



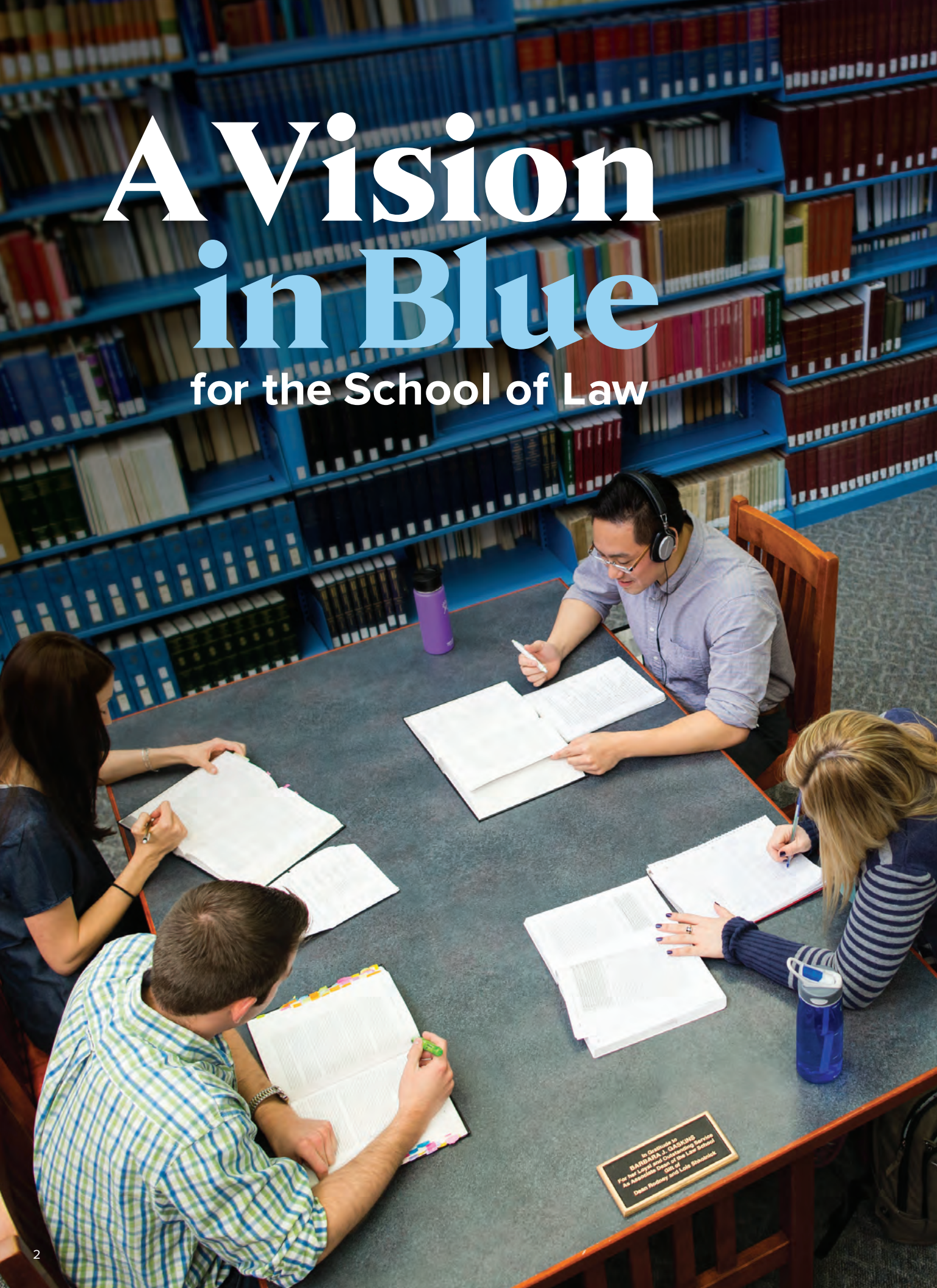
SCHOOL OF LAW



A Bold Vision for Our Future

FORWARDBLUE™

A Vision in Blue for the School of Law



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



**JOSHUA
FERSHÉE, JD**
DEAN, SCHOOL OF LAW

This unpredictable time has been hard on all of us, but it has also made clear that we're all in this together. When we support each other and work toward a common goal, we make our communities stronger.

