

GIVING SPOTLIGHT:

A Lasting Legacy: Sheldon Altwarg Memorial Scholarship Endowment

SHELDON “SHELLY” Altwarg ’65 credited his education and experience at the University of Maryland School of Law with enabling him to find and develop a lifelong career he loved. Using his skills and aptitude, he provided counsel and legal advocacy to countless families and small businesses in northern New Jersey communities for nearly 60 years.

When Altwarg passed away in 2020, his wife knew she wanted to carry on his legacy at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Thus, the Sheldon Altwarg Memorial Scholarship Endowment was created.

Through the family’s generosity, and a \$2 million bequest, the Sheldon Altwarg Memorial Scholarship Endowment will support incoming Maryland Carey Law students for years to come.

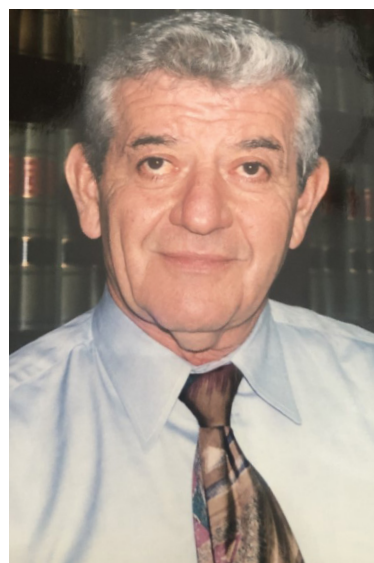
Born in 1934, Altwarg completed his undergraduate studies at Rutgers Newark before moving to Maryland to pursue his legal education.

“In my 58 years of teaching (and still counting), Sheldon Altwarg

was one of a handful of the most brilliant students I have encountered,” says Shale Stiller, renowned Maryland attorney and long-standing adjunct faculty member. “So much so that I persuaded my law firm to offer him a position, an offer I have made on less than a half dozen occasions.”

Graduating in 1965, Altwarg was grateful for his professor’s proposition but chose instead to pursue his legal career, “practicing a little bit of everything,” according to his wife, in his home state of New Jersey. First he worked with his father-in-law, then with a long-time law partner and friend, until his retirement in 2012.

“We are honored to carry on Shelly’s legacy here at Maryland Carey Law and are deeply grateful for this incredible gift,” says Dean Donald Tobin. “Student scholarships are more important than ever, and the Sheldon Altwarg Memorial Scholarship Endowment will create meaningful impact in the lives of tomorrow’s legal leaders.” ■



LAW RUNS DEEP

Alumni Profile: Marc Broady '16

*Vice president of community impact
at Weller Development draws on
family legacy of public service*



MARC BROADY '16 HAS PUBLIC service in his blood. His grandfather, the Hon. Robert B. Watts '49 worked as a civil rights lawyer alongside Thurgood Marshall and went on to become the first Black judge on Baltimore's Municipal Court.

Following in those illustrious footsteps, Broady completed his JD at his grandfather's alma mater in 2016, working during the day as a data and budget specialist for Baltimore City Schools and attending law school at night.

"My memories of law school are very fond," says Broady, recalling how he felt especially welcomed by legendary faculty member Professor Larry Gibson, who had been closely associated with Judge Watts.

It was Gibson's dear friend and mentee, the now deceased U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings '76, who hired Broady fresh out of law school as a counsel and policy adviser during the congressman's final three years representing Maryland's 7th district in the U.S. House of Representatives. Cummings assigned Broady to lead the creation of the Baltimore Chapter of former President Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative, in which Broady has remained active to honor his mentor. "I want to see it through for him," he says.

With his ingrained community spirit, Broady also volunteers on multiple boards, including ROCA, a program designed to help high-risk young men transform their lives. This year Broady joined the Maryland Carey Law Board of Visitors.

The Baltimore native calls his current position as vice president of community impact for Weller Development "a continuation of public service within the private sector." His job is to act as a bridge between the community and the developer of the Port Covington district in South Baltimore. Broady also spearheads the implementation of an agreement with the city requiring that development of the area includes support for women- and minority-owned business, education initiatives, and affordable housing.

"I don't expect to leave a larger-than-life legacy like my grandfather and Congressman Cummings did," says Broady, "but I feel proud to do work that is helping improve the lives of people in the city they both loved." ■