A MESSAGE FROM DEAN TOLSON

It is an honor to be serving the USC Gould School of Law as Interim Dean. Provost Andrew Guzman made great strides for our law school during his eight-year tenure as Dean, and he laid a strong foundation for Gould’s future. I look forward to carrying on the work begun, taking on new challenges, and helping to usher Gould into its next chapter.

As I step into this role, I am acutely aware of our law school’s incredible good fortune to have the generous support of the Law Leadership Society. The dedication of this group allows the law school to grow, innovate, and maintain our position as a leader in legal education. In the past year, this group has allowed us to increase need-based and merit scholarship support, recruit 11 new faculty members, and make progress toward breaking ground on a state-of-the-art new building.

Thank you for making Gould a philanthropic priority. I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together in the next year.

Franita Tolson
Interim Dean, USC Gould School of Law

LAW LEADERSHIP SOCIETY IMPACT

The Law Leadership Society is a community of the USC Gould School of Law’s most generous alumni and friends. The support provided by members year after year is critical to our law school’s success, allowing USC Gould to remain at the forefront of elite legal education. Please read on to learn how you and fellow members made a difference in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

WHERE YOU GAVE

Members’ 493 gifts supported every area of our law school, with more than half going toward the Dean’s Strategic Fund and student scholarships, allowing USC Gould to address its most critical needs.

MEMBERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

During the last year, our Law Leadership Society members gave back to USC Gould in a great many ways, including:

- Professor Emeritus Robert Saltzman funded a summer grant for public interest work supporting LGBTQ+ civil rights.
- Several members, including Darren Aitken ’89, Barbara Danz ’92, Deanna Detchemendy ’90, Tamerlin Godley ’96, Brandon Howald ’99, and Fred Toczek ’89, supported the new Need-Based Scholarship initiative, and twenty-seven students received funding in the program’s first year.
- Terry Solis endowed a scholarship in honor of her late father, Francisco Solis ’49.
- Barry McCabe ’77 supported travel funds for the International Human Rights Clinic.
- Thomas Larkin ’86 and Teri Paul ’85 spoke at a panel for First Generation Professionals about their roles in litigation and transactional law.
Thanks in large part to our Law Leadership Society members, we are poised for an exciting year ahead. The breadth and depth of our faculty will grow significantly, with nine new faculty members joining us this year, and two more slated to join in 2024.

We are also moving forward with our new building, and are on track to break ground in early 2024. We look forward to sharing more about the building plans and naming opportunities as preparations continue.

"Your generosity has made a significant difference in my life, and knowing there are people who support me in my journey to become a lawyer has been instrumental. I am confident that this scholarship will continue to allow me to explore my interests when I otherwise would not be able to, and will shape and impact my future in a positive way."

- Cole Rossi, JD Candidate '25

Save the date for our first member-exclusive event of the year!

2023 Law Leadership Society Celebration
Sunday, October 29, 2023
Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum

Invitation to follow.

If you have questions about your membership, renewing, or upgrading, please contact the Office of Development & Alumni Relations at (213) 821-3560, or email Allison Edinger, Director of Annual Giving and Parent Relations, at aedinger@law.usc.edu.