

GRADUATES AND FRIENDS

MAKE AN IMPACT!

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THANKS to the generosity of alumni and friends across the country, this fall UM Carey Law surpassed the \$50 million goal set for its historic *Making an Impact* campaign. Co-chaired by Henry Hopkins '68 and Joanne Pollak '76, *Making an Impact* has been a catalyst for launching the school into its third century of training leaders who can advance justice in society.

Dean Phoebe Haddon announced that the school's fund-raising total for the *Making an Impact* reached \$54 million this fall, including \$15 million from last spring's transformative \$30 million gift from the W. P. Carey Foundation. With the Carey gift came UM Carey Law's commitment to raise \$15 million in matching funds, which formed the kernel of the forward-looking *Carey Challenge*: a new initiative focused on securing matching gifts to support additional priorities.

The many gifts received during the *Making an Impact* campaign will help UM Carey Law continue to attract and retain top-notch scholars who bring their diverse expertise in law, academia, government, business, and the bench to bear in the classroom. These gifts will also help the school recruit promising students who will ultimately go on to establish outstanding careers as lawyers, business leaders, judges, policy analysts, activists, legislators, and entrepreneurs.

Making an Impact, launched in 2007, significantly expanded resources for student scholarships and fellowships, helping keep the cost of legal education in reach. More than 150 gift commitments were made during the campaign, and more than 40 percent of the funds raised were for student support. Our Leadership Scholars program, now in its eighth year, has provided more than \$9 million in scholarships to more than 200 students. Major scholarship endowments were created by several members of the UM Carey Law's Board of Visitors. The Dean's Award program for returning students, summer public interest fellowships and loan repayment programs all expanded through private philanthropy.

UM Carey Law's specialty programs in law and health care, environmental law, business law, intellectual property, and international law were all strengthened by new endowed funds established during the *Making an Impact* campaign. As the third-oldest law school in the nation, UM Carey Law is pleased to be able to enhance our tradition of excellence and innovation in legal education and scholarship. Major foundations also supported key initiatives in areas as diverse as leadership, public health, mediation, public interest law, drug policy, and environmental litigation.

By any measure, *Making an Impact* has set the stage as UM Carey Law enters its third century. The school received 12 principal gifts of \$1 million or more during the campaign. The number of members of our legacy council (planned and estate gifts) has more than doubled. Gifts to the Annual Fund (gifts from \$1 to \$999), a tremendous core of support, have increased by 50 percent from 1,100 to almost 1,800 supporters each year. More than 40 new named endowments honor leaders in law, business, and civil society for their service. Student giving grew exponentially as a new Class Gift program blossomed.

"The *Making an Impact* campaign helped build a culture of philanthropy in our community," said Dean Haddon. "All of us at the UM Carey Law are grateful for the leadership of Henry and Joanne in making our dream of reaching our \$50 million goal a reality. These gifts continue to move us forward on our trajectory of excellence."



Joanne Pollak '76 and Henry Hopkins '68

