

development news

Reunion Giving and the Law School Fund

DURING THE 2012–2013 FISCAL YEAR, Yale Law School received a total of \$20.4 million in new commitments. Roughly half of these commitments were added to the endowment to secure the long-term financial strength of the School. The remaining funds—\$10.5 million—were directed to the Law School Fund for immediate expenditure, allowing the School to maintain its core priorities and respond to emerging needs.

More than 4,100 donors—40 percent of our alumni community—supported the Law School. On behalf of our students and faculty, we thank our dedicated community of alumni for their commitment to preserving the ideals of a Yale Law School education.

Reunion campaigns, the most significant factor in the Law School Fund’s success, contributed a substantial portion of the total raised last year. We offer special recognition to the classes of 1983, 1973, and 1963 for each raising a reunion total in excess of \$1 million. Yale Law School extends its most heartfelt thanks to the following alumni who made extraordinary commitments of \$100,000 and above* to support the current-use needs of the Law School:

- Anonymous (2)

Eugene W. Landy ’58

John C. Danforth ’63

Richard M. Danziger ’63

Michael L. Schler ’73

Carl L. Reisner ’78

Richard H. Klapper ’79

Helen Heineman Haje ’83
- Meridee A. Moore ’83

Joanne Woods Schnell ’83

Roberta Kania Schnoor and William J. Schnoor, Jr. ’83

Joseph C. Tsai ’90

Laura Arnold ’00

David F. Menschel ’02

Tali Farhadian Weinstein ’03



(top to bottom) Members of the class of 1963; members of the class of 1983; President Bill Clinton ’73 shares in a moment of levity with Yale University President Peter Salovey.

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	Donors	Participation	Dollars
Class of 1953, 60th Reunion	39	60%	\$87,552
Class of 1958, 55th Reunion	88	81%	\$240,498
Class of 1963, 50th Reunion	96	72%	\$1,330,100
Class of 1968, 45th Reunion	83	56%	\$252,892
Class of 1973, 40th Reunion	88	51%	\$1,686,704
Class of 1978, 35th Reunion	86	51%	\$886,950
Class of 1983, 30th Reunion	101	57%	\$1,878,300
Class of 1988, 25th Reunion	108	59%	\$331,167
Class of 1993, 20th Reunion	88	48%	\$429,526
Class of 1998, 15th Reunion	67	37%	\$153,305
Class of 2003, 10th Reunion	78	40%	\$206,527
Class of 2008, 5th Reunion	108	54%	\$18,922
TOTAL	1,030	56%	\$7,502,443

* Reunion results and gifts by individuals reflect all new commitments between July 1, 2012 and October 11, 2013.

Law Firm Challenge Program

THE YLS LAW FIRM CHALLENGE PROGRAM, now in its fourth year, is a friendly competition that promotes financial support of the Yale Law School Fund by alumni at leading law firms. The program emphasizes participation in the Law School Fund and the impact of alumni donations.

The chart below provides the final results from fiscal year 2012–2013. Overall, 32 firms participated in the challenge, which represented a total of 862 alumni. The overall

participation rate was 53 percent with a participation rate of 64 percent among all Partners and 35 percent among all Associates.

We express our heartfelt thanks all alumni working at every law firm for their thoughtful support of Yale Law School. If you have any questions or would like to participate in or volunteer for your firm for the 2013–2014 Law Firm Challenge, please contact Eric Stoddard at eric.stoddard@yale.edu.

	Law Firm	Number of Alums	Number of Donors	Participation	Partner	Associate
GROUP 1 30+	Cleary Gottlieb	41	31	76%	79%	67%
	Arnold & Porter	36	24	67%	78%	46%
	Debevoise & Plimpton	40	25	63%	76%	27%
	Sullivan & Cromwell	41	24	59%	83%	39%
	Paul, Weiss	38	19	50%	78%	25%
	WilmerHale	44	21	48%	45%	53%
	Covington & Burling	41	19	46%	62%	20%
	Davis Polk	39	18	46%	63%	35%
	Ropes & Gray	33	15	45%	62%	35%
	Latham & Watkins	31	11	35%	43%	20%
	Sidley Austin	35	12	34%	42%	17%
GROUP 2 21 to 30	Wachtell Lipton*	24	24/5	100% / 21%	100% / 38%	100% / 13%
	Simpson Thacher	21	16	76%	100%	60%
	Williams & Connolly	24	16	67%	82%	54%
	Cravath	26	17	65%	79%	50%
	Goodwin Procter	22	14	64%	72%	25%
	Morrison & Foerster	26	16	62%	75%	40%
	Boies, Schiller & Flexner	21	10	48%	50%	43%
	Gibson Dunn	25	12	48%	50%	46%
	Kirkland & Ellis	21	10	48%	58%	33%
	Mayer Brown	26	12	46%	57%	0%
	Munger, Tolles & Olson	28	12	43%	47%	33%
	O'Melveny & Myers	23	10	43%	57%	22%
	Skadden	28	10	36%	45%	13%
GROUP 3 14 to 20	Jenner & Block	15	10	67%	83%	56%
	Paul Hastings	14	8	57%	58%	50%
	Jones Day	20	10	50%	57%	33%
	Quinn Emanuel	15	7	47%	38%	57%
	Wilson Sonsini					
	Goodrich & Rosati	14	6	43%	63%	17%
	Bingham McCutchen	19	8	42%	62%	0%
	Steptoe & Johnson	15	6	40%	46%	0%
	Irell & Manella	16	6	38%	56%	14%

* Wachtell makes a donation every year on behalf of all YLS Partners and Associates; therefore, the firm achieves 100% participation. Volunteers will solicit colleagues for their “own” gift, and the second participation rate reflects these results.