

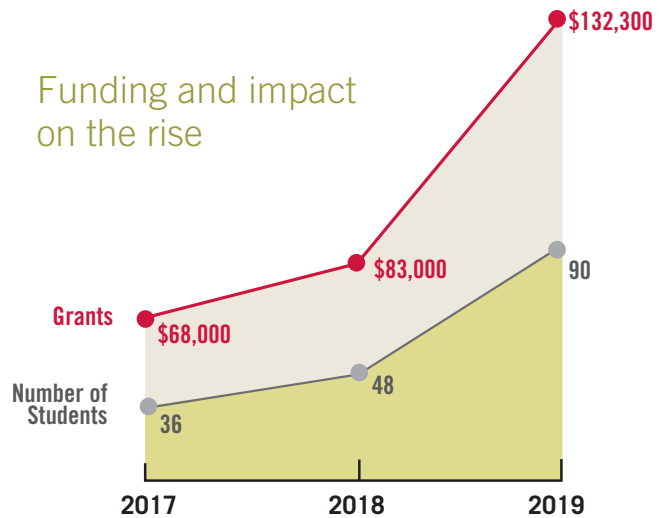
Record number of students receive summer fellowships

For the third year in a row, a record number of law students was able to perform legal work in summer government, judicial and public interest fellowships around the globe due to increased support from a variety of sources. This past summer, approximately 90 – the most School of Law students ever – benefited from roughly \$132,000 in fellowships and grants from 13 funding sources, which represented another high.

“It was incredibly rewarding to be able to provide funding for so many deserving students who wanted to gain legal experience while helping others,” Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and Experiential Learning Eleanor “Ellie” Crosby Lanier said. “I am amazed at the breadth of the placements the students secured and am thankful we were able to find funding for all eligible applicants.”

A rising third-year student said his fellowship would allow him to pursue a career in public interest environmental law. “This Fellowship will significantly relieve my financial burden for the summer, which will allow me to focus on keeping our country healthy and pollution-free [at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance], rather than worrying about how I will make ends meet,” he said.

Serving state and society is an important part of being a lawyer, according to Dean Peter B. “Bo” Rutledge. “This summer our students were exposed to



real-world legal work and challenges relating to a variety of interests and causes, and they will return to the law school this fall with fresh perspectives that will shape their future careers as lawyers. I am grateful to our alumni and alumnae and other supporters for allowing this record number of students to supplement their first-rate legal training in the classroom with hands-on experience, both of which contribute to the school’s vision of being the best return on investment in legal education today.”

Five new monetary sources helped bolster the funding for fellowships by approximately \$50,000 over last year’s high of \$83,000. Among the new initiatives supporting summer public interest work is the Be Kind Fund, in memory of Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice P. Harris Hines.

Distinguished Law Fellowships named for Edge, Henson and Rees

In 2016, the School of Law established the Distinguished Law Fellows program as a result of a \$2 million founding gift from The John N. Goddard Foundation. These annual fellowships offer law students the opportunity to receive an unparalleled educational experience including domestic and international externships, guided research experiences, opportunities to meet some of the country’s top legal leaders and a full-tuition scholarship.

Since its establishment, the program has expanded and this past academic year saw the creation of new Distinguished Law Fellowships named in honor of Robert G. Edge, Kenneth M. Henson and John Bartow Rees Jr.

The **Robert G. Edge Distinguished Law Fellowship** is funded by The John N. Goddard Foundation in recognition of Edge, who is a longtime Goddard family friend as well as legal counsel for the Goddard Foundation. He is also senior counsel at the Atlanta office of Alston & Bird.

Edge was instrumental in the creation of the school’s first Distinguished Law Fellowships named in memory of Philip H. Alston Jr., which were funded by the initial gift from the Goddard Foundation. The trustees of the foundation are almost entirely children or grandchildren of Elkin Goddard Alston and Philip H. Alston Jr., a UGA alumnus and lawyer who co-founded the University of Georgia Foundation.

Through outright and planned contributions from Kenneth Henson and his wife, Sue – who are both deceased – as well as anonymous gifts made in 2018, the

Kenneth M. Henson Distinguished Law Fellowship will honor the late lawyer, who was a 1947 graduate of the School of Law. A Henson Fellow will be named this fall.

Kenneth Henson was an active alumnus and served on the law school’s Board of Visitors, and he was awarded the Distinguished Service Scroll in 1978. Two Henson children – Kenneth Marshall Henson Jr. and Carlton Monroe Henson II – and three grandchildren – Catherine Henson Curlet, Susie Henson Marshall and Kenneth Marshall Henson III – followed in Kenneth’s footsteps and attended the School of Law.

Additionally, thanks to a group of anonymous donors, the first **John B. Rees Jr. Distinguished Law Fellows** will begin their studies this fall. Named in memory of a longtime faculty member, this fellowship was established as a lasting tribute to Rees’ many contributions to the law school as well as his intellect and unwavering dedication to fairness.

Rees, who joined the law school’s faculty in 1959, held the Law School Association Professorship at the time of his retirement in 2002. During his tenure, Rees served as assistant dean from 1964 to 1969, led the facilities committee that oversaw the design and construction of the law school’s 1967 Hirsch Hall expansion and generously endowed the John B. Rees Jr. Law Library Book Fund.