Since I began my tenure as the school's 11th dean, I've had the pleasure of getting to know our extremely dedicated faculty and staff, talented students, and distinguished alumni. You've each welcomed me into the Creighton community, and I'm excited to continue our journey together.

Moving forward, my focus for the School of Law is to continue building a foundation based on trust, faith, and hope. Trust in each other. Faith in our institution and values. And hope that working together, for and with others, we can build a better and more just future for all.

At Creighton, we will educate the attorneys of tomorrow in the Jesuit tradition of service, ethics, and compassion. We will expand opportunities


for clinics and externships, giving our students hands-on legal experience and continuing to increase the level of service Creighton offers our community.

In Omaha, we're at the center of America, physically and figuratively. This is a welcoming place, even-keeled and open-minded, where anyone from anywhere can fit in and feel at home. There are endless opportunities for our graduates here in Omaha, across the nation, and around the world. And we're committed to helping all of them get where they want to be.

Here, in the heart of the Heartland, you'll find *America's Jesuit law school*, where a network of faculty, staff, students, and alumni are ever committed to building upon our values and making bold strides forward. Together, through your support of Forward Blue.

Gratefully,

Joshua P. Fershée



America's Jesuit Law School

At Creighton, we educate the attorneys of tomorrow in the Jesuit tradition, emphasizing service, ethics, and compassion. We not only provide our students with intellectual challenge and academic rigor; we help them form a foundation for lifelong service in the law. Moving forward, we must embrace our values and build upon our strengths of trust, faith, and hope.

The School of Law believes you must develop as a whole person. We offer our faculty an environment that encourages personal growth and scholarly achievement. We prepare our students for careers in all walks of life and in all aspects of the law. We provide hands-on opportunities in legal clinics, externships, and exposure to organizations all over the world.

More than anything, we prepare outstanding people to become outstanding attorneys, wherever they choose to practice.



By the Numbers



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STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO



20%
Students of Color
(2020–2021)



1,900 Hours
OF PRO BONO AND COMMUNITY
SERVICE WORK LOGGED BY STUDENTS
(2019–2020)



86%

Bar Passage Rate
FOR STUDENTS WHO
SAT FOR A BAR EXAM
within two years of graduation



85%
Job Placement Rate



11
Competition Team Types
FOR LAW STUDENTS



10 States With the Most

CREIGHTON LAW ALUMNI

NEBRASKA	ILLINOIS
IOWA	ARIZONA
COLORADO	UTAH
TEXAS	MINNESOTA
CALIFORNIA	MISSOURI



38
Home States
OF CREIGHTON LAW STUDENTS
(2020–2021)



Top 20
DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM
–U.S. News & World Report



156
Undergraduate Schools
REPRESENTED BY
CREIGHTON LAW STUDENTS
(2020–2021)



Top 5
BEST EXCURSION PROGRAM FOR
“FROM NUREMBERG TO THE HAGUE”
–National Jurist (2017)

Going Forward With Hope

César Magaña Linares has already seen firsthand the difference he can make.

The Creighton law student was working at an Omaha firm where he met a client who faced a heartbreaking dilemma. The client was being abused, but he was living in America illegally and feared getting deported if he came forward.

Magaña Linares was able to get his client the help he needed. He could leave a terrible situation behind him, achieve financial independence, and continue to stay in the country on a work permit.

“A lot of folks who need help in immigration law are completely new to the culture, let alone the complicated legal system,” Magaña Linares said. “They need somebody who can walk them through it and who is comfortable with their identity. It’s really exciting to know that there’s a role for me to fill in this profession, and I’m glad that Creighton law school has provided me a conduit to make it there.”

Magaña Linares’ family moved from El Salvador when he was 2. He’s spent most of his life in Fremont and Omaha, where, given his family’s mixed immigration status, he’s become quite familiar with immigration law. He doesn’t yet know if it’s the field he wants to go into, but it’s certainly a contender.

