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Law School Concludes “Law Tomorrow” Campaign

Yale Law School has concluded its “Law Tomorrow” campaign – the most successful ever at the Law School. Under the leadership of former dean Harold Hongju Koh (2004–2009), and continued under current dean Robert Post ’77, the campaign has far surpassed its goal of \$200 million, raising a total of \$249,000,000.

“The success of this campaign, unprecedented in the school’s history, will enable us to strengthen the Law School by augmenting the financial assistance we give to students, strengthening our faculty, enhancing our clinical offerings, and renovating the University’s Swing Space,” said Dean Post. “I am particularly delighted by the overwhelming number of our alumni who participated in this effort, and I am exceedingly grateful for their loyalty and generosity. Their contributions will ensure that the Yale Law School of tomorrow remains as vibrant and vital as it is today.”

The success of the campaign has dramatically increased the amount of financial aid available to students, with the establishment of many new financial aid and endowment funds. Alumni gave generously to the Career Options Assistance Program (the Law School’s loan deferral and forgiveness program) and to the Summer Public Interest Fellowship Program (which provides funds to all Yale Law students who need funding to work at government and nonprofit organizations during the summer). Proceeds from the campaign will also be used to create new faculty chairs and bolster existing ones.

In addition, campaign gifts will be used to reinforce an array of academic programs and clinics, including the Center for the Study of Corporate Law, The China Law Center, the Information Society Project, the Community and Economic Development Program, and the Advocacy for Children and Youth Clinic. Gifts will also support the creation of a new program in the area of free expression. The Robina Foundation provided essential support for human rights programs. And a landmark contribution from philanthropists Peter and Patricia Gruber will establish the Gruber Program for Global Justice and Women’s Rights at Yale Law School (see page 59), which will support the School’s annual Global Constitutionalism Seminar, establish the Gruber Distinguished Global Justice and Women’s Rights Lectures, and fund the Gruber Global Justice and Women’s Rights Fellowships, supporting students and faculty engaged in scholarly exchange in the United States and abroad.

Gifts for current use support, critical to meeting the operating needs of the Law School, were also generous. Over the course of the campaign more than \$63 million was raised for this purpose, providing immediate assistance for the School’s annual operating budget and covering such costs as Law School staff salaries, infrastructure maintenance, library acquisitions, and classroom materials.

“This campaign has enabled us to preserve and advance the Law School’s pre-eminence, both in the U.S. and internationally,” said Lynn Neuner ’92, Chair of the Law School Fund Board. “By investing in our students, faculty, programs and facilities, we are ensuring that future generations will be able to benefit from the unrivaled educational experience Yale Law School provides.”