It is our pleasure on behalf of the Board of Visitors (BOV) to welcome you to the first edition of Raising the Bar, Wayne State University Law School’s monthly campaign newsletter. With it, we plan to bring you up to date on news and information regarding the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights, the comprehensive Wayne First Campaign, the faculty, staff, the student body, upcoming events and the most current developments on the Law School campus.

From its early years in Old Main to the opening of the current complex in 1966, the addition in 2001 and the current plans for the development of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights, the campus of Wayne State University Law School has enjoyed a rich and colorful past, while holding great hope for the teachings of law in the technology-rich future.

We are at an important crossroads; with the completion of Phase I of the Law school’s $30 million campaign, successfully raising $16.8 million on a goal of $16 million, Phase II is now underway. Our goal is to raise more than $14 million before December 2008. Over the next six months, the Law School and the BOV are actively seeking leadership support and counsel from our alumni and friends. We must continue in our mission of providing the best legal education available to students and ensure the Law School’s position as a leader in its field. This newsletter will give you a flavor of our plans and success thus far in this, the most important program in the Law School’s history.

If you are an alumnus of the Law School, there are numerous opportunities during the course of this campaign to “replace that tool” that you used as the basis of your own career.

Members of the BOV are available any time to review the exciting changes on campus. We welcome your suggestions, counsel and financial support. You may contact us through the Law School Development Office at (313) 577-3113 if you have any questions or would like someone on the leadership committee to contact you.

This will be the only printed edition of this newsletter. In the future, Raising the Bar will be sent electronically to Law School alumni and friends whose email addresses we have on file. If you are interested in updating or providing your email address to be included in the monthly mailing, please contact the Development Office at (313) 577-3113 or lawcampaign@wayne.edu.

Best regards,
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BOV Co-chair

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2006 Honors Convocation
Governor Eugene Driker, ’61, (third from left) stands with student recipients Aaron B. Schwaderer, Kimberly A. Vollman and Thomas M. Amon.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Reception, State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting**
  Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007 – 4:30 - 6 p.m.
  Amway Grand Hotel and DeVos Center
  Grand Rapids, Mich.
  Call Frank Castronova, Associate Director of Law School Development and Alumni Relations, at (313) 577-9238 for more information.

  Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007 – 10:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
  Adams Field and Law School, WSU
  Call Frank Castronova, Associate Director of Law School Development and Alumni Relations, at (313) 577-9238 for more information.

- **The Professor Stephen H. Schulman Lectureship Kickoff**
  Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.
  Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium, Law School
  Call Angie Zelenak, Associate Director of Law School Development and Alumni Relations, at (313) 577-0749 for more information.

- **Honors Convocation**
  Friday, Nov. 16, 2007 – 5 p.m.
  Community Arts Auditorium, Wayne State University
  Call Angie Zelenak, Associate Director of Law School Development and Alumni Relations, at (313) 577-0749 for more information.
A. Alfred Taubman Leads the Way

In 2006, shopping mall developer and philanthropist A. Alfred Taubman committed $3 million to the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights which, at that time, was the largest single gift given to the Law School. He is a member of the Wayne State University Foundation Board, chairs the building committees of both the Detroit Institute of Arts and the College for Creative Studies, and is president of the Detroit Arts Commission.

“I have been lucky enough to call Judge Keith my friend for more than 25 years,” said Taubman. “He is one of the finest individuals I have ever known, and the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights will be a fitting tribute to his extraordinary legal career. I am especially pleased that generations of Wayne State law students will be strengthened by his legacy of wisdom, justice and humanity.”
Law School alumnus Carl Ziemba (LL.B. ’48), widely known as one of Michigan’s best appellate lawyers, died in November 2006, one day short of his 85th birthday. He represented defendants at every level from Detroit Recorder’s Court to the U.S. Supreme Court. Ziemba was singled out as an attorney who zealously worked for his clients. He believed “the constitutional right of anyone, guilty or innocent, has to be protected and that right must be buttressed by vigorous application of the law — even if there’s little money in it for the attorney” (The Detroit News, 1/26/81).

Ziemba was fascinated by the law and often took cases because they offered a new, challenging issue. He kept copies of every brief he had written and was kept current with new rulings from various state appeals and supreme courts. Some of his chief cases covered issues such as the admission of a defendant’s custodial confession, the abolishment of the common-law felony murder rule and the clarification of the meaning of “constructive possession.”

When Ziemba retired from the practice of law in 2004, the Michigan Supreme Court, before which he argued cases over a 25-year period, called him “an appellate institution in the State of Michigan. His expertise and vigorous advocacy are legendary and the role he played in shaping this state’s criminal jurisprudence is profound.”

