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# LEADERSHIP REPORT

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**AS WE SHARE THE RESULTS OF THE 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN**, we hope you and your families are well. The final four months of the school year were quite challenging. An abrupt shutdown of in-person learning taxed students, faculty, staff, and resources. The ban on in-person regional alumni events, the postponement of Law Alumni Weekend and graduation, and the halting of University fundraising for a full six weeks meant the UVA Law community was affected far and wide.

You, our alumni and friends, helped the Law School meet the challenges head on by supporting the school in ways large and small—through volunteering, teaching, and making an annual gift.

When the COVID pandemic upended the usual bar exam calendar and procedure for most states, some of our newest graduates were concerned their exam spaces and internet access would not be sufficient for test-taking purposes. Alumni stepped in and offered conference rooms, private offices, and even corporate apartment space in 23 cities across the country.

Despite the disruptions caused by the pandemic, the 2019-2020 Annual Giving Campaign finished with 8,263 alumni donors (and a 47% participation rate) and the third-highest gift total in the school's history, behind 2003 and 2019, with \$19.87 million. The school is now \$262.4 million, or 65%, toward a \$400 million capital campaign goal, part of the University's \$5 billion Honor the Future campaign. Since the campaign began, the school has also unlocked \$24.7 million in matching funds from the University. Though the final participation number broke a 14-year streak of alumni participation of at least 50%, the results are a testament to the dedication of all—alumni, volunteers, and staff.

Although alumni events were upended, several receptions took place earlier in the year. The Law School launched the capital campaign with an Honor the Future kickoff event on Grounds in October. Dean Risa Goluboff attended events in Naples and Palm Beach, Fla., and Washington, D.C. Additionally, the Law School Foundation and Alumni Association hosted receptions in Atlanta; Boston; Charleston, W.V.; Charlotte; Chicago; Dallas; Greenville, S.C.; Houston; Jackson, Miss.; Louisville; New Orleans; New York City; Norfolk; Philadelphia; Phoenix; Portland, Ore.; Salt Lake City; San Diego; and Wilmington, Del.

The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association, normally held during Law Alumni Weekend, took place via Zoom, giving alumni everywhere the opportunity to take part. While no in-person events are being

hosted this fall, some gatherings are taking place via Zoom. (Check [law.virginia.edu/alumni](http://law.virginia.edu/alumni) for online events and updates.) We are hopeful that alumni in the 2020 and 2021 reunion cycles will be able to return to Charlottesville May 14–16 for a weekend of connection, celebration, and fun.

This year's Annual Report highlights alumni who have supported the UVA Law students of yesterday, today, and tomorrow by funding scholarships:

- Hal Hicks '85 created a family scholarship in honor of his father and mentor, Harry Hicks '51.
- Rick '72 and Candace Beinecke created a scholarship for out-of-state students 24 years ago and have helped dozens of students.
- Louise Sams '85 answered the Dean's call for scholarships because she believes the Law School and the legal profession will benefit from greater diversity.

If 2020 has shown us anything, it is that our Law School community is resilient. This semester, many students and professors are back in reconfigured classrooms and event spaces; the library is open for research; and faculty workshops and student events are taking place via Zoom.

The Law School community is also enduring. Our deepest thanks to you all for your ongoing support.

With our best wishes for a safe and healthy year ahead,

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