



Dean's Message

As spring bursts forth in Charlottesville, I am reminded of the rhythms of academic life. Every fall, we welcome a new crop of bright, young, committed first-year students. The opportunity to teach those students is one of the great joys of the academic profession, which is why so many faculty want to teach in the first year. Every spring, we say farewell to another graduating class. Graduations are celebratory occasions, but there is always a tinge of sadness in so many partings.

For most of our graduates, reunions provide the occasion for reconnecting with their classmates and with the institution. Those who come back for reunions always have a good time. They enjoy hearing about the ways the Law School has changed since they left, but most of all they enjoy each other. For the faculty, reunions are a particular pleasure as they give us the chance to bask in the reflected glory of the success of our students.

This spring's events will not only celebrate the reunion classes, but will also honor one of our most beloved teachers. Stanley Henderson is retiring after 34 years at the Law School. For many of us who had Stan as a teacher, his departure from the ranks of the active faculty is bittersweet, but we will have a chance to send him off in fine style at the Saturday morning meeting of the Law School Alumni Association. I hope you can make it.

-- John C. Jeffries, Jr. '73



UVA Law Number One in Alumni Participation

Thanks in no small part to our Annual Giving volunteers, the University of Virginia Law School had the highest alumni participation rate of any top-rated law school in the country last year.

In the recent past, a certain school in New Haven had claimed this honor, but no more: UVA Law's 45% topped Yale Law's 44% for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003.

Stan Henderson to Retire

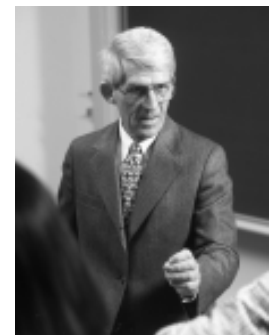
Professor Stanley D. Henderson is retiring from the Law School after a distinguished 34-year teaching career. A perennial favorite of students and of his peers, Henderson received the Virginia Alumni Association's Distinguished Professor Award in 1983 and the University of Colorado Law School Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement in Education in 1986.

Henderson has said he never considered himself a lecturer. "It is not my aim to fill the students' heads with facts and rules. I try to generate discussion and involve the students in that discussion. Teaching law is essentially about passing on the intellectual culture, especially the inquiring element."

Between 1988 and 1990, Henderson held the first Hunton & Williams Professorship and served as an academic visitor to that law firm. During 1992-1993, he was the D & L Straus Distinguished Visiting Professor at Pepperdine Law School. He held the Law School's first Thomas F. Bergin Teaching Professorship from 1993-1996. In 1994 he received the First Year Class Law Faculty Teaching Award.

Following graduation from Colorado, where he was elected to the Order of the

Coif, Henderson clerked for Judge Hatfield Chilson of the U.S. District Court in Denver. He practiced law in Colorado before joining the law faculty at the University of Wyoming in 1964. He also has been a visiting professor at Harvard, Indiana, and Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.





Law Alumni Weekend 2004

Reunion Gifts 2003-2004 Campaign *as of March 1, 2004*

Class	Participation	Gifts & Pledges
1954	47.27%	\$75,273.15
1959	41.60%	\$139,543.00
1964	29.24%	\$129,917.10
1969	30.85%	\$356,304.38
1974	38.35%	\$647,201.20
1979	34.56%	\$553,814.92
1984	22.44%	\$133,205.00
1989	22.95%	\$50,377.56
1994	20.51%	\$16,904.88
1999	20.61%	<u>\$11,463.25</u>
Total		\$2,114,004.44

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Easy Ways to Give to the Law School

1) Phone - Call and make a gift by credit card, toll free 877-307-0158.

2) Online - Follow the "Giving" link www.law.virginia.edu/alumni to make a gift online.

3) Securities - A gift of stock generally entitles a donor to a charitable deduction for the full current market value and avoidance of capital gains tax. For delivery instructions for gifts of securities, see www.law.virginia.edu/alumni.

4) Mail - Law School Foundation, 580 Massie Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903-1789.

What You'll Miss if You Don't Return for Reunions! Law Alumni Weekend, April 30-May 2

FRIDAY

- ❖ Golf at Birdwood Golf Course
- ❖ CLE seminars at the Law School:
Professor George Cohen offers "Current Topics in Legal Ethics"
Schiff Hardin & Waite Partner Charles Fox '80 offers Trusts and Estates
Professor and Covington & Burling Partner Robert Saylor offers Oral Advocacy
- ❖ Art exhibit & reception in Law Library with artist and alumnus Charles Hobson III '68. Preview the show, "Why I Love Books," at charleshobson.com.
- ❖ All-class cocktail reception in Caplin Pavilion.

SATURDAY

- ❖ Alumni Association Annual Business Meeting
- ❖ Retiring Professor Stan Henderson will give brief remarks on the occasion of his retirement after a 34-year career at the Law School.
- ❖ Dean John Jeffries '73 will give his State of the Law School report
- ❖ Softball & BBQ at Superfields, or
- ❖ Lunch in Caplin Pavilion
- ❖ Tour of Monticello
- ❖ Class-specific dinners at some of Charlottesville's loveliest venues
- ❖ After-dinner dancing to the Fabulous Cruisers at the Law School

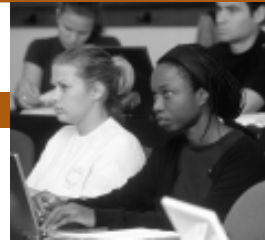
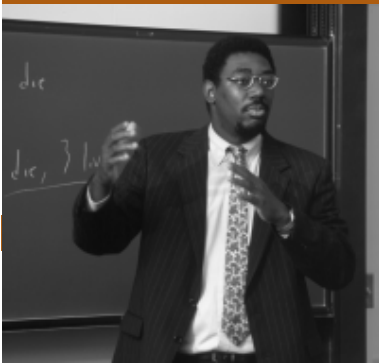
SUNDAY

- ❖ All-class alumni brunch at the Law School.

