WHY DOES PENN LAW NEED ALUMNI SUPPORT?

The answer to this question is simple: **to keep Penn Law on the forefront of legal education.**Tuition for the 2012-2013 academic year is \$49,900, but the average cost per student exceeds that number. Penn Law relies on alumni support to close the gap between the cost of attending the Law School and the amount that many of our applicants can afford to pay. Also, the financial backing from alumni helps to slow the annual growth rate of tuition and to fund financial aid programs. Penn Law School gives out over \$4 million in financial aid to its students per year. However, more than that is needed to fulfill the financial aid obligations to students. Penn Law attracts some of the brightest minds in the world, and approximately 80% need support to attend. Without financial aid it would be nearly impossible to maintain the level of academic excellence that makes Penn Law such a dynamic institution.

Also essential to this mission is giving across our excellent programs. We encourage PennLaw@Work participants to give to any area within The Fund for Penn Law including scholarship, faculty research, clinical programs, public interest programs, the Center for Professionalism, and Biddle Library. We also understand that there are other ways in which to give to the Law School. Many participants have a longstanding tradition of supporting other funds at the Law School, and those gifts can also count towards participation totals for PennLaw@Work.