“These scholarships are blessings in my life. They have provided me a gateway to realize my dreams. There’s a huge need for Spanish-speaking attorneys across all areas of law. So, this gift is going to compound and have an impact on society. When people support me, they’re supporting everyone I’ll be fighting for in the future.”

**– CÉSAR MAGAÑA LINARES,
3L STUDENT**

One of the reasons Magaña Linares chose Creighton is the School of Law’s expertise in immigration and refugee law, including professor David Weber, JD.

“César has shown hard work, perseverance, and obviously a lot of intelligence,” Weber said. “He’s really the epitome of what we hope America represents, this ability to grow to be the person and professional you want to be, regardless of your circumstances.”

Magaña Linares wouldn’t have been able to attend Creighton’s law school without the help of scholarships.

**CÉSAR
MAGAÑA LINARES**
CLASS OF 2022,
FREMONT, NEBRASKA



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– DAVID WEBER, JD, PROFESSOR OF LAW

WHY ARE SCHOLARSHIPS IMPORTANT?

With competition for law school students becoming increasingly challenging nationwide, scholarships have become an essential way for the School of Law to remain a competitive draw for the best students across the country seeking an outstanding Jesuit legal education.

Scholarships prepare our students for the professional world, fostering a transformative sense of purpose, academic excellence, and personal growth. By investing in scholarships, our generous donors help ensure that the challenging part of law school remains the legal education itself, not finding the funds to attend in the first place.

THE CASE FOR OUR FACULTY

Endowed faculty positions are more than a title.

They're an investment in our tremendous faculty, strengthening their connection to the University and, in turn, to our students.

Victoria Haneman, JD, Frank J. Kellegher Professor of Trusts and Estates, teaches the subjects that, initially, make students groan: trusts, estates, death, taxes. But she often takes her students by surprise, animating the curriculum to a degree that, by the end of the semester, a few of those one-time groaners now identify as future tax lawyers and estate planners.

“That moment,” she said, “that’s the most exciting part of what I do.”

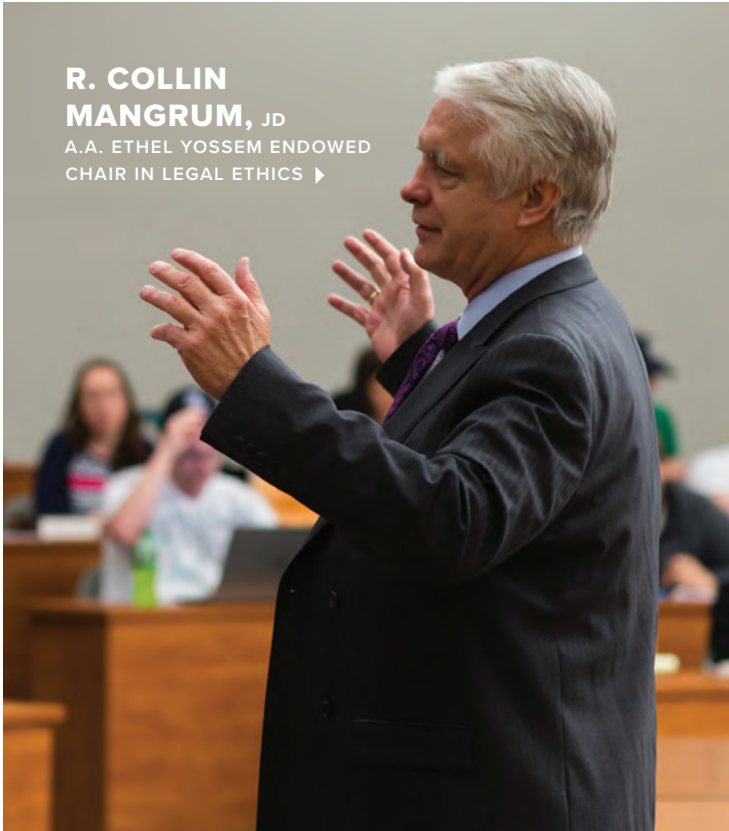
“I am extremely proud of and always impressed by Creighton’s students, and I am blown away by the School of Law’s emphasis on development of professional identity, which is often overlooked at other schools.”

