For more than 150 years, the Indiana University Maurer School of Law has stood with the nation’s greatest public law schools, preparing students to become accomplished, ethical lawyers and leaders. In recent years, we have emerged as an innovator in legal education, with a curriculum that meets the demands of a changing profession.

But we do more than that. Equally important are the contributions of our school to the economic and social well-being of our society. Through our seven clinics, 15 externship programs, five research centers, and community-centered projects, our students and faculty work together to advance knowledge, advocate justice, and promote prosperity — in Bloomington and around the world.

An Indiana Law education offers another important dimension that gives our graduates an added edge: the opportunity to develop their professional identity. Our students learn the skills that lawyers need but don’t usually acquire in school, such as resilience, judgment, time management, and collaboration. Our faculty act as role models and caring mentors, and our alumni are deeply invested in paying their success forward to the next generation of alumni. This combination of classroom study, hands-on learning, and professional development creates an educational experience for our students that few other schools in the country can match.

We invite you to join us in carrying on the Maurer School of Law’s tradition of excellence — and in continuing to make a difference in the lives of our students, our alumni, and the clients we all serve.
GOAL #1: ATTRACT THE NATION’S BEST AND BRIGHTEST STUDENTS, AND PROVIDE THEM WITH A LEGAL EDUCATION THAT WILL LEAD THEM TO SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONAL CAREERS.

Competition for highly qualified, diverse, motivated law students calls for creative recruiting strategies. Chief among them is scholarship support — not only to reduce the amount of student debt, but also to offer attractive incentives to the talented applicants who will make a meaningful contribution to our community.

Professional, ethical, analytical, intelligent, curious, diligent, decisive, ambitious, discerning, judicious, responsible. These are the qualities we seek in prospective law students. We take these qualities and turn our students into leaders. Here are a few examples of recent graduates who, with your support, have brought distinction to our school and profession.

1. Abishek (Jay) Chaudhary, ’09, who developed an interest in mental health advocacy while participating in the law school’s disability law clinic. He later secured funding to establish a medical-legal partnership with Indiana Legal Services and Eskenazi Health, the parent of Midtown Community Health Center in Indianapolis, and serves as its director.

2. Justin Agans, ’12, who earned a JD/MBA and participated in our Elmore Entrepreneurship Law Clinic before moving to Charlotte, NC, where he and Eric Spengler, JD/MPA ’12, founded Spengler & Agans. The firm focuses on serving local startups and entrepreneurs.

3. Lance Lindeen, ’12, a JD/MPA graduate and Sherman Minton Moot Court chief justice who is putting his advocacy skills to work in the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office.

4. Rubin Pusha III, ’12, president of the Black Students’ Law Association, now an associate in the finance, insolvency, and restructuring department at Barnes & Thornburg’s Indianapolis office.

5. Nathan Harter IV, ’13, who worked as an intern with his hometown prosecutor’s office in Decatur County in 2012. He enjoyed the experience so much that he successfully campaigned for the job and became Indiana’s youngest elected prosecutor during his first year of practice.

6. Emily Sanchez Salcedo, SJD’13, a law professor and litigator from the Philippines, who earned a graduate degree to sharpen her teaching skills. She recently spent eight months as a visiting scholar at two universities in Canada.

7. Caleb Bean, ’14, an electrical engineering major at Purdue who became interested in patent law under the guidance of our Center for Intellectual Property Research. He worked as a research assistant, served as president of the Intellectual Property Association, and is now an associate at Knobbe Martens, a leading IP firm in San Diego.

8. Julie Spain, ’14, president of the Law School’s Student Bar Association, now working as a litigation and estate planning lawyer at a small firm in Marysville, Ohio.

There’s a story behind every Indiana Law graduate. Your support — through scholarships, externships, and employment opportunities — helps create top-flight professionals like these as they build the profession and strengthen their communities.
LAW SCHOOL FOR ME STARTED AS AN ACADEMIC ADVENTURE, BUT ALONG THE WAY I FOUND MYSELF SEEKING WAYS TO ACTUALIZE THE LESSONS PRODUCTIVELY. THE CHANCE TO APPLY WHAT I WAS LEARNING IN LAW SCHOOL TO REAL-WORLD SITUATIONS AND PROTECT THE COMMUNITY I LOVE WAS A THRILL. I WALKED OUT OF THE OFFICE EVERY DAY FEELING 10 FEET TALL.

― NATHAN HARTER IV, '14
DE CATUR COUNTY (IND.) PROSECUTOR

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDE CRITICAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FUTURE LAWYERS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE UNABLE TO PURSUE A LEGAL CAREER.

