Honoring One of Our Own: Dr. Robert A. Levy, ‘94

On Wednesday, October 25, 2000, the School of Law hosted a reception to honor Dr. Robert A. Levy, Class of 1994 and Senior Fellow in Constitutional Studies at the Cato Institute, and celebrate the success of the fellowship he endowed, The Robert A. Levy Fellowship in Law and Liberty. More than 80 people joined Dean Mark Grady, the administration, faculty, and alumni board in the celebration in the school’s atrium. The event proved to be a superb opportunity for the fellows and others in the law school community to honor and thank one of George Mason’s most gracious and generous graduates.

University President Alan Merten opened the evening with warm welcoming remarks. Dean Grady gave attendees a brief history of Dr. Levy’s career and achievements after which Associate Professor and Levy Fellowship Director Bruce Johnsen described the fellowship program. Dr. Levy concluded the evening’s program by expressing his sincere appreciation of and commitment to the School of Law and shared his thoughts on the direction of the fellowship program in general. Dean Grady and Professor Johnsen also unveiled a photograph of Dr. Levy that now hangs in the Deans’ Suite conference room as an expression of the

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, And Coming Home

With the School of Law poised just a few slots away from the top tier in the much-ballyhooed U.S. News rankings, the administration has set a goal of reaching up and making the first tier this year. The Alumni Association proudly joins that effort.

In addition to reaching-up, however, the Alumni Association is also reaching out. This newsletter is our effort to reach out to our fellow graduates of the School of Law to keep our alumni informed of the news, events and projects involving our school and its family of alums.

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Alumni Golf Tournament Proceeds to Fund New Dean Norvell Scholarship

by Craig Young, ’82

The second annual Alumni Golf Tournament was held on October 30, 2000, at the Mount Vernon Country Club in Alexandria, Virginia. Thirty-five alums, professors, students, and supporters participated in the tournament this year, raising nearly $2,500, all of which will go to fund a new scholarship to be set up in memory of the late Dean Ralph Norvell.

This year the tournament, sponsored by the School of Law Alumni Association, was dedicated to the memory of Dean Norvell, who was one of the founding deans of the School of Law and who led the school through the accreditation process and the merger into George Mason University.

First place in this year’s four-man Captain’s Choice competition went to the team headed by Greg Bedner, Class of ’83 and President of ADI Technology Corporation, one of the major sponsors of the tournament. Greg’s team included Craig Young (‘82), President of the School of Law Alumni Association, and Fred Wintrich, Assistant Dean.

Other major sponsors of the tournament this year included the law firm of Shaw Pittman Potts & Trowbridge, whose team included two GMUSL students, Brian Roman (1D) and Darryl Richardson (‘01); the Tech Center, led by its director, Bradford Brown; the law firm of DiMuro Ginsburg & Mook, led by Michael Barnsback (‘91); WestLaw, whose team included Ted Murphy (‘01); the law firm of Reed Smith Hazel & Thomas; the GMU Foundation, led by Financial Officer David Roe; and LEXIS-NEXIS, which sponsored the beverage cart.

Everyone participating in the tournament this year received a commemorative golf towel from Dean Mark Grady and a golf cap with the logo for the Second Annual GMU LAW 2000 Golf Tournament.

Mark Your Calendar
The Judicial & Legislative Reception will be held the evening of May 23, 2001

“Wine and dine” with old and new friends while you meet and greet Virginia judges and legislators.

This year -- join the tradition.
Each newsletter will be a retrospective of the high points of each quarter, as well as your guide to the events, both social and professional, on the calendar in the coming months.

Our main goal on this Board is simple: we want to bring you home to your law school and allow you to continue your professional development, while providing you with opportunities to become involved at any level you would like. Even if you only stop by for our great headline events such as the Judicial and Legislative Reception held each year in late spring, we want you to come home.

There are no magic words that will bring our alumni to each and every event. In fact, we recognize that many of our fellow alums are busy with vigorous professional lives. We endeavor, however, to bring you back to the house that you built to visit your family of fellow alums. To that end, we are committed to increasing our contact with you through a series of different mediums. You have likely received by now the School of Law’s annual magazine. This newsletter, The Mason Law Quarterly, will be your quarterly update. And, in the not too distant future, the Alumni Board will be going interactive with a site on zpatriots.com. While we are not up and running yet, we encourage you to visit zpatriots’ portal and to make it the homepage of your browser.

On behalf of the Board, I wish you a safe, healthy, and prosperous quarter. We look forward to seeing you around the house. So peek inside at our calendar, and feel free to come home at any time.

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school’s gratitude.

Through the generosity of Dr. Levy, the Robert A. Levy Fellowship in Law and Liberty was established in 1995 to encourage emerging scholars to pursue a juris doctor degree at George Mason University School of Law. A Levy Fellow must either have earned a Ph.D. in economics, philosophy, political science, finance, or a related field from an accredited university or have successfully completed all course work in one of the above fields and have passed a general exam for a Ph.D. in one of those fields from an accredited university. Additionally, each fellow must pledge that it is his or her intention to pursue an academic or policy-related career with an interdisciplinary teaching and research specialization. It is Dr. Levy’s hope that the program participants will better understand the institutions of a free society and that they will develop into productive scholars whose writings reflect the importance of private property, the rule of law, and the market process to the preservation of individual liberty. Two or more fellowships are granted per year.

The first two Levy Fellowships were awarded in 1995, followed by ten more awarded fellowships to date. Currently there are six Levy Fellows pursuing J.D. degrees here at GMU.

Let’s keep in touch! Help us to keep you up-to