

# A Vision of Justice for All

## CARRYING FORWARD THE KING HALL LEGACY

Justice for all: this is the bedrock principle that defines the UC Davis School of Law community and shapes every aspect of our mission.

In 1969, during a time of tremendous ferment in the world, the School of Law graduated its first class. That same year, we dedicated our school to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., just one year after his assassination. This formative moment in our school's life crystallized our vision. Dr. King's example is embedded in the very foundation of our institution and continues to inspire our community to deepen its commitment to the ideals of diversity, community and justice.

Our pursuit of social justice remains as avid today as it was 50 years ago. King Hall produces legal scholars and practitioners of conscience, whether they are representing the interests of our society's most vulnerable members, helping to shape intellectual property law impacting Silicon Valley entrepreneurs, or safeguarding our waterways. Through their professional and civic leadership and their abiding commitment to our core values of social justice and equity, our faculty, students, friends and alumni uphold the School of Law's vision.

As we look ahead to our next 50 years and beyond, we see opportunities to build on this shared vision and to realize our dream of justice for all. In partnership with alumni and friends, we will strengthen and deepen the legacy of leadership that future generations



of King Hall students will carry forward into their practice and their service. Thank you, as always, for all that you do to help move this important mission forward.



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# The UC Davis School of Law

## EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES, AMPLIFYING OUR IMPACT

### A Shared Dream

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream of equality and justice for all is deeply ingrained in our King Hall community. That dream continues to guide the course we have set for our future—a future in which legal education is open to all who seek it, and all people experience justice equally.

Today, King Hall has vital opportunities to advance this vision on a number of fronts: to ensure we open our doors to talented students regardless of their means, to amplify the impact of our clinics in providing critical hands-on experience to our students while protecting the rights of those exposed to violence and persecution, and to advance our cutting-edge research and scholarly excellence at a time when our world requires it more urgently than ever before.

King Hall has all the key elements necessary to achieve this vision—an outstanding student body that reflects the diversity of the broader communities we serve, a nationally ranked faculty conducting life-changing research and helping to shape sound public policy, and an established record of leadership in addressing civil rights challenges and aiding populations in need.

### An Invitation

With the partnership of our alumni, donors and friends, we will take our place as a national leader in legal education, scholarship and practice that build a more just world while empowering a new generation to guide the way forward. Together, we will ensure a more equitable future for every member of our society—in California, across our nation and around the world.



### The Philanthropic Opportunities

We invite you to join the School of Law as we pursue our dream of a more just, more equitable future.

- Endow faculty chairs and professorships that help recruit and retain world-class faculty leaders in fields of strategic strength and societal need  
*Goal: 2 endowed chairs at \$2 million each; 3 endowed professorships at \$1.5 million each*
- Endow scholarships that broaden the paths of opportunity for an exceptional legal education  
*Goal: Endow 7 enhanced scholarships at \$500,000 each and 30 named scholarships at \$100,000 each*
- Create and augment current-use scholarships  
*Goal: 60 scholarships at \$50,000 each*
- Support the Law Review endowment fund, externship program and other transformative student experiences  
*Goal: \$3 million*
- Fund the critical work of the Immigration Law Clinic in perpetuity  
*Goal: \$5 million to name the clinic*
- Support clinical programs that expand access to social justice and enhance experience-based legal education  
*Goal: \$1.5 million*

## Realizing the Dream

Philanthropy has always been crucial to advancing King Hall's vital work. Now, private support is more critical than ever and has even greater potential impact—in creating transformative opportunities for our students, in expanding the leadership of our faculty and in advancing our mission to serve the public good. King Hall seeks to join with alumni and friends to realize the following opportunities to build a more just world. We invite you to join us in:

**Enhancing the power of faculty leadership**

**Supporting the next generation of leaders**

**Amplifying the impact of our clinics and centers**

### **A legacy felt from generation to generation**

Endowment funds provide a permanent source of support now and for generations to come. They allow us to plan confidently for the future, weather economic fluctuations and change the world around us for the better.

