

# alumni association

## Dear Fellow Alumni:

In last year's special issue of the *Marquette Law Review* commemorating the late Dean Howard B. Eisenberg, our new dean, Joseph D. Kearney, calls on all Marquette Law alumni "to make known our ideals and communicate our spirit." Under Dean Eisenberg's leadership, alumni were inspired to work to achieve social justice—not just personal success; they were challenged to consider public service—not just corporate responsibility; and they were encouraged to think about and respect others—not just themselves. Simply put, Dean Eisenberg compelled each of us to be the "very best in our profession."

I believe that we as lawyers, and Marquette lawyers in particular, have the responsibility to play vital roles in keeping the fabric of our ordered liberty intact. It is only by active participation in the institutions of our free society that we preserve the legal structure we call "American democracy," which is rooted in the rule of law. Dean Eisenberg reminded us that if all people are not at the table and actively participating, our way of life is not sustainable.

Active participation is critical in all facets of life. This includes maintaining a common bond with our alma mater. Thus I consider it a privilege to serve on the Law Alumni Association Board. I suggest that the challenge for all Marquette Law alumni this year and especially for members of the Law Alumni Association is to take an active role in the Law School by personally supporting the endowment for the Howard and Phyllis Eisenberg Fund. This fund was established to help lighten the loan burden for students pursuing public interest law. Please join in this endeavor, which not only will sustain the ideal of active participation but also allow us to continue to "communicate our spirit."

While I encourage your support on behalf of this important endowment, let me remind you that the Marquette University Law Alumni Association supports you by promoting positive alumni relations and the mission of the Law School through the work of the following standing committees/associations. Descriptions of each can be found on the webpage:

- Communications Committee
- Diversity Committee
- Public Interest Law Society (PILS) Auction Committee
- Nominations Committee
- Awards Committee
- ACAN Mentor Program Committee

Your Law Alumni Association works for you and your alma mater. If you are interested in learning more about committee opportunities, alumni relations, or fundraising, please contact either:

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In addition, go to <http://law.marquette.edu> to check the Law School and Law Alumni home pages for information about various events, including reunions, lectures, and other special activities.

On behalf of the Law Alumni Association and your alma mater, we look forward to seeing you soon!

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