteers.

The Indiana Law community lost a dedicated volunteer and alumnus this fall. Joe Board Jr., JD’58, gave many gifts of time and talent. We remember him with special gratitude among the volunteers recognized in this publication, (see p. 37).

The task of compiling names of the hundreds who have given their time was a daunting, but welcome, challenge; our alumni and friends are so helpful. In my five years as dean, I have met and talked with thousands of alumni. I come away from each of these encounters with new ideas to enrich the School. And our students benefit tremendously from your coming here to serve as practitioners-in-residence, to serve on advisory boards, and to help in all the myriad ways that you serve Indiana Law.

Just as there are many ways to affect Indiana Law through volunteer service, your financial investments in the School also take many forms. In this Dean’s Report, we focus on scholarships. Scholarships are critical in Indiana Law’s mission to provide a transformational education, and I am deeply grateful to the diverse group who committed to funding the scholarships that ensure our students grow to be the ethical lawyers and leaders of tomorrow.

In recognition of the vast importance of scholarships, Indiana University has instituted a matching program...
for endowed scholarships above $150,000. Scholarship gifts of $250,000 and above are matched by IU in perpetuity. For gifts of $150,000 to $250,000, funds are matched 1:2. This opportunity to leverage funds for our students is unprecedented.

We are fortunate to have generous donors who have already taken advantage of this program, creating their own legacies while helping our students achieve educational and professional goals.

In previous issues of this publication, we profiled George Gossman, JD’66, Don Dorfman, JD’57, and Professor Gene Shreve. All have given scholarships that qualify for matching funds. I am delighted to report this year that several new scholarships will also generate matching funds. Two of these gifts come from families.

Alumnus Michael McLoughlin, JD’73, his wife, Susie, and their children established the McLoughlin Family Scholarship this fiscal year. David Elmore, JD’58, and his son, D.G. Elmore Jr., JD/MBA’84, endowed the Elmore Family Scholarship, through a transformational gift of $3 million (see p. 13). Both David and D.G. are successful entrepreneurs. Their contribution named Indiana Law’s innovative Entrepreneurship Law Clinic, and, most importantly, provides multiple scholarships for joint-JD/MBA students and JD students who are interested in business law. Our students are truly fortunate to benefit from these generous gifts.

The depth and breadth of support continued this year with scholarship gifts from corporations, foundations, individual collections, and special campaigns. Firestone Natural Rubber Co. pledged $50,000 to support students from Liberia, where the Law School is working to rebuild the law faculty (see p. 18). And in an exciting campaign to honor retiring U.S. Magistrate Judge V. Sue Shields, JD’61, Kristin Freuhwald of Barnes & Thornburg procured donations from more than 200 alumni, law firms, bar associations, attorneys, and other friends and admirers of Judge Shields. More than $100,000 was raised to endow a scholarship in Shields’s honor (see p. 20).

These are just a few examples of your incredible investment in Indiana Law’s future. Every name listed in this publication represents a person or organization that has contributed greatly to the Law School. I am honored to be a part of this community, and I hope to have the opportunity to thank you in person soon.

All my best,

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