Philanthropist Francis J. Carey Jr., an attorney and investment banker after whose grandfather the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law is named, died Nov. 1, 2014, at his Pennsylvania home. He was 88.

In April 2011, on behalf of the W. P. Carey Foundation, Carey and his brother, Wm. Polk Carey, presented the law school with a $30 million gift, the largest in the university’s history, and one of the largest ever in legal education. The gift is used to support Maryland Carey Law’s academic programs, to develop and strengthen the law school’s curriculum, to support student employment initiatives, and to recruit faculty.

On Sept. 16, 2011, the law school officially changed its name to the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. The name honors Francis King Carey, an 1880 graduate of the school of law who was a prominent attorney and civic leader in Maryland.

“The entire University of Maryland, Baltimore community mourns the loss of Francis J. Carey Jr.,” says University of Maryland, Baltimore President Jay A. Perman, MD. “The Carey gift was a transforming moment for the law school. It has enabled the school to train leaders in the legal profession, to attract top-tier faculty, and to support outstanding faculty research.”

“The legal community is indebted to the vision and generosity of the Carey family,” says Donald B. Tobin, JD, dean of the law school. “As the state’s flagship law school, we are committed to carrying on the legacy of the Carey family and its gift by educating future generations of great lawyers, great leaders and great thinkers. We share the Careys’ enthusiasm for ‘doing good while doing well.’”

As chairman of the W. P. Carey Foundation, a philanthropic organization that supports educational institutions with the goal of improving America’s global competitiveness, Francis J. Carey, Jr. played an influential role in the founding of business schools, academic prizes, chairs, and lecture series recognizing and promoting excellence in economics, international relations, law and business.

The W. P. Carey Foundation was instrumental in the founding of the Carey Business School at Johns Hopkins University, and the W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. Carey’s maternal grandfather, John S. Armstrong, helped found Arizona State University.

Carey graduated from The Gilman Country School for Boys in Baltimore (now known as the Gilman School), which was founded by his paternal grandmother. He earned a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania before joining the Philadelphia law firm now known as Reed Smith LLP.
The Maryland Carey Law community is saddened by the passing of retired Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Edgar P. Silver, who died Nov. 11, 2014 at Sinai Hospital after a brief illness. Though not an alumnus of Maryland Carey Law, he was an integral part of the community.

Alan M. Rifkin ’82, co-founder of Rifkin, Weiner, Livingston, Levitan & Silver, LLC and a friend of Judge Silver, told the Baltimore Sun, “He was singularly the most extraordinary man I’ve ever met. He was irrepressibly optimistic.”

A graduate of the University of Baltimore, Judge Silver was elected in 1954 to the Maryland House of Delegates, where he served until 1965, when he was appointed to the Municipal Court of Baltimore City. Known to many simply as “The Judge,” he gained notoriety for the respect he showed each person in his courtroom, both in the Municipal Court and later in the District Court of Baltimore City and the Baltimore City Circuit Court.

In 2008, Rifkin established a scholarship fund in honor of Judge Silver to support second- and third-year law students at Maryland Carey Law who have expressed an interest in law and public policy. Seeing students benefit from the scholarship was a source of pride for Judge Silver.

Those interested in making a gift in Judge Silver’s memory should either direct it to the Rifkin, Weiner, Livingston, Levitan & Silver, LLC/Edgar P. Silver Scholarship, c/o Office of Development and Alumni Relations, 500 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201, or visit: www.umcareylaw.net/JudgeSilver.
Fedder gifts train students to ‘fight the good fight’ for the environment.

Joel Fedder ’58, a passionate environmentalist, philanthropist, and friend of Maryland Carey Law’s Environmental Law Program, died April 18 after a long illness. Fedder was a member of the law school’s Board of Visitors and of counsel to the Baltimore firm Fedder and Garten, where he practiced tax law and real estate law for 27 years before retiring to Florida.

A weeklong trip with the Sierra Club to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in Alaska proved to be transformative for Fedder. He returned and immersed himself in learning more about ANWR’s wildlife, Native American population, and climate change, an issue about which he frequently lectured. His lecture about that trip, given to Maryland Carey Law students, sparked a partnership that will benefit future generations of environmental law students.

Fedder and his wife, Ellen, established the Fedder Environmental Scholars Endowment at Maryland Carey Law. Their goal for the endowment was to help train the next generation of environmental lawyers “to fight the good fight.” The endowment supports annual lectures by prominent environmental scholars, and provides opportunities for law students to participate in environmental law conferences across the globe.

“I wanted to help attract the kind of people to the school who are keen to take advantage of those opportunities and make a difference,” Fedder said when he initially made his gift. “I also felt I owed something back to the law school. A lifetime of very hard work and resultant modest financial success enables me to carry out some of my philanthropic dreams; the Fedder Scholars program is a dream come true.”

“The entire Maryland Carey Law community is saddened by the loss of a member of our family,” said Donald B. Tobin, dean of Maryland Carey Law. “Joel has been steadfast in his support of the law school and its Environmental Law Program. We will miss his energy, intelligence, passion, and the difference he made in our community, especially in the lives of our students. We have lost a great man and a great friend. He will be sorely missed.”

In 2014, the Fedders increased their support of the Environmental Law Program by pledging $1 million to endow the Fedder Lecture and the Fedder Scholars Program, and to support senior attorneys in the law school’s Environmental Law Clinic.

“Joel’s work as an advocate for the environment and our law school is inspiring. His passion for life was contagious, and his support of our environmental law students unmatched,” said Robert Percival, Robert F. Stanton Professor of Law and director of the Environmental Law Program.

Understanding the long-term importance of addressing climate change, the Fedders sought to inspire, support, and make a difference in the career paths of Maryland Carey Law students committed to working on environmental issues.

As Joel Fedder put it “success is best when shared.”

“We are truly thankful that Joel shared his success, and passion for the environment, with our law school and our students,” said Tobin. Those interested in making a gift in Fedder’s memory should visit: www.umcareylaw.net/Fedder.