FUNDING FOR EXTERNSHIPS PROVIDES HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS — AROUND THE CORNER AND AROUND THE WORLD — AS THEY CHART THEIR CAREER PATHS.

YOUR SUPPORT OF THE BRIDGE TO PRACTICE PROGRAM PROVIDES STIPENDS FOR GRADUATES WHO SECURE VOLUNTEER POSITIONS WITH PUBLIC INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS OR SMALL FIRMS WHILE CONTINUING THEIR JOB SEARCH.

Indiana Law is a top 35 school, with programs in tax, intellectual property, and international programs ranked 16th, 20th, and 23rd by U.S. News & World Report. Our students enjoy access to one of the nation’s largest academic law libraries, ranked third in the country by National Jurist magazine. Indiana Law graduates enter into a network of more than 11,000 alumni, more than 1,000 of whom volunteer to help the school every year, including 250 alumni mentors.

"It starts with you."

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HISTORICAL IMPACT ON INDIANA:

1 US SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
1 INDIANA CHIEF JUSTICE
4 US SENATORS
17 INDIANA SUPREME COURT JUSTICES
26 US REPRESENTATIVES
33 INDIANA COURT OF APPEALS JUDGES
61 STATE SENATORS
159 STATE REPRESENTATIVES

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GOAL #2: RECRUIT AND RETAIN LEADING SCHOLARS WHO INSPIRE LEARNING AND ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE.

A law school is only as strong as its faculty, who teach our students, serve our communities, and conduct ground-breaking research. Indiana Law’s internationally renowned faculty are the central force in the development of our students, acting as caring mentors and role models.

Endowments are among our most effective vehicles for attracting and retaining our first-rate faculty. By supplementing research and programming funds, endowments give faculty the support they need to focus on their areas of specialization in teaching and research. In so doing, we also attract talented students who want to be mentored by those at the leading edge of their field.

Our faculty have established five outstanding research centers in information privacy and cybersecurity, intellectual property, rule of law and constitutional design, the global legal profession, and law and society. We also have a number of highly regarded programs in tax, conservation and sustainability, and business law. The centers and programs offer research assistant positions to students, and they align closely with our clinics, which provide hands-on experiences. We offer similar opportunities to our foreign and graduate students.

Professor William Henderson, the founding director of our Center on the Global Legal Profession, continues to receive accolades from the academy and the profession for his research on the changing landscape of the practice of law. Quoted almost daily in the national media, he was named by National Jurist magazine in 2015 as the most influential person in legal education today.

Professor Jayanth Krishnan, the CGLP’s current director, is widely regarded as the leading expert on the Indian legal profession. His close ties with the bench and bar of that country have led to life-changing summer externships for our students, while his field research helps reshape the Indian legal system.

Another CGLP faculty member, Professor and IU Associate Vice Provost Christiana Ochoa, recently completed a documentary titled There Is Nothing Else (Otra cosa no hay), which explores the impact of gold mining on the pristine moorlands of Colombia. The film was selected for screening at the Bogotá International Film Festival, the country’s leading venue for independent film. Her work is shining the light on the issue of conflict between economic prosperity and human well-being, a theme that informs lively classroom discussions in her course on international business transactions.

Professor Mark D. Janis, ’89, director of the Center for Intellectual Property Research, leads the school’s efforts to capitalize on the growing demand for IP lawyers. The center’s newly established pro bono IP clinic pairs students with Indiana startup ventures to make sure that their innovations are protected. The clinic has been certified by the US Patent and Trademark Office in both patent and trademark law, a distinction awarded to fewer than 10 percent of the country’s law schools.

In addition to these seasoned faculty members, our rising stars have already made an impact as teachers and scholars. Associate Professor Gina-Gail Fletcher teaches and writes in the area of corporate finance and the financial markets and brings her experience as a Washington lawyer to the classroom. A prolific writer, Associate Professor Victor Quintanilla studies the links between law and psychology and explores these two disciplines in his course on that subject. And Associate Professor Timothy Lovelace, an expert on legal history and civil rights, recently received the Trustees’ Teaching Award in recognition of his teaching skills. These are just a few of the nearly 100 engaged and interested full-time, adjunct, and affiliated faculty who call the Law School home.

Your support helps advance our faculty’s research, fortifies our clinics and programs, and integrates them into the intellectual life and professional development of our students.

IT STARTS WITH YOU

FACULTY ENDOWMENTS AND RESEARCH SUPPORT ARE CRITICAL TOOLS FOR BUILDING A SUPERIOR FACULTY AND EMPOWERING THEM TO APPLY THEIR RESEARCH TO THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE.

“WE NEED LAWYERS WHO ARE TRAINED TO DEAL WITH THOSE ISSUES, WHETHER THEY PRACTICE IN INDIANA OR TAKE THEIR EXPERTISE ELSEWHERE.”

