

# STUDENT ACCESS AND SUPPORT COLLEGE OF LAW

Syracuse University College of Law seeks to attract the highest caliber students with the drive and imagination needed to solve society's most pressing issues. They are the change agents of the future—empowered to make a real and lasting difference in their communities, professions, and the global society in which they live.

America's global competitiveness depends on these well-educated citizens of the world, yet many highly qualified college graduates who wish to pursue a career in law do not have the financial means to do so. In fact, some worthy candidates are unable to accept our offer of admission because they are already burdened with heavy debt from four years of undergraduate study.

## **Attracting Students of Talent and Promise**

To attract and retain academically gifted students—from all backgrounds and circumstances—the College of Law seeks to substantially increase its endowment. To compete effectively for top students in the academic marketplace, an additional \$20 million in the College of Law's endowment is needed to offer significant, merit-based scholarships to the best students with the greatest potential to succeed in the legal and related professions.

The steady stream of annual income from the endowment's permanently invested funds will enable the College to offer substantial scholarship support to attract students of the highest caliber. As a result, the College of Law's academic profile will be raised, creating an even more dynamic learning environment with each entering class.



## ENDOWMENT GIFTS

Increasing student access and support through endowment gifts is a top priority of the College of Law. This steady stream of revenue will ensure that the most talented students have the financial resources necessary to access a legal education at such a prestigious institution.

Donors may make gifts directly to the College of Law's endowment or establish their own named endowed law scholarship. Endowment gifts can be funded with cash, bequests, retirement funds, or through annuities or trusts that can be structured either by SU, an outside entity, such as a bank, or other financial institution.

However you choose to give, your campaign gift to the College of Law's endowment will enable our graduates to gain a head start in pursuing their career goals by lessening the burden of student loan repayments. And your gift to the College of Law will count toward the \$1 billion anticipated goal of The Campaign for Syracuse University—the most ambitious fund-raising effort in SU's history.

### To Learn More...

For more information about how to increase student access and support through an endowment gift to the College of Law, call **315.443.1964**, or e-mail [su-law@law.syr.edu](mailto:su-law@law.syr.edu).

To learn more about The Campaign for Syracuse University visit [campaign.syr.edu](http://campaign.syr.edu).



## SCHOLARSHIP IN ACTION MELANIE GRAY INCITES ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY

During her law school tenure, Melanie Gray L'81 worked tirelessly to gain the legal expertise and acumen needed to flourish in the courtroom. Today, as a partner with Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, she co-chairs the firm's Bankruptcy Litigation Practice Group. She previously spearheaded the firm's representation of Enron in the most complex Chapter 11 case in U.S. history.

To help others achieve their dreams, Gray established the Melanie Gray/Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP Scholarship Fund at the College of Law to provide financial support to students from underrepresented populations. "People give because they want to make a real difference in the world," Gray says. "The campaign is an incredible opportunity for them to make a difference in a big way."



Melanie Gray's scholarship support has played an important part in the success of Olatokunbo Olaniyan L'08, who was named Best Overall Advocate in the nation's most prestigious student trial competition.