

## 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 academic year is \$54,992 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 \$8 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, yet approximately 80% need support to attend the law school. Without financial aid it would be nearly impossible to maintain the level of academic excellence that makes Penn Law such a dynamic institution.

### **Your crucial annual gifts:**

- Provide **competitive scholarships and financial aid** helping Penn Law attract the best and brightest students.
- **Ensure faculty are not only leaders in legal studies, but also in other fields** such as communication, health, technology, international studies and social work — preparing students for today's legal challenges.
- Provides a **pool of resources** necessary for a leading legal education.
- **Ensures Penn Law maintains its ranking** as one of the premier law schools in the nation.
- Provides the **necessary funding for key initiatives** and enables the School to respond to areas of greatest need.

The all new *Fund for Penn Law* supports the values of legal education that set Penn Law apart. Gifts can now be directed within the fund to:

- Biddle Law Library
- Center on Professionalism
- Clinical Programs
- Faculty Research
- Public Interest
- Scholarship
- Student Life

Giving Mechanisms: You can give online at <https://www.law.upenn.edu/give> or, if you prefer to send a check, we can arrange for a pledge card to be sent to you.

## Giving Societies:

### **Benjamin Franklin Society (BFS)**

- Founded in 1955, BFS recognizes the University's leadership unrestricted annual giving donors.
  - **\$25,000+** | Ambassador
  - **\$10,000 – 24,999** | Founder
  - **\$5,000 – 9,999** | Fellow
  - **\$2,500 – 4,999** | Associate

### **Dean Clinton Society**

- Created in honor of Dean Gary Clinton honoring his 35+ years of service to Penn Law, the Dean Clinton Society honors donors who consecutively give for three or more years.
- Levels of support:
  - Bronze | 3-9 consecutive years
  - Silver | 10-14 consecutive years
  - Gold | 15-24 consecutive years
  - Diamond | 25+ consecutive years