The France Merrick Foundation has been an important leadership partner at critical milestones in the history of the School of Law. As the law school celebrates its tenth anniversary in its current building, the Foundation has recently partnered with the law school to ensure that we can continue to provide our students, faculty, and clinic clients state-of-the-art facilities that support excellent education, expanded community service, and access to justice for all. The Access to Justice Through Technology Initiative supports facility and technology upgrades to allow our Clinic to extend its reach and to keep pace with the rapidly changing legal landscape and the ways services are provided to clients. Your gift toward these upgrades will be matched, dollar for dollar, and will allow the Clinic to expand its reach and bolster delivery of legal service to underserved populations.

If you have any questions, or would like to make a gift to any of these initiatives, please contact Heather Spurrier ’03, Director of Development, at 410-706-5773 or at hspurrier@law.umaryland.edu.

The Carey Challenge Continues and Wm. Polk Carey’s Legacy Inspires Others to Give

The School of Law had a successful year raising matching funds toward the $15M Carey Challenge due to the generosity of alumni and friends who believe in our mission and want to play a part in educating our future leaders.

Since the announcement of the W.P. Carey Foundation’s gift, many supporters have stepped forward, inspired by Foundation creator Wm. Polk Carey’s motto of “doing good while doing well,” and have led by example in using their own philanthropy to “challenge” others to give. “It is gratifying to know that Bill’s legacy lives on, and that other philanthropists recognize, as Bill did, the importance of giving to an institution that is doing so much good in Baltimore, in Maryland, and beyond,” said Dean Phoebe Haddon. “These gifts continue to engage and strengthen the School of Law as we continue to educate and graduate leaders.”

Moser Matching Challenge: $250,000

In 2011, Elizabeth Moser, with the support of her family, endowed the Moser Ethics in Action Initiative at the law school. The overriding mission of the Initiative is to improve professionalism, leadership, and access to justice, by improving the standards governing lawyers’ professional conduct, improving the enforcement of those standards, and doing more to help our law students develop ethical professional identities to succeed in practice.

In its second year, there are new courses on ethics and “how and why lawyers get in trouble”; a “roving professor” pilot project has begun where experienced ethics professors visit other professors’ classes to focus greater attention on professionalism issues; new emphasis is being given at orientation for entering students on ethics concerns; and a new program has been created to provide professionalism skills training for young associates in law firms.
LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS LEGACY ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE: UNLIMITED

SINCE its inception, the Leadership Scholars Program has made it possible for the law school to recruit and support highly talented students. In 2008, the Leadership Scholars Legacy Endowment, which provides scholarship support, was established, and is being “reinvigorated” this year with the help of Board of Visitors members, Henry Hopkins ’68 and Marcus Wang ’08, and student representative to the Board, 3L Doug Parvis.

“We wanted to find a meaningful way to thank the many alumni and friends who give generously each year in support of student scholarships,” said Marcus, who, with his fellow Samuel and Anne Hopkins Scholarship recipients, Roberto Vela ’09 and Alexis Slater ’10, created the endowment. Inspired by the selflessness and generosity shown by the Leadership Scholars in establishing the endowment, Henry Hopkins matches, dollar for dollar, every gift and pledge made to the Leadership Scholars Legacy Endowment. Hopkins is “thrilled that the Leadership Scholars Legacy Endowment continues to grow,” and hopes through the match, “it becomes one of the law school’s largest endowed scholarship funds.”

CLASS GIFT CHALLENGE

UM Carey Law School began its Class Gift Program to promote a philanthropic culture among the graduating class. Each year, a UM Carey Law alumnus matches the class fundraising total. A donor has been identified for this year. Student leader, Wandaly Fernandez ’14, is heading up the fundraising efforts for the Class of 2014, and hopes to enlist 100% of the class to participate.

Matching donors to the Class Gift Challenge have included: Arnold Weiner ’57, John Isbister ’77, James Archibald ’75, Robert Kim ’83, Laura Black ’88, and Andre Davis ’78.

The Moser family has issued a $250,000 matching challenge to other philanthropic supporters, and the law school has raised half of the match thus far. Additional funding through the match will allow for expansion of the law school’s important work focusing on ethics, professionalism, and leadership, and your gift toward this work will be matched, dollar for dollar.