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For me, as for many others, there is a deeply personal reason to support the Law School Fund. Despite the fact it's been 34 years since I walked the halls of Georgia Law as a student, I feel a continuing connection to the law school because its effect on my professional life transcends time and place. I know that the roots of my abilities to solve client problems, put issues in context, provide perspective, and make sound decisions lie in Athens, and that, in large measure, I owe the opportunities that have come my way to the brilliant, interesting, diverse, and involved faculty and students I found there.

I am pleased that our law school continues to attract and educate top students who will become leaders in our profession tomorrow. I am proud that it continues to advance the rule of law in our state and nation through the insights and writings of its faculty, the vision of its leaders, and the contributions of its alumni in their careers and communities. However, I recognize that in today's challenging times, if the law school stands still, it will move backward, and when I consider this, I'm reminded of the saying "excellence cannot be bought but it must be paid for." Each of us understands the critical link between financial resources and the ability of Georgia Law to achieve its expanding aspirations. Only through our consistent and generous support can it realize its promising future.

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