

alumni association



Dear Fellow Alumni,

I have considered it a privilege this past year to serve as your Law Alumni Association President. It has been a very gratifying year. It was an honor to introduce Dean Joseph D. Kearney at our annual Law Alumni Awards Program and share the dais with the award recipients. We had a

great evening. I encourage you to attend next year's Awards Program.

I am particularly proud that the Law Alumni Association Board determined this year to seek to raise \$100,000 for the Howard and Phyllis Eisenberg Fund. This fund was established to ease the loan burden of our new "Marquette Lawyers" pursuing public interest law. Dean Kearney promised to use discretionary funds to match any money raised, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000.

I am even prouder to announce that the Law School and Law Alumni Association have been successful in this effort. Together with Dean Kearney, Assistant Dean Christine Wilczynski-Vogel, and Phyllis Eisenberg, we have raised *more* than the amount for which we set out. Our Lifetime Achievement Award winner this year, Wylie A. Aitken, L'65, set the gold standard with a \$25,000 pledge, but many others contributed as well. The net result is that, with Dean Kearney's match from discretionary funds, the Eisenberg Fund principal will be \$200,000 larger—more than twice as large as when we set out. Surely this is an example of how the Law School is advancing.

This year we also teamed with the Career Planning Center to

promote the Alumni Career Assistance Network program (ACAN), and we sponsored four free CLE's for our alumni around Wisconsin. From a children's theater event to a basketball reception, we organized and sponsored a handful of social events for alumni to meet and network, and had fun in the process.

Please remember your Law Alumni Association works for you and your alma mater. Our many committees and events throughout the year focus on advancing the goals of our Mission Statement:

- Act as the official representative of Marquette Law School alumni
- Assist with recruiting students
- Advise students on their legal careers
- Mentor students in their legal studies and support pro bono projects
- Provide select continuing legal education programs for graduates
- Develop and support social activities for alumni and students
- Recognize and honor distinguished alumni.

As I turn over the reins of leadership to our next President, Catherine A. LaFleur, L'88, I know she will do an excellent job! I encourage each of you to contact her with your ideas (CAL@hallingcayo.com). Please get involved!

Sincerely,

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