



MCLE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Providing access to justice, Supporting CLE in Massachusetts

MCLE has launched a campaign to raise \$5 million to endow 2,000 scholarships every year, in perpetuity. Gifts help fund scholarships to MCLE programs for lawyers who represent low-and moderate-income clients, in particular civil legal aid staff attorneys and private practitioners who accept pro bono cases. Tax-deductible contributions to MCLE's General Scholarship Endowment or to one of several named scholarship funds

help to ensure that all persons in Massachusetts have access to legal services and representation—which, of course, begins with the training of lawyers.

In 2016, 160 new gifts totaling \$156,607 have brought our campaign to \$3,162,900—endowing 1,265 annual scholarships—or 63% of our goal. MCLE is grateful to the more than 1,000 generous donors who have contributed to the endowment over the past eleven years.

A firm foundation

The success of MCLE's scholarship endowment rests on the generosity of our many donors. We are grateful to every one of them for viewing MCLE as donor worthy. Every campaign, however, requires strong leadership that provides a firm foundation upon which other gifts can build.

Ten years ago, **Goodwin Procter LLP, Ropes & Gray LLP, and Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr LLP** provided that initial foundation with pledges of \$100,000 each. Then in 2015, Goodwin and Ropes renewed their commitments with additional leadership gifts that, along with a generous contribution from **Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, PC**, helped to strengthen that foundation.

In 2016, on the tenth anniversary of its foundational pledge, **WilmerHale** too renewed its support. We also were thrilled to receive a second donation from the **CATIC Foundation**, another early contributor to the endowment. And, as this annual report goes to press, yet another firm is stepping up its support with a leadership gift. Many thanks to **Day Pitney LLP** for helping MCLE start 2017 off on the right footing.

We thank these leaders of the bar for their wonderful support. Emboldened by their commitment, we look forward to reaching out to other firms in 2017 to further reinforce the foundation upon which we are training lawyers who serve the public interest.

Honoring leaders of the legal community

MCLE's named scholarship program honors outstanding members of the bench and bar whose lives and work exemplify the best of Massachusetts rich legal heritage, while at the same time providing essential funding for scholarships to MCLE programs. In 2016, through the generosity of many volunteers and donors, MCLE created or began creating three new named scholarship funds.



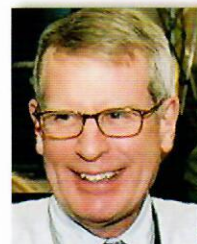
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To contribute to any of these funds, or for more information about each of MCLE's 46 named scholarship funds currently established, we invite you to visit www.mcle.org.