We appreciate each of our Law Leadership Society members. You are leaders, setting a model for all our donors to follow. Your generosity improves and inspires the USC Gould community. We are deeply grateful for your dedication and commitment to the USC Gould School of Law.

Our Law Leadership Society members are our most loyal donors, as well as some of our most active volunteers and advocates. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure make a direct and immediate difference in the lives of our students and their law school experience. Thank you for exemplifying the spirit of the Trojan Family.

The generosity of our Law Leadership Society members not only allows us to provide an outstanding legal education to our students, but ensures that USC Gould is able to grow and innovate. Your participation in the Law Leadership Society allows us to continue shaping the future of legal education, as well as make an ongoing impact in our immediate communities. Thank you for being a difference maker. We’re immensely proud to be considered in your philanthropic priorities.
THE DEAN’S STRATEGIC FUND

- The Dean’s Strategic Fund is the most supported designation among our LLS Members. The Dean’s Strategic Fund allows Dean Guzman to respond nimbly and constructively to the most pressing needs of the law school. Giving to this fund showcases your trust in USC Gould’s leadership, and your commitment to innovation.

- This past fiscal year, many efforts were fully or partially funded by the DSF:
  - Faculty Recruitment and Retention
  - New Neighborhood Legal Services offerings
  - Post-Conviction Justice Project
  - PRYSM Initiative for the Study of Race, Gender, Sexuality and the Law with Professor Camille Rich
  - Center for Law and Social Services (CLASS)
  - Irmas Clinical Teaching Fellowship
  - Support for student Clerkship interviews

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Law Leadership Society member Shadie Berenji ’04 was recently featured in our Alumni Newsletter. Shadie founded her own firm, Berenji Law Firm, and specializes in employment law. Shadie has been an LLS member since 2014 and says giving back to USC Gould is of value to her because she believes “it is important to support people and institutions that have helped and supported me along the way. Also, USC Gould has always made me feel like I am a part of a family, and giving back is a way to strengthen our family and make sure we can always Fight On!” Read her full interview here to learn her advice to current students, some of her favorite Gould memories, and how her experiences add meaning to and motivate her work.

MORE ABOUT...

The Post-Conviction Justice Project (PCJP) is a student clinic that is supported in part by the Dean’s Strategic Fund. Certified Law Student Interns work with clinical directors Heidi Rummel & Michael Brennan to represent men and women who are incarcerated for crimes committed in their youth, typically over 20-30 years ago. Students provide parole representation, parole-readiness workshops, and courtroom representation. PCJP also provides legislative advocacy and has written or co-sponsored numerous juvenile justice bills over the last 10 years in California.

Adding to PCJP’s long list of accomplishments, this summer - in the midst of a global pandemic - Gould students successfully argued three parole cases, freeing their clients after serving a combined 84 years in prison. Read more about how Gould students & alumni Jacqueline Lee, Class of ’21, Alexander Kirkpatrick ’17, and Ashley Smith, Class of ’21, fought for their clients, and learn their stories, on PCJP’s website here.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU...

While we miss seeing you in person, we hope to see you at a Law Leadership Society Zoom event, an Alumni Association panel, or other USC Gould virtual event soon. Keep an eye on your inbox for all our announcements of upcoming events. Fight On!