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Dear Colleague,

Dean of Law's Fund – supporting law students who are struggling financially

Thank you for your support of the Dean of Law's Fund.

Three years ago I conceived the idea of creating a fund to assist financially strained undergraduate law students and today I am very proud of the goodwill shown by my colleagues in supporting this initiative.

In seeking to understand why donors like you have supported the fund, I asked some to share their thoughts. Interestingly, common themes emerged including wanting to give back and having a sense of obligation. The Hon Catherine Branson QC's comments summed up the general sentiment:

"Studying at the Adelaide Law School transformed my life and as a consequence, I am very happy to support the Dean of Law's Fund. I wanted to give others the same opportunities I had."

The Hon Catherine Branson QC, former President of the Australian Human Rights Commission

I encourage you to donate today because the impact of your donation is significant; as shown by one of our students:

"receiving a grant for assistance through the Dean of Law's Fund was particularly important for me because it took away the burden of not having to worry if I could afford text books."

The fund now has a balance of \$80,000 and our aim is to increase it to at least \$100,000 as endowed funds. With prudent management by the University's Investment Committee this will generate a return of \$5,000 per annum in perpetuity, creating an enduring legacy capable of supporting future generations of law students.

Your donation matters because it acknowledges that not all students have the ongoing support and opportunities many of us take for granted. More importantly, it provides a practical and immediate avenue of assistance for those students who may experience financial stress. The distribution of Funds is determined with the assistance of an Advisory Committee chaired by Commissioner Margaret Nyland AM, Mr Robert Cameron, Professor Ivan Shearer AM and Mr David Meyer. I thank them for their tireless support.

As a supporter of the Adelaide Law School, I am sure you have seen first-hand the power of your support in changing lives for the better. I encourage your support to open the door to opportunity for law students whose path towards gaining a university education is more turbulent than others.

I sincerely hope you can support us this year.

Yours sincerely

Professor John Williams

Dean of Law
Dame Roma Chair of Law
Deputy Executive Dean, Faculty of the Professions
Director, South Australian Law Reform Institute



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Dean of Law's Fund Donor Testimonials

“Studying at the Adelaide Law School transformed my life and as a consequence, I am very happy to support the Dean of Law's Fund. I would like to give others the same opportunities that I had.”

Adjunct Professor Catherine Branson QC
Former President, Australian Human Rights Commission



“I am lucky to have had a fortunate life. I have had the benefit of a supportive family; a supportive employer and a vocation that's been good to me. Conscious that some students do it tough and without the support I had, I wanted to give back.”

The Honourable Doreen Bulbeck
Former Judge of the Family Court

“Undertaking pro bono work helped me appreciate the power of giving. By supporting the Dean of Law's Fund, I know I am helping to make the Adelaide Law School more representative.”

Nick Linke
Partner, Fisher Jeffries

“I know there may be occasions in a law student's life where they need temporary financial assistance. I chose to support the Dean of Law's Fund because I felt an obligation to assist where I could, knowing that I was helping to meet that need.”

Neville Morcombe QC
Edmund Barton Chambers

“I believe positive individual deeds collectively improve our community. By their endeavours to improve themselves, students equip themselves to contribute to the wider community.”

Simon Milazzo
Magistrate



“Education has been good to me, as has the law. I am very supportive of the Dean of Law's Fund as it will build a strong corpus, generating a steady income, so that we can help students in need, in perpetuity.”

David Meyer,
Partner, Lynch Meyer