— MARK D. JANIS, ’89
ROBERT A. LUCAS CHAIR OF LAW, DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR IP RESEARCH
Baier Hall, the home of the IU Maurer School of Law, welcomed its first class in the fall of 1956 — when Eisenhower was in the White House and Khrushchev held forth in Moscow. Sixty years later, it is still the hub of our activities.

Despite extensive expansion and remodeling in 1986, our current building is outdated, not only in terms of space — it was built for 12 faculty and 270 students, compared with 50 faculty and more than 600 students today — but also in terms of the way students learn. Today’s teaching methods call for smaller classrooms that invite intensive dialogue and one-on-one discussions. Large lecture halls are giving way to trial courtrooms and private spaces for real-life clinical mediation. Our faculty’s research initiatives require on-line, real-time visual access to their colleagues around the globe. And our planned certificate programs in cybersecurity and information privacy demand technology infrastructure that simply does not exist in a building dating from the days of Cinemascope.

As the long-term plan for the Law School’s learning environment takes shape, you are invited to become a partner in this venture. Restoration, refurbishing, technological improvements, and perhaps building expansion are all under consideration. Most important, you will help ensure that we maintain and expand community gathering places within the school, where lasting personal relationships are forged and strengthened.

“THE LOBBY OF BAIER HALL AND THE JEROME HALL LAW LIBRARY ARE, IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD, OUR STUDENT COMMONS, WHERE STUDENTS MEET TO STUDY, VISIT, AND FORM LIFELONG RELATIONSHIPS.”

— LAUREN K. ROBEL, ’83
PROVOST, IU BLOOMINGTON AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, INDIANA UNIVERSITY; FORMER DEAN OF THE LAW SCHOOL
YOUR SUPPORT OF THE LAW SCHOOL’S ANNUAL FUND PROVIDES FLEXIBILITY FOR STUDENT, FACULTY, AND STAFF SUPPORT AS NEEDS ARISE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. MORE THAN 20% OF OUR ALUMNI PARTICIPATE IN THE FUND.

GOAL #4: SUPPORT A CLIMATE OF FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY THAT ENABLES THE SCHOOL TO RESPOND QUICKLY AND NimblEy TO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, UNFORESEEN CHALLENGES, AND STUDENT AND FACULTY NEEDS.

Staffing, administering, and sustaining our programs often requires funding beyond what is already committed to our teaching and research budgets. Your unrestricted gifts to our annual fund provide the flexibility necessary to capitalize on unplanned opportunities and respond to emergencies. This has become especially critical in today’s rapidly changing world, marked by intense competition among law schools.

A strong annual fund is a sign that alumni have faith in the Law School and its trajectory, and it builds a pipeline of donors for future campaigns. A robust annual fund also helps attract grants from philanthropic entities such as Lilly Endowment Inc.

The Leonard D. Fromm Memorial Fund provides one source of flexible funding for our students. Named for Indiana Law’s longtime dean for students and alumni affairs, the fund carries on Len’s tradition of providing students with what they need, when they need it, based on a thorough understanding of each student’s personal and professional goals.

Every summer, the Stewart Fellows complete externships in one of seven foreign countries, working in law firms, nonprofit organizations, or corporations, learning the local laws and absorbing the local culture. Funded by Milt Stewart, ’71, and his wife, Judi, the program has sent nearly 80 students abroad since its inception and is the only one of its kind in the country. The Stewart Fellows program is one of many ways that an annual contribution helps our students prepare for careers in today’s global legal profession.

LEONARD D. FROMM (1942-2013)

FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, LEN’S WISDOM, EMPATHY AND GUIDANCE HELPED GENERATIONS OF INDIANA LAW STUDENTS ADJUST TO THE RIGORS OF LAW SCHOOL AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. A MEMORIAL FUND BEARING HIS NAME HONORS AND PERPETUATES HIS LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP.
An Indiana Law education produces leaders who embody the highest ethical standards, who embrace the most difficult challenges, who forge alliances across disciplines, cultures, and governments, who advocate justice, freedom, and prosperity.

Our school has produced renowned judges, respected public officials, effective legislators, creative entrepreneurs, and distinguished practitioners across all walks of life. You are our legacy. Through their research, our faculty continue to tackle and provide solutions to some of society’s thorniest challenges. Through their teaching, they hone the skills of tomorrow’s professionals.

With your support, we will continue to produce graduates and faculty of this caliber for years to come. These future leaders will face — and solve — the problems we have yet to envision. This is our promise for the future.

Your support of the IU Maurer School of Law will help fulfill our promise: for the good of our students, for the good of society, for the good of all.