

An unwavering focus to be the nation's best return on investment

Earlier this academic year, the School of Law surpassed its \$43 million goal as part of the university's Commit to Georgia comprehensive campaign, which will conclude on June 30, 2020.

"Many of you played a role in reaching this milestone – which is currently directing over \$46 million in new funding toward law student needs, principally in the form of financial aid," Dean Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge said.

The money raised so far has afforded more scholarship opportunities for first-generation college graduates, veterans and other academically talented students.

"As we celebrate this great success, we also recognize more progress needs to be made as the School of Law advances its vision to be the nation's best return on investment in legal education," Rutledge added.

He also defined future goals for providing a first-rate legal education, while reducing the average borrowing per student:

- **Secure financial aid for 100 percent of first-generation college graduates and veterans** as they work to become part of the next generation of legal leaders for our state and society.
- **Create additional unique and tailored learning experiences** – including domestic and international externships, guided research projects and opportunities to connect with some of our country's top legal leaders.
- **Lighten the financial burdens students carry beyond tuition** such as books, bar preparation and professional attire.

In addition to key contributions from Kathelen V. Amos (J.D.'82) and the Daniel P. Amos Family Foundation to create the First-Start Scholars Program and James E. "Jim" Butler (J.D.'77) to support the Butler Commitment to veterans, and funding to establish Distinguished Law Fellowships named for Robert G. Edge, Kenneth M. Henson (J.D.'47) and Law School Association Professor John B. Rees Jr., select new gifts and expanding initiatives benefitting our students include:



- The establishment of the **Brian and Kim Cain Family Scholarship** to provide tuition for students demonstrating achievement in the face of challenging circumstances. Supported by the 1987 alumnus and his wife, this gift honors their parents who set a lifelong example of service and philanthropy.
- The growth in the **James R. Borders Law Scholarship Fund**, which seeks to benefit those who earned their undergraduate degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology, like this 1988 alumnus.
- The establishment of the **Hart Family Foundation Law School Scholarship** by E. David Hart Jr. (J.D.'80) to assist a deserving student throughout his or her legal education.
- The creation of the **Loudermilk Family First-Start Scholars Fund** by Joey M. Loudermilk (J.D.'78) and his wife, Ramona, to provide tuition assistance and resources for professional development to a first-generation law student residing in the state of Georgia.
- The creation of the **Milner S. Ball Fellowship Fund** by Jennifer B. Tourial (J.D.'94) and Ryan A. Schneider (J.D.'95) as a lasting tribute to the late professor that supports summer public interest/pro bono work for law students. Ball, a 1971 alumnus, was known as a "champion of the poor" and was one of the early leaders of the school's public interest offerings.

Top: Wyck Knox (LL.B.'64) (right) met with three Knox Scholars during the fall. Pictured are second-year students Jonathan LeCroy (left) and Dan Vo and third-year student Mary Matthews. Left: Lynn Chastain (J.D.'84) spent some time with her inaugural Leap of Faith Scholar and second-year student Sam Kennon during the 2018–19 academic year. Right: Claire and Alex (J.D.'66) Crumbley enjoyed spending time with their inaugural Crumbley Scholar and second-year student Carter Thomas (right) during the Annual Alumni/Alumnae Weekend.

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- The initiation of the **James Anderson Dunlap and Eleanor Hosch Dunlap Scholarship Fund** by Edgar B. Dunlap II (J.D.'74), Eleanor "Elsie" Dunlap Henderson (J.D.'76), Nancy Dunlap Johns and James A. Dunlap Jr. (J.D.'88) in memory of their parents and in honor of their family's special multigenerational relationship with the School of Law.
- The expansion of the **Michael Louis Goldberg Scholarship Fund** that benefits students who played sports in high school or college.
- The creation of the **Howell Family Scholarship Fund** by Robert D. "Robb" Howell (J.D.'98), which will benefit a deserving law student.