Persevering in Challenging Times

It’s surely an understatement to say that the economic climate is on all our minds. Stanford, like other higher education institutions, has been affected by the downturn and faces its tightest financial pinch in decades. Times like these underscore the critical importance of your support. Annual gifts and endowment payout provided more than 67 percent of the law school’s operating budget in 2007-08. That income stream will be far leaner this year, which has forced us to reduce costs significantly (though also judiciously).

Despite this reality—and it is a tough one—we continue to move forward. The new Munger Graduate Residence welcomed its first residents this past December, with students moving into two of the five buildings (the remaining three buildings are scheduled to open later this summer). Students have been overwhelmingly positive about Munger’s state-of-the-art living quarters and proximity to the law school. They’re also looking forward to the opening of the café later this year, made possible by Tom and Georgina Russo (see page 7). And we’re all excited about breaking ground this summer on the new academic building; read more about the project and a recent capital gift from Bill and Donnalisa Barnum on page 6.

Progress toward our goals with respect to public service, clinics, and international studies also continues, thanks to noteworthy contributions from Derek Schrier and Cecily Cameron, Peter Courture and Françoise Jegou, and Danita Lowes and David Fite. Stories regarding their recent commitments to the law school are featured on the pages that follow.

The campus brims with activity, too. Turn to pages 4-5 for highlights from Alumni Weekend, the Levin Center’s annual public service awards dinner, and the recent Morrison & Foerster and Robert Minge Brown lectures. Looking ahead to the coming months, I hope you’ll plan to join us at one of our regional Partners’ Circle receptions featuring SLS faculty (see sidebar at left for cities and dates).

We are more grateful than I can convey to the generous supporters mentioned in this issue of the Benefactor and to all our alumni and friends who continue to support the school. Your gifts have never been more important. It is thanks to you that we are able to sustain our commitment to excellence and innovation and ensure our success.

Larry Kramer
Richard E. Lang Professor of Law and Dean
**Investing In Our Next Generation of Leaders**

Since The Stanford Challenge was launched publicly in October 2006, Stanford Law School has received over 18,500 gifts and pledges of all sizes for a total of more than $173 million dedicated to transforming legal education. For this resounding demonstration of loyalty and vision, we are grateful to our alumni and friends who have participated in the Challenge thus far. Their gifts and continued support are more important in this time of economic difficulty than ever before to fulfilling our mission to provide our students with the best possible legal training and educate the leaders of tomorrow.

Though we have already accomplished much—established new clinics and academic centers, created new joint degree programs, and nearly completed the construction of a new graduate student residence—our work is not done. Key priorities remain only partially fulfilled, such as further endowing the loan repayment assistance program, building a new home for our faculty and clinics, and growing our international program.

In the following pages, you will read about recent investments in our next generation of leaders, from endowing public interest and clinical teaching fellowships to supporting the construction of our new academic building to helping create a new LLM program focusing on international law. We hope that you will be engaged by these stories and will consider joining these generous contributors to Stanford Law School.

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**Making Public Interest Careers Possible**

A public interest career just became more attainable for Stanford Law School graduates, thanks to a $1 million gift from Derek Schrier, JD/MBA ’97, and his wife, Cecily Cameron, MBA ’94, to fund the Schrier Family Postgraduate Public Interest Fellowship. Open to graduating SLS students and recent alumni, the fellowship allows its recipient to work full-time for one year in a non-profit organization serving the public interest through legal services, impact litigation, or policy advocacy. Fellows receive a salary and benefits plus a wedding residency at the law school to share their fellowship experience with the community.

Schrier worked in the public interest sector before coming to Stanford. In the early 1990s, he managed the polling for the African National Congress’s election campaigns leading up to the country’s first-ever non-racial, democratic elections. After graduating from Stanford, he veered away from a career in public interest law, turning his sights instead toward the private investment world. “When my wife and I graduated, we had a lot of debt,” explains Schrier, who enjoyed a decade-long career at Farallon Capital Management. “I didn’t feel the public interest path was an option for me at the time—and that’s something we want to help change for others through this fellowship.”

