

Lovell, Lubar, and the Law School More Generally

In our first meeting on campus, Marquette University's new president, Michael R. Lovell, told me how impressed he had been, in his years at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee (UWM), by the engagement of Marquette Law School with the community. The feeling is mutual. To have a president who has already demonstrated his deep commitment to civic and community engagement here is inspiring.

In fact, that work had already brought Dr. Lovell to Ray and Kay Eckstein Hall on several occasions during his time at UWM. I recall our greeting one another in January 2011, when The Water Council, which he had joined while dean of the engineering school at UWM, had one of its meetings in the brand-new Eckstein Hall. Dr. Lovell was here again last year, this time as UWM's chancellor and a guest "On the Issues with Mike Gousha," to discuss the Milwaukee Succeeds initiative, the broad-based effort of civic leaders to improve the educational outcomes of Milwaukee children. The only wonder, perhaps, is that we did not bump into one another during our various respective visits to the downtown office of Sheldon B. Lubar, a great benefactor of both UWM (the Lubar School of Business) and Marquette University Law School (the Lubar Fund for Public Policy Research), among other civic institutions.

Work focused on the community is of great importance to the Law School. Craig Gilbert's cover

story in this magazine reflects this. Gilbert, the nationally respected Washington D.C. bureau chief of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, spent most of the last academic year as the Law School's Lubar Fellow for Public Policy Research. His essay here, like the longer series in the newspaper this past May, details the deep political polarization that is an important characteristic of metropolitan Milwaukee today. While Gilbert's work is intensely factual, we also include reactions from a number of thoughtful academics and public intellectuals, from Marquette and elsewhere. The result is an important contribution for anyone trying to understand, let alone help chart a course forward for, this region.

Gilbert's work relies not only on election returns but also on the Marquette Law School Poll, the extraordinary initiative led by Charles Franklin, professor of law and public policy, and originally (in 2011) urged upon me as dean by Mike Gousha, distinguished fellow in law and public policy, and Mike McChrystal, professor of law and chair of strategic planning for the Law School. Like almost all of our public policy work, the poll is not funded by tuition dollars. If you are among the hundreds of donors to the Law School's Annual Fund, it is *you* who have supported the poll, as this dean's discretionary fund is the exclusive source of funds supporting all political polling (and much public policy polling) that we do.

We also use these dean's discretionary funds for purposes more directly focused on the education of Marquette lawyers. Indeed, much of the rest of the magazine reflects this. From our Washington D.C. Initiative (page 5) to the Nies Lecture (pages 26–33) to the expanded work of our Office of Public Service (page 7), we try to carry the Marquette University mission of Excellence, Faith, Leadership, and Service into the larger world, both in metropolitan Milwaukee and elsewhere in the country and the world. The support of donors underwrites much of this work.

This "we" carrying forward the Marquette mission includes the president, dean, and benefactors large and small; it encompasses the faculty here and even academics at other institutions, whether UWM, Stanford, or Yale; but it is, especially, our students and their predecessors—i.e., Marquette lawyers today. On behalf of all of us, I invite you to read this *Marquette Lawyer*, our semiannual magazine, and come to know us better.

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