Ziemba never married and did not have any children. His legacy was in his work. He left his personal law library to the Law School and his entire estate of $3.1 million to an independent trust solely focused on providing scholarships to students. The first scholarship will be awarded in November 2007 at the Law School’s annual Honors Convocation ceremony. Ziemba’s legacy will live on in the students who will benefit from his generous gift for many years to come.

For more information on scholarships, please contact Angie Zelenak, Associate Director of Law School Development and Alumni Relations, at (313) 577-0749 or at azelenak@wayne.edu.

Comerica Bank Commit $175,000

The Law School has received its largest corporate gift to date – a $175,000 grant from Comerica Bank in support of the planned Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights. The building and center are being named in honor of the distinguished federal judge, and the gift was presented officially to the university on April 10 at a gathering in Judge Keith’s chambers at the federal courthouse in Detroit.

Comerica has committed $125,000 for the building and an additional $50,000 for future programming at the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights. The new facility at the Law School will showcase parts of the extensive Damon J. Keith Law Collection of African-American Legal History, established at Wayne State in 1993; the widely acclaimed “Marching Toward Justice” exhibit, which traces the history of the 14th Amendment; and the “Saluting a Giant” exhibit, an impressive collection of memorabilia focusing on Keith’s career.

In addition, the school has established the Damon J. Keith Endowed Visiting Professor of Law position as the academic focus of the Keith Center.

Other Notable Gifts

- $649,633 Maiullo Trust – Mrs. Betty Marie Maiullo (Being distributed)
- $500,000 Max M. and Marjorie S. Fisher Foundation, Inc.
- $500,000 Ralph C. Wilson Foundation
- $473,510 Eugene and Elaine Driker
- $414,570 Carl Skog
- $360,000 Estate of Charles H. Gershenson
- $350,000 Michael T. Timmis
- $280,000 Richard J. Barber
- $250,468 Garry G. Carley
- $250,000 Richard and Jane Manoogian Foundation

Questions or comments? Email us at lawcampaign@wayne.edu.
Judge Damon J. Keith earned his LL.M. from Wayne State University Law School in 1956 and has served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit since 1977 and as senior judge since 1995. From 1967 to 1977 he served on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan; from 1975 to 1977 he was the Chief Judge on that court.

Prior to his career on the bench, Judge Keith was a partner in the firm of Keith, Conyers, Anderson, Brown & Wahls in Detroit. He also served in the U.S. Army for three years.

In 1987, Judge Keith was appointed by Chief Justice William Rehnquist to serve as the national chairman of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Bicentennial of the Constitution. He currently serves on numerous boards and is the recipient of over 40 honorary degrees from colleges and universities across the nation. He has been honored by the American Bar Association with the Thurgood Marshall Award, by the National Bar Association with their Spirit of Excellence Award, and by the State Bar of Michigan with the Champion of Justice Award.

In 1974 he was awarded the NAACP’s highest honor, the Spingarn Medal. In 1998, Judge Keith was the recipient of the annual Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award. The recipient of the Devitt Award is selected by a panel comprised of a U.S. Supreme Court justice, a federal circuit judge, and a federal district court judge, and is honored as an outstanding federal judge of national stature. The National Urban League presented him with their highest honor, the Whitney Young Award, in 2004.

Judge Keith lives in Detroit. He and his late wife, Dr. Rachel B. Keith, have three daughters and two granddaughters.

“If the white man wants to live in peace with the Indian, he can live in peace... Treat all men alike. Give them all the same law. Give them all an even chance to live and grow. All men were made by the same Great Spirit Chief. They are all brothers. The Earth is the mother of all people, and all people should have equal rights upon it... Let me be a free man, free to travel, free to stop, free to work, free to trade... where I choose my own teachers, free to follow the religion of my fathers, free to think and talk and act for myself, and I will obey every law, or submit to the penalty.”

Chief Joseph - Native American leader (1732-1794)

The Law School is proud to provide students with a first-rate legal education at an affordable price. That has not changed in the years since your graduation. Ever committed to affordable tuition rates, the Law School needs scholarship funds to assist promising law students, and unrestricted funds to improve and expand its instructional and community service programs.

Creating a bequest or other planned gift is a great way to support the Law School’s important mission, while creating your legacy or honoring someone you love in perpetuity.

You can establish a lasting impact on the Law School and future students through many gift plans, such as a bequest in your will or trust, a gift from the remainder of your retirement fund, a charitable remainder trust, a charitable gift annuity, a charitable lead trust, charitable business succession planning or a life insurance gift.

Potential benefits include: receiving the satisfaction of supporting your Law School, reducing current income tax liability, avoiding or minimizing probate costs, reducing estate and inheritance taxes, and providing an income stream for yourself or a loved one.

To find out how to make your dollars work harder for you at Wayne State University and at the Law School, visit our new Web site at www.wsugifts.org. For more information on carefully planning your gift or other avenues of giving, call Gerrie Paulson, our gift-planning expert, at (313) 577-6483.