“This gift allows us to fulfill a vital part of our mission—to open doors for alumni to go into public interest work right after graduation,” says Susan Feathers, executive director of the John and Terry Levin Center for Public Service and Public Interest Law, who notes that the fellowship fills a funding void, in particular, for students interested in international human rights work, environmental impact litigation, and the public defense field. As for Schrier and Cameron, service continues to be a big part of their lives. Schrier is a founding member of the African Leadership Foundation, which recently launched a secondary boarding school in South Africa focused on developing the next generation of African leaders. He also serves as a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council at the law school and is an advisory board member of Stanford’s Arthur and Toni Rembe Rock Center for Corporate Governance and UCSF’s David J. Gladsome Institute. Cameron, formerly vice president of strategy and business development at Old Navy, sits on the board of Gateway High School in San Francisco and the advisory board of the California Charter Schools Association and is a trustee of Marin Country Day School.

Both believe that the fellowship will provide the basis for a lifetime of public service, no matter what career path its recipients ultimately take. “If you can get folks to take a year to work on something they’re excited about early in their career while providing them with some financial stability and prestige, they’ll take it with them wherever they go,” says Schrier. “Even if they don’t work in public service full-time after the fellowship, they’ll never get it out of their system. It never got out of mine.”
The Law School’s Priorities

**New Campus Facilities:** Enabling Interdisciplinary Opportunities
$102 million to build both a new academic building and the Munger Graduate Residence.

**Clinical Education:** Bridging the Gap between Classroom and Courtroom
$30 million to add and staff new clinical programs in emerging areas of law.

**International Program:** Teaching in a Global Environment
$15 million to grow our international program and add faculty.

**Public Service and Public Interest Law:** Renewing our Commitment
$5 million to create a center for public service.

**Core Support:** Sustaining the Law School’s Foundation of Excellence
$25 million for additional financial aid, including graduate scholarships and fellowships; the loan repayment assistance program; innovative interdisciplinary programs; and endowed professorships.

**Annual Giving:** Providing Flexibility for Immediate Needs
$28 million for critical unrestricted, expendable gifts to the Law Fund.

Supporting Clinical Education Through Teaching Fellowships

Peter J. Courture, JD ’79, and his life partner, Françoise Jegou, have donated $1 million to endow a clinical teaching fellowship, an important gift that furthers the law school’s goal of making closely supervised clinical training an integral part of every student’s legal education.

Working with clinical professors for two to three years, the teaching fellow will help students apply classroom theory to real client situations and develop skills that include client counseling, legal research, and oral advocacy. The first Courture Clinical Fellow will be named next year to one of the 10 clinics that compose the Mills Legal Clinic at Stanford Law School.

“This gift strengthens our ability to offer students first-rate training that prepares them for legal practice and instills in them a commitment to public service,” said Lawrence C. Marshall, professor of law, David & Stephanie Mills Director of Clinical Education, and associate dean for public interest and clinical education.

Teaching fellows are essential to enhancing the capacity of the law school’s clinical program and ensuring a low 8-to-1 student-to-faculty ratio. They also are an important component of SLS’s mission to build a robust program of teaching and research.

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Courture, senior vice president of strategy and general counsel for United Microelectronics Corporation and a member of the SLS Board of Visitors, has a long-standing relationship with the law school. Courture’s gift will endow a clinical teaching fellowship like one currently held by Brenda Shum in the Youth and Education Law Project, one of Stanford Law School’s 10 clinics.

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John G., JD/MBA ’79, and Kathryn A. Quigley: $180,000 of additional faculty support, for a total campaign commitment of $500,000 to the law school.

Estate of Ira E. Randall and Winona S. Randall: Approximately $1 million through a charitable remainder annuity trust to support the Jackson H. Ralston Prize and Lectureship at the law school.

Members of the Rubin Family: $100,000 to establish the Miles L. Rubin Public Interest Award and an additional award to recognize outstanding impact in the area of international law.

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STANFORD LAW SCHOOL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS

In November 2008, the John and Terry Levin Center for Public Service and Public Interest Law hosted its annual awards dinner. This year marked the inaugural presentation of the Miles L. Rubin Public Interest Award in celebration of Mr. Rubin’s commitment to SLS and public service law. It was awarded to Julia Wilson, JD ’98, for her unique and enduring contribution to public interest work as executive director of the Public Interest Clearinghouse and the Legal Aid Association of California.

In addition, the National Public Service Award was given to Shannon Price Minter, legal director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, one of the nation’s leading advocacy organizations for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people.

![Left to right] Todd Rubin, BA ’92; Jon Rubin, BA ’80; Nancy Rubin; Kim Rubin, JD ’92; Miles Rubin, BA ’50, JD ’52; Richard Rubin, BA ’81; and Jim Kaye, MD ’79.

Julia Wilson, JD ’98 (left), and Shannon Price Minter were honored with the evening’s awards.