Our campaign goal for the school's endowment is a bold one: to secure an enduring legacy of excellence by doubling its size. Endowed funds are invested and maintained in perpetuity for long-term impact and continue to grow in value, as every year a portion of the income is reinvested in the principal. As our endowment grows, so does our ability to seize new opportunities and nimbly respond to urgent priorities as they arise.

Unrestricted donations provide our leadership with the flexibility to support areas of greatest need in any given year. Restricted donations can be directed by the donor to support student scholarships, faculty chairs, faculty research, law journals, clinics and advocacy work.



# Faculty Support

EMPOWERING OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AND TEACHING



World-class faculty are one of the principal reasons King Hall ranks among the nation's most prestigious law schools. Endowed faculty positions are key to our ability to grow our ranks of top scholars.

Our goal to establish new named chairs and professorships—particularly in areas of signature strength and pressing need, including immigration and environmental law—will attract candidates of excellence while enhancing resources for the exceptional faculty already serving King Hall.

## **The Philanthropic Opportunity: Enhancing the power of faculty leadership**

Endow faculty chairs and professorships, focused on the most pressing social issues of our time, that position the School of Law to recruit and retain world-class faculty leaders in fields of strategic strength and societal need

**Goal: Endow 2 chairs at \$2 million each;  
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## FACULTY SUPPORT: EMPOWERING OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AND TEACHING

Our faculty are driving the national conversation about critical issues of law and justice through scholarship that moves policy and practice forward, from agricultural labor law and bioethics to financial regulation and counterterrorism. With their mentorship, our students become active contributors to this work, gaining experience that prepares them for leadership in their professions and in their communities.



Endowing prestigious faculty positions amplifies our ability to recruit and retain more of the distinguished scholars who will further our reputation as a top-tier destination for equity-focused legal education. The holders of these endowed positions attract research funding and draw top faculty colleagues and promising students from around the world. Junior faculty and students who are mentored by these distinguished scholars often take research and practice in new directions, becoming the next generation of leaders in legal scholarship and practice.



# Student Support

A POWERFUL FORCE FOR EQUALITY AND SOCIAL MOBILITY



A changing world demands a new kind of student—one with fresh perspectives, a global understanding and a willingness to engage with conflicting ideas. King Hall students advance every aspect of the school's mission and carry these values with them into their practice and their communities once they graduate.

We are proud of our school's leadership in ensuring opportunities for the most talented students regardless of their financial status. A recent U.S. News & World Report assessment, for example, ranked UC Davis fourth among U.S. public law schools in its generosity of financial aid. And yet, we know that an exceptional legal education requires even more support. Scholarships help lower the cost of attendance while enabling students to focus on deepening their education rather than on financing it.

## The Philanthropic Opportunities: Supporting the next generation of leaders

- Endow scholarships that broaden the paths of opportunity for a world-class legal education  
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## STUDENT SUPPORT: A POWERFUL FORCE FOR EQUALITY AND SOCIAL MOBILITY

We stand ready to partner with alumni and friends to ensure broad and equitable access to the world-class educational opportunities available at King Hall. Current-use scholarship gifts go to work immediately to remove the burden of tuition so that students can put the full force of their intellect to work in the classroom and in the clinic. Endowed scholarships endure over time, supporting new King Hall students each year.

Gifts to enrich the educational experience beyond the classroom are powerful investments in the next generation. Among numerous giving opportunities, these include contributions to the Law Review endowment fund, which supports one of the nation's premier student-run journals, as well as funds to support King Hall's renowned externship programs. Each new graduate who benefits from these transformative opportunities adds to our growing reputation and impact as a destination for stellar students driven to make a difference in the world.



*"Having a family, working two jobs and maintaining solid grades when I was an undergraduate was pretty challenging, and I knew I wasn't*

*going to be able to work while attending law school. The scholarships gave me the ability to focus more on my studies. I am very grateful for both."*

- **Aaron Bonner, J.D. '19**, pictured with his daughter. The recipient of the Dean's Merit and Sue R. Wilkins scholarships, he is also an alumnus of the King Hall Outreach Program, which helps undergraduates from underrepresented communities prepare for the law school admissions process.