Registration is easy online at: law.virginia.edu/reunions.

The Alumni Association is happy to answer questions via email: reunions@law.virginia.edu, or at 434-924-3588.





Annual Giving Update

as of March 1, 2004

The 2003-2004 campaign runs until **June 30, 2004**. Your gifts - small or large - will ensure that students and faculty have the resources they need to be successful at Virginia and beyond.

Top Ten Participation by Region

Rank	Region	Manager(s)	Participation
1	Bethlehem, PA	E. Drummond King	63%
2	Cincinnati, OH	Daniel J. Hoffheimer	48%
2	Charleston, SC	Julius H. Hines	48%
3	Mobile, AL	Caine O'Rear III	44%
4	St. Louis, MO	John H. Quinn III	43%
5	Birmingham, AL	John E. Hagefstration, Jr.	41%
6	Cleveland, OH	Mark E. Staib	40%
6	Charlotte, NC	A. Zachary Smith III	40%
7	Kansas City, MO	Margo C. Soule	39%
8	Buffalo, Rochester, NY	Noah R. Doolittle	38%
		Christian D. Hancey	
		J. Nelson Thomas	
9	Houston, TX	Bruce R. Bilger	36%
9	Southern NJ	Sean D. Gertner	36%
10	Wilmington, DE	Richard Alan Forsten	35%

Note: Honorable Mention — Most Donors (370) of any class/ region
 Washington, DC William J. Curtin III 32%

Top Ten Participation by Class

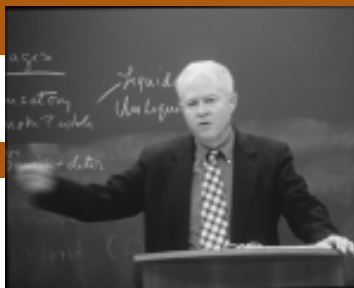
R	Class	Mgr(s)	Part.
1	1952	Graham R. E. Koch	58%
2	1956	Mark H. Berliant	55%
3	1957	John D. Corse	54%
4	1960	T. Maxfield Bahner	46%
		Ronald W. Dougherty	
5	1954	Julius P. Fouts	45%
6	1946	Allen F. Maulsby	44%
7	1959	Albert F. Lilley	42%
7	1970	H. Sadler Poe	42%
8	1961	R. Dennis McArver	41%
8	1962	E. Whitehead Elmore	41%
8	1967	Robert B. Harding	41%
8	1971	Richard A. Fisher	41%
		Rayburn Hanzlik	
		David H. Ibbeken	
8	1976	J. Christopher Kennedy	41%
		Henry L. Parr, Jr.	
9	1950	Jerrold G. Weinberg	38%
9	1974	William B. Fryer	38%
9	1975	Thomas P. Preston	38%
		D. Eugene Webb, Jr.	
9	1977	Jim L. Flegle	38%
		Thomas M. Melo	
10	1958	Frederick Goldstein	37%

Beat that record ...

The Class of 2003 had set the record for the highest level of classmate participation in the Graduation Gift Pledge Campaign: 66%. Kicking off its own pledge drive on February 9, the Class of 2004 has organized 34 agents and already set a new record of 69% with weeks still to go.

J.P. Cooney, Class of 2004 Gift Chair, thanked the class agents for their efforts and encouraged them to set the bar even higher.





2005 Alumni Directory in Production

Harris Publishing will be publishing a new 2005 Alumni Directory, at no charge to the Foundation, and will begin surveying alumni via email and regular mail to ensure it has the most accurate information available. The Directory will be available for purchase in early 2005.

Did you know: UVA Law is second only to Harvard in the number of alumni who are managing partners at law firms nationwide.*

**From the Law Firms Yellow Book, which profiled more than 800 law firms around the nation, from all major cities, and from all states except South Dakota.*

Gifts of Retirement Plans/Life Insurance

Looking for an easy way to benefit the Law School? Consider making the Law School Foundation the recipient of your retirement plan or life insurance policy. Many individuals today have qualified retirement plans such as an IRA, 401(k), or Keogh plan. Assets in such plans grow tax-free. Once the owner begins to receive payments from the qualified plans, the distributions are taxed. The plans are also included in the owner's taxable estate. Such a retirement plan may be an excellent source of funds for making a gift to the Law School Foundation. Life insurance policies—often provided by employers—are also a wonderful vehicle by which to benefit the Foundation.

These are especially easy ways to remember the Law School in your estate. There is no need to change a will; a beneficiary can be changed simply by contacting the entity holding the funds or policy and making an appropriate "change in beneficiary" designation to the **University of Virginia Law School Foundation**. (You may need the Foundation's Employer Identification Number ("EIN"): 54-0838566.)

For more information on planned giving to the Foundation, please contact Luis Alvarez '88, Director of Development, at 434-924-3902 or Helen Snyder '87, Director of Annual Giving, at 434-924-4668.

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