Miles Rubin (left), shared a moment with the Honorable Thelton Henderson, senior judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

DEAN’S CIRCLE DINNER

Each year, Stanford Law School honors its most generous supporters at the Dean’s Circle Dinner, held during Alumni Weekend. This special evening recognizes SLS alumni and friends who contribute $10,000 or more annually to the school, as well as leadership donors to the campaign.

Bill, LLB ’67, and Sally Neukom visited with John Place, JD ’85 (right), before sitting down to dinner. Mr. Neukom is a member of the Stanford Law School campaign steering committee for The Stanford Challenge, and Mr. Place serves on the Board of Visitors.

U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman, LLB ’68 (left), enjoyed the Dean’s Circle reception on Kresge Lawn with fellow alumni Fred Alvarez, BA ’72, JD ’75, who was recently appointed to serve as the new chair of the SLS Board of Visitors.

Students Michael Correll, JD ’09 (left), and Barbara Thomas, JD ’09, joined Daniel Ho, assistant professor of law and the Robert E. Paradise Faculty Fellow for Excellence in Teaching and Research, at the Dean’s Circle reception.

Guests at the Dean’s Circle Dinner were treated to a keynote address by Charlie Munger, vice chairman of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. In 2004, Mr. Munger and his wife, Nancy, BA ’45, generously donated $44 million to Stanford Law School for the construction of the Munger Graduate Residence.

MORRISON & FOERSTER LECTURESHIP IN LAW IN HONOR OF MARSHALL L. SMALL

The fourth annual Morrison & Foerster lecture, “The Role of Corporate Governance in the Financial Crisis,” was presented in early March by H. Rodgin Cohen, chairman of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.

![Left to right] Kenneth E. Scott, LLB ’56, the Ralph M. Parsons Professor of Law and Business, Emeritus, talks with Marshall L. Small, BA ’49, JD ’51, and Rodge Cohen at the reception following the lecture.
ALUMNI WEEKEND 2008

An incomparable Alumni Weekend was enjoyed by nearly 800 alumni, family, and friends sharing in the celebration. Attendees enjoyed in-depth panel discussions, a selection of Stanford’s renowned Classes Without Quizzes, and cheered the Cardinal on in their 24-23 win over the Arizona Wildcats.

The Honorable Anne K. Bingaman, BA ’65, LLB ’68 (left), chatted with Dean Larry Kramer and her classmate Sallyanne Payton, BA ’64, LLB ’68, at La Strada. Both Professor Payton and Ms. Bingaman served on their reunion committee, Professor Payton as co-chair.

Members and friends of the Class of 1983 shared dinner with their classmates at Zibibbo in downtown Palo Alto. Zibibbo was one of a number of local restaurants that welcomed our reunion classes as they celebrated and reconnected with friends.

The Stanford Law School Latino Alumni Association and Stanford Latino Law Students Association co-hosted a Saturday afternoon panel discussing “The Latino Vote: 2008 and Beyond.” Panelists included (left to right) Fred Alvarez, BA ’72, JD ’75; Michael Camuñez, JD ’98; Maria Echaveste, BA ’76; and John Trasviña, JD ’83.

Mercedes Salomon Morton, JD ’98, and her husband, Gerry Morton, savored a sunny afternoon in Arthur E. Cooley Courtyard with their son. Ms. Morton volunteered as a member of her 10-year reunion committee.

ROBERT MINGE BROWN LECTURE

The newly reopened California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park played host to the 2009 Robert Minge Brown Lecture, “Can Clean Tech Save the Economy While Saving the Planet?” The lecture, named in memory of former Stanford Board of Trustees President Robert Minge Brown, BA ’31, LLB ’34, was created to “reward innovation in environmental policy making and promote dialogue on further policy improvement.” The late February event was co-hosted by the Graduate School of Business and the School of Earth Sciences and featured a panel of noteworthy Stanford alumni and faculty, including our own Barton H. “Buzz” Thompson, Jr., BA ’73, JD/MBA ’76, who served as moderator.

Following the panel discussion, a number of alumni and friends, including members of the Dean’s Circle and leadership gift donors, were invited to a special reception with the dean adjacent to the Academy’s Morrison Planetarium, the largest all-digital planetarium in the world. Projected behind Dean Kramer is a list of leadership gift donors to the law school since the beginning of The Stanford Challenge.