— VICTORIA HANEMAN, JD
FRANK J. KELLEGER PROFESSOR OF TRUSTS AND ESTATES

R. Collin Mangrum, JD, another endowed faculty position-holder in the law school, sees his greatest achievement as the success of his students. And that’s a lot of students with a lot of success. Mangrum, the A.A. and Ethel Yossem Endowed Chair in Legal Ethics, has taught at Creighton for more than 40 years.

Mangrum is a prolific and accomplished writer—his “Mangrum on Nebraska Evidence,” for instance, serves as a primary source for practitioners. But he never lets his publishing get in the way of his calling: “Teaching students how to be effective and ethical trial attorneys.”

“In Mangrum’s class, you didn’t just show up and regurgitate the text you read the night before,” said a former student, Douglas County Juvenile Court judge Chad Brown, JD’02. “He taught you to think. He taught you how to deconstruct a set of facts, and to work that set of facts over and over. And after he taught you, you were able to try a case beginning to end. That’s a real big-picture education you’re getting.”



R. COLLIN MANGRUM, JD
A.A. ETHEL YOSSEM ENDOWED
CHAIR IN LEGAL ETHICS ▶

In his classes, such as Advance Trial Practice or Scientific Evidence, Mangrum offers an intensive, hands-on experience, putting theory into practice and getting his students into courtrooms and trial competitions.

Today, when attorneys walk into Brown’s courtroom, he can quickly spot who was taught by Professor Mangrum. They’re the ones who are most prepared.

WHY ARE ENDOWED FACULTY POSITIONS IMPORTANT?

School of Law faculty go above and beyond to ensure that our students are practice-ready by graduation. But our extraordinary faculty do more than form quality lawyers; they educate men and women in the Jesuit tradition, instilling a lifelong value of working for and with others. Your generosity helps us to build and foster our excellent faculty, as they continue to educate multiple generations of attorneys and judges—each ready, and fully prepared, to transform our world.

HEALTH LAW RESEARCH ON THE RISE

**KELLY
DINEEN**
RN, JD, PhD

As the laws governing health care become increasingly complex—from small health care provider practices, to multistate health systems, pharmaceutical and device companies, insurance companies, and public-health agencies—Creighton recognizes that specialization is increasingly becoming critical.

That's why the School of Law is working to develop a new Health Law Research Fellows program. Creighton will recruit fellows with outstanding academic credentials and national profiles. Fellows will conduct research on health law issues and policy, presenting annually at conferences. They will teach one course each semester, mentoring students and exposing them to the complexities of administrative law. Donor support will fund each position for two years.

The Health Law Research Fellows program will be foundational to the School of Law's broader health law efforts, led by Kelly Dineen, RN, JD, PhD, a former nurse whose work focuses on the impact of decision-making by lawmakers, policymakers, and providers on health care quality. In addition to the Health Law Research Fellows, funding is needed to support a speaker series, dedicated externships, and interdisciplinary work in health care law.

“Building a robust health law program makes sense for Creighton, which offers both a nation-leading interprofessional health sciences education and a prominent Jesuit law school. There really isn't a better place for lawyers to contribute to health care.”

— **JOSHUA FERSHÉE, JD**
DEAN, SCHOOL OF LAW

HOW DO WE ACHIEVE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE?

School of Law students excel in their areas of study because we reinforce innovative programming with a transformative, service-focused mission. As the field of health law explodes, philanthropic support helps us put time and resources into building a team to invent the way forward. Opportunities to stay one step ahead exist at every corner of the School of Law. Donor generosity maintains this careful balance of nourishing the hearts and the minds of the attorneys advocating for our futures.

A NEW PLAYING FIELD

At Creighton and in Omaha, we're increasingly recognized for our connection to sports, building on our history and raising our profile with Creighton's BIG EAST success, the U.S. Olympic Swim Trials, and the College World Series.

