

## 3L Class Giving Campaign

2012

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### Program Descriptions

#### The California Innocence Project (CIP)

The California Innocence Project, as part of the national network of Innocence Projects, is a non-profit clinical program at California Western School of Law. The primary goal of the project is to seek any and all ethical and legal avenues for the release of those wrongfully convicted, while providing an educational program geared toward producing outstanding, ethical, and justice-seeking attorneys. Law students assist in the investigation of cases where there is strong evidence of innocence, write briefs, and advocate in all appropriate forums for the release of these clients. Gifts to this fund will be used for program expenses. All approved expenditures and distributions from this fund will be made until the entirety of funds, including investment gains or losses, have been distributed.

#### Josiane Dixon Public Interest Law Foundation Memorial Endowment

The Josiane Dixon Public Interest Law Foundation Memorial Endowment provides support for PILF grants to facilitate student clerkships with public interest agencies. Funds will be distributed from this endowment beginning the first full academic year after the fund reaching an amount of \$50,000. The initial value of the award will be \$2,500 and may be increased per the school's spending policy. This award will be referred to as the "Josiane Dixon Public Interest Law Foundation Memorial Endowment Grant."

#### Street Law Program

California Western School of Law brought the Street Law Program to San Diego in 2004 and has since engaged more than 700 high school students at various high schools throughout the greater San Diego area. The Program originated with two schools, Hoover High School and Crawford Educational Complex. It has since added Palomar High School in Chula Vista as well as the Monarch School and Toussaint Academy, both alternative schools serving San Diego's homeless population. Under the Institute for Criminal Defense Advocacy here at California Western, Street Law San Diego uses 2L and 3L law students to teach local high school students about aspects of the law that they will need to know as teenagers and as they become young adults. Topics range from how laws are made and administered, to specific issues in criminal law, criminal procedure, juvenile justice, and the First Amendment. Gifts to this fund will be used for program expenses. All approved expenditures and distributions from this fund will be made until the entirety of funds, including investment gains or losses, have been distributed.

#### Proyecto ACCESO

Proyecto ACCESO at California Western School of Law is a Latin American center for training lawyers, judges, law students, government officials and community leaders in the skills of oral advocacy, problems solving and other forms of conflict resolution. Gifts to this fund will be used for program expenses. All approved expenditures and distributions from this fund will be made until the entirety of funds, including investment gains or losses, have been distributed.

**Other (listed below):** \_\_\_\_\_ (Descriptions listed on the back)

- Annual Fund
- Advanced Mediation Program
- Community Law Project
- Moot Court Honors Board (MCHB)
- Student Scholarships

## **“Other” Fund Descriptions**

### **Annual Fund**

The Annual Fund provides unrestricted support to California Western for the immediate needs of the school.

### **Advanced Mediation Program**

The Advanced Mediation Program provides much-needed conflict resolution services to juveniles while at the same time providing law students with hands-on experience in mediation. Law students, working in pairs, mediate disputes between adolescent detainees at the San Diego Juvenile Hall and the Girls Rehabilitation Facility. The disputes range from theft of personal property to gang-related issues. California Western students help these kids adjust to the realities of their new life situations. Gifts to the Advanced Mediation Program fund will be used for program expenses.

### **Community Law Project**

The California Western Community Law Project partners our students with volunteer attorneys in an effort to provide basic legal advice, information, and referral services for the homeless and those who cannot afford private legal services. Students volunteer to spend two trimesters with the program, utilizing and honing skills such as active listening, interviewing, problem-solving, law application, and administration of legal services.

### **Moot Court Honors Board (MCHB)**

The Moot Court Honors Board is composed of students with demonstrated skills in oral advocacy. California Western sponsors two types of teams: appellate advocacy and trial competition. Appellate teams write a brief that discusses legal issues, and then advocate their position to a panel of judges, taking questions from the bench. Trial teams prepare and conduct trials before judges and sometimes juries, doing direct and cross-examination of witnesses, and making motions and objections, and opening and closing arguments. Contributions plus all investment gain/losses will be used to support ongoing program expenses of the Moot Court Program as determined by Faculty Advisor to MCHB.

*\*Moot Court Honors Board is a restricted fund and thus requires an additional statement of intent and signature from donors who contribute to this fund. Donor intent statement for signature attached.*

### **Student Scholarships**

California Western's scholarship program makes a legal education available to students from diverse backgrounds of experience, education, geographic and career goals. It is that diversity that makes for an intellectually vibrant law school experience.