Addressing the issue of clean technology, while raising awareness among alumni about the multidisciplinary work taking place across Stanford, were panelists (left to right) Dan Reicher, JD ’83, director of climate change and energy initiatives at Google; Michael Biddle, MS ’91, co-founder, chairman & CEO of MBA Polymers, Inc.; and Sally Benson, executive director of the Global Climate and Energy Project at Stanford; and moderator Buzz Thompson, the Robert E. Paradise Professor of Natural Resources Law and the Perry L. McCarty Director of the Woods Institute for the Environment at Stanford.

Prior to the panel discussion, Stanford alumni and friends were invited to explore the Academy. Many toured the four-story rainforest, which is contained within a 90-foot diameter glass dome teeming with 1,600 live animals; each level of the exhibit represents a different rainforest habitat, including Borneo, Madagascar, Costa Rica, and the Amazon.

PHOTOS: Misha Bruk
HIGHLIGHTS IN GIVING TO THE NEW LAW SCHOOL CAMPUS

Stanford Law School gratefully acknowledges and thanks the following alumni and friends who made new gifts and pledges of $100,000 or more for new campus facilities between September 2008 and February 2009. Please see pages 2-3 for highlights in giving to law school programs.

Fred W. Alvarez, BA ’72, JD ’75, and Beth McLellan, BA ’72: $100,000 for the Munger Graduate Residence.

R. David, BA ’84, JD/MBA ’89, and Jill D. Andrews: $250,000 for the Munger Graduate Residence.

William M. Barnum, Jr., BA ’76, JD/MBA ’80, and Donnalisa Parks Barnum, BA ’81: $1 million for the new academic building.

Laurence C. Franklin, BA ’70, JD/MBA ’76: an additional $600,000 for the new law school campus, for a total campaign commitment of $1,100,000 to the law school.

Yvette Yeh Fung, BA ’82, JD ’88, and Carl Pui Fung, BS ’82: $250,000 for the new academic building.

Barnums Contribute to the New Academic Building

O
er the years, William M. Barnum, Jr., BA ’76, JD/MBA ’80, and Donnalisa Parks Barnum, BA ’81, have dedicated a great deal of time and support to schools and programs across Stanford University, including the law school. In recognition of their most recent commitment of $1 million, Stanford Law School will name the tower of its new academic building in their honor.

This June, the law school plans to break ground on its new academic building, which will provide much-needed space for its clinics, seminars, and faculty. One prominent feature of the building’s design is a three-story cylindrical tower that will provide the new main entrance to the school. Located at a central point in the expanded campus, the Barnum Tower will visually help connect the academic buildings with the Munger Graduate Residence and the law school with the rest of the university.

In discussing their decision to support the construction of the new academic building, Bill Barnum explained, “Dean Kramer’s vision for Stanford Law School as a place where law students can receive an unparalleled clinical education, while at the same time pursue joint academic degrees with other schools at Stanford, makes it one of the most innovative programs in the country. And this building in particular is all about creating interactions and facilitating meetings between faculty and students. We are proud to contribute in a way that helps to foster that collaboration.”

Donnalisa Barnum added, “Stanford has been such a large part of our lives. It was a formative place to be as students, and Bill and I want to do what we can as alumni to ensure that it remains as vibrant a place for future generations.”

Bill serves as a university trustee and as a member of the law school Dean’s Advisory Council; Donnalisa serves on the Humanities & Sciences Council. Bill co-chaired his his 25th SLS reunion, as well as his recent 30th undergraduate reunion at the same time that Donnalisa co-chaired her 25th reunion. Both are members of The Stanford Challenge Major Gifts Committee. Together, they generously support the undergraduate program, the Graduate School of Business, and the School of Education, in addition to the law school. The couple resides in Los Angeles, where Bill is a general partner of Brentwood Associates, and Donnalisa is senior vice president of Capital Research and Management Company.

To learn more about the new academic building and view an animated flythrough of the space, please visit www.law.stanford.edu/academicbuildingvideo.
Once it is completed later this year, the Russo Café undoubtedly will become a lively and popular place at Stanford. Located on the first floor of Building 4 of the Munger Graduate Residence, adjacent to the proposed Rehnquist Courtyard, the café will include a private dining area and indoor seating for over 90 guests and outdoor space for 75. Offerings will include deli sandwiches, salads, grilled items, oven-baked pizza, and specialty foods on occasion; a beverage bar, including wine and beer service, is also planned.