So, it's no surprise that interest runs high in our new sports law concentration. Student demand is also fueled by the fact that many alumni have found success in the field—such as Kyle Thousand, JD'07, head of baseball for the Jay-Z-owned Roc Nation Sports agency, and former Creighton basketball standout Mike Lindeman, BSBA'03, MBA'04, JD'07, Vice President of basketball at Excel Sports Management.

“Sports law is an evolving and dynamic field,” says Dean Joshua Fershée, JD. “From client representation to NCAA compliance to emerging and evolving opportunities in eSports and name, image, and likeness opportunity for college athletes, the skillset needed to practice sports law is nearly universal for legal practice.

“Skills in contract negotiations, arbitration, antitrust law, labor law, intellectual property, and more will prepare our graduates for practice, wherever they end up.”





To Give is to Receive

PUBLIC SERVICE AND OUTREACH

This fund maintains the Jesuit, Catholic mission of the School of Law through supporting our service to those in need. It helps fund the Immigrant and Refugee Clinic, which allows students to provide valuable legal services to new immigrants and refugees, as well as low-income community members who face housing and domestic violence issues. Additionally, it helps support Creighton's, Institute for Latin American Concern immersion trips and service-learning projects and offers loan-repayment assistance to students entering professions linked to social justice.

DEAN'S FUND FOR INNOVATION

This unrestricted operating fund provides the dean with financial flexibility to invest in strategic priorities and allows us to be nimble in responding to student needs and rapidly changing conditions in the legal market.

BUILDING ENHANCEMENTS

Students arrive at the School of Law ready to excel academically, serve others and change the world. Our learning environment should reflect and support those ambitions. Overdue upgrades to building entrances will make the school more aesthetically appealing, inviting, and better match the rest of campus visually. Aesthetic improvements are needed in the Gross Appellate Courtroom and Technology Courtroom.

TECHNOLOGY/FUTURE PRACTICE FUND

To remain competitive with our peers, the School of Law must invest in high-end, innovative technology. For example, a technologically advanced mock courtroom would further help students acquire practice-ready skills and could be offered to law firms and alumni for training purposes.

LEGAL SKILLS AND MOCK TRIAL COMPETITIONS

Experiential learning is a key component of a solid legal education. Trial teams offer a unique opportunity in this regard. With a typical student-to-faculty ratio of 4:1, the training is intense and represents a large investment of time and resources. An endowed Legal Skills and Mock Trial Competitions Fund will offset the school's and students' travel costs to annual competitions, where they showcase our programs' excellence and often win championships.

BAR SUPPORT FUND

Students often face financial challenges when transitioning to the professional world, from postgraduation living expenses to bar exam costs and associated prep course fees. This fund will help ensure students have the financial support they need to begin their careers and live the Creighton School of Law's mission.

TOGETHER AND FOREVER, THROUGH CREIGHTON

Your generosity benefits those who stand for and with others. Every gift to Creighton impacts our students and contributes to a better world.

WAYS TO INVEST

- ◆ Cash Gifts
- ◆ Appreciated Securities
- ◆ Deferred Gifts
Bequest, Life Insurance, Charitable Remainder Trust, Gift Annuity
- ◆ Real Estate
- ◆ Life Insurance
- ◆ Matching Gifts
- ◆ Memorial and Tribute Gifts

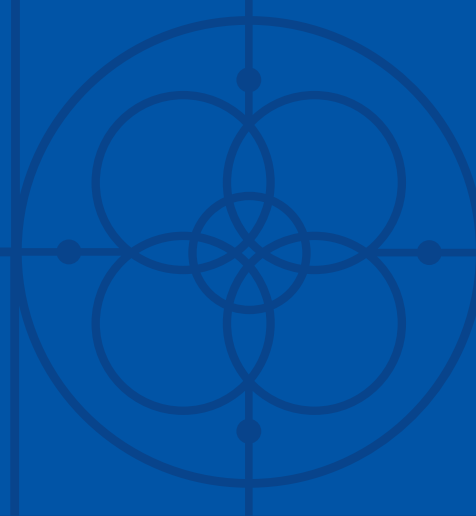
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