IMPACT REPORT
2021
A MESSAGE FROM DEAN GUZMAN

The strength of the Law Leadership Society has been a source of tremendous support during my tenure as Dean of the USC Gould School of Law, but never more so than during the last two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. You and fellow members have provided timely and critical support for students faced with unparalleled challenges, while also allowing us to continue growing, innovating, and maintaining our position as a leader in legal education.

The generosity of our Law Leadership Society members allowed us to do some remarkable things in 2021 - provide essential scholarship support for our student body, recruit esteemed new faculty, and expand our DEI efforts to ensure our law school is a welcoming, equitable place for everyone in our community.

I do not take your support for granted, and I am grateful that Gould has a place in your family’s philanthropy. I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together in 2022.

Andrew T. Guzman
Dean, USC Gould School of Law

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

$5.5M raised
406 members

WHERE YOU GAVE

Members’ 493 gifts supported all areas of our law school in 2021, with more than half going toward the Dean’s Strategic Fund and student scholarships:

- scholarships
- dean’s strategic fund
- law building
- clinical education
- student programming
- other

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

In 2021, our Law Leadership Society members made a difference at USC Gould in a great many ways, including:

- Liz ’93 and Steve ’90 Atlee endowed a scholarship to support Latino students.
- Several members, including Janis Penton ’79, James Curtis ’82, and Danny Guggenheim ’04, lent their expertise as adjunct faculty.
- An anonymous member committed funds toward a need-based scholarship endowment to which we are seeking a match.
- Members from the class of 1985 are partnering with Gould to enhance the professional development program we offer students.

LOOKING AHEAD

Expanding access through scholarships and enhanced student programming will be a central focus of our law school over the next three years. We want to ensure that we can offer competitive financial aid to each of our talented students, that they are equipped to take advantage of every opportunity, and that they are not overburdened by student debt. In addition to our ongoing effort to grow our available pool of merit scholarships, we are launching a campaign for additional need-based scholarships to be available to our incoming 1L class.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU

We miss seeing you in person! It is our sincere hope that we will be able to physically gather as a community this year. Please keep an eye on your mailbox for invitations to join us at upcoming events, both on campus and virtually.