Living and Learning at Stanford Law School

The law school campus is changing, quite literally, every day. The first students moved into two of the Munger Graduate Residence buildings in December 2008, and the remaining three buildings are scheduled to open later this summer. In addition to providing large, well-appointed living quarters for graduate students from across the university, the five buildings incorporate centrally located common areas, courtyards, and a café to encourage social interaction. Together, the community-promoting design and the complex’s proximity to the law school create a new residential and academic campus, exemplifying interdisciplinary education.

For more information on the Munger Graduate Residence, including a video tour by a current law school student, please visit www.law.stanford.edu/experience/beyond/housing/munger/.

The Café at the Munger Graduate Residence: Eat, Drink, Talk, and Learn

Ever since the 2006 groundbreaking, Thomas A. Russo, JD/MBA ’83, has been a fervent supporter of the Munger Graduate Residence and its new approach to graduate housing at Stanford. He and his wife, Georgina, originally pledged $500,000. With their recent additional commitment of $500,000 to the residence project, the café will be named in their honor.

Of the new graduate residences, Tom Russo said, “Charlie and Nancy Munger have led with tremendous generosity and vision Stanford Law School’s drive to build an incomparable residence hall. Gina and I are delighted to support this effort that will provide Stanford with a building whose design will greatly enhance the entire experience of graduate studies.”

The to-be-named Thomas A. and Georgina T. Russo Café ("Russo Café") was an essential feature of the Munger Graduate Residence as Charlie Munger conceived the project. Envisioned as a community in which graduate students from a variety of disciplines—law, business, engineering, and other fields—live together and educate each other, the five-building complex included a café that would provide a central eating and gathering place for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. Russo recalled fondly his own rich interactions in a similar informal venue between students and faculty in Dartmouth’s history department. The opportunity to play a part in creating a venue for such conversations among Stanford classmates and faculty resonated with him.

A partner and portfolio manager at the Lancaster, Pennsylvania-based investment firm of Gardner Russo & Gardner, Russo has been an incredibly engaged alumnus, even from across the country. He serves on the law school’s campaign steering committee for The Stanford Challenge and the SLS Board of Visitors, and he regularly plays a leadership role in both his law and business school reunions.

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PHOTO: Courtesy of the Russos

Apartments are spacious, ranging from 650 square feet for a studio (pictured) to 1,800 square feet for four-bedroom units.

Kitchens are well-planned with Kenmore appliances and plentiful counter, shelf, and storage space.

Smaller one- and two-bedroom units also maintain the open dining area that flows into the common living space.

PHOTOS: Misha Bruk

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Couple’s Gift Supports International Priorities at SLS and the GSB

Today's law school graduates enter a world in which work across international borders is commonplace in both public and private law. In fields from environmental law to labor and intellectual property law, SLS graduates must be able to navigate a complex global legal environment.

Having pursued international careers themselves, Danita Lowes, JD ’89, and her husband, David Fite, MBA ’90, MA ’90, recently created the David Fite and Danita Lowes International Law and Business Fund. With their commitment of $250,000, the fund will benefit international economic law, business, and public policy priorities through support for research, teaching, course and case development, student programs, and activities to engage the community.

Among the specific efforts the fund will support is a new LLM program for foreign students. Stanford Law School presently has two LLM programs: one in corporate governance and practice, and one in science, law, and technology. This new program, conceived by Alan O. Sykes, the James and Patricia Kowal Professor of Law, will address both the public and private sides of international law through the study of international trade policy and business deals. Providing bright and ambitious foreign students with such in-depth legal training will yield great benefits for the law school, for the students themselves, and for their home countries.

Stanford University already boasts one of the strongest international studies programs in the country, with tremendous opportunities for students and faculty to collaborate across schools and disciplines. Recognizing the promise in these interdisciplinary possibilities, Lowes and Fite also have endowed a fund in the Graduate School of Business to support its Center for Global Business and the Economy. The center studies the inherent complexity of international business—running operations across dispersed geographies, in a variety of cultures, and under different legal, economic, and political institutions. With their gifts to SLS and the GSB, the couple has pledged a total of $1 million to The Stanford Challenge.

Having worked as a senior executive in the telecommunications and media industries in the U.S., Australia, and Japan, Lowes commented, “We hope our commitment to Stanford will inspire additional collaboration between these two great schools. Doing so will ensure that the law and business schools capitalize on the strengths of their individual faculties, while promoting a shared focus on the important challenges within the global legal and business environment.”

“With the global economy of today, business leaders—who so often have legal training—cannot be successful without an understanding of how to manage and interact across cultures,” added Fite, a banking executive who has worked in the U.S., the U.K., Australia, and Japan.