# Clinics and Centers

GIVING VOICE TO THOSE IN NEED



Soon after its founding, King Hall took a bold step in legal education, opening its first clinic to provide free, high-quality legal counsel and representation. Today, our school operates five such clinics—the Immigration Law Clinic, the Civil Rights Clinic, the Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic, the Aoki Social Justice Clinic and the Aoki Water Justice Clinic—serving thousands of individuals each year who could not otherwise afford counsel.

Each clinic provides School of Law students with opportunities to gain valuable experience in their profession while making a meaningful contribution within areas of urgent societal need, from helping victims of domestic violence to ensuring access to clean drinking water.

## The Philanthropic Opportunities: Amplifying the impact of our clinics and centers

- Fund the critical work of the Immigration Law Clinic in perpetuity  
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## CLINICS AND CENTERS: GIVING VOICE TO THOSE IN NEED

Our clinics have earned our school international recognition and have made national headlines for their tireless work on behalf of community members and for their pedagogical approach, which prepares lawyers of character, quality and deep experience.

Additionally, King Hall operates four pillar centers of great significance on the global stage—the California International Law Center, the California Environmental Law and Policy Center, the Center for Science and Innovation Studies and the Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies. Together, these centers foster an environment where faculty and students work together to advance scholarship with powerful and immediate impact on the world.

Building even further on our leadership in research, advocacy and teaching will require resources. These funds will attract and support faculty to run clinics and centers, work with professional staff and advocates, mentor students and serve the many clients who access these services.

Gifts to help operate clinics and centers include signature naming opportunities, as well as endowment funds to sustain our clinics and centers permanently. Named faculty directorships assist in offsetting the cost of faculty salaries, as do stipends and support for students working in the clinics and centers.



*“I’m incredibly grateful for the opportunities this country provides, and one of those is the duty to speak up and act when there’s injustice.”*

**- Sara Ehsani-Nia, J.D. '18,** pictured, assisting travelers detained at San Francisco International Airport in 2017. An

Iranian-American daughter of immigrants, she was able to act as translator for an older Iranian couple visiting family in the U.S., helping to gain their release.



# Ways of Giving



We respect that, for each donor who wishes to provide significant philanthropic support, there are personal, financial and gift planning aspects to consider. We will work with you to realize your philanthropic vision and develop the gift plan that best meets your needs. At your request, we can also work with your tax and financial advisors.

Following are various gift types and their associated benefits. You may wish to consider a mix of gift types to help you achieve both your philanthropic and financial objectives.

## Cash Gifts

- Are the simplest and most popular giving method
- Can be tax deductible in the year they are given

## Gifts of Securities

- Include stocks, mutual funds and bonds
- Can avoid capital gains taxes
- Can provide an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of long-term, appreciated securities

## Gifts of Real Property

- Include land, farms, personal residences, and rental or commercial property
- Can avoid capital gains tax on appreciated assets
- Can provide an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of long-term, appreciated property
- Can eliminate property expenses and taxes
- Can provide continued use for life through a retained life estate gift

## Bequests and Living Trusts

- Establish the UC Davis Foundation as a beneficiary of your estate
- Can provide an estate tax deduction equal to the value of the gift
- Offer flexibility by allowing you to provide for family first

## Retirement Plan Gifts

- For current gifts, utilize the IRA Charitable Rollover provision (*for donors aged 70½ and older*)
- Name the UC Davis Foundation as a beneficiary
- Can eliminate income tax on the plan distributions
- Preserve the plan's full value for gift purposes

## Life Income Gifts

- Include charitable remainder trusts and gift annuities
- Can provide potential tax savings on income, estate and capital gains
- Generate income for you and/or your loved ones for a fixed period of time or until your passing
- Distribute the remaining assets to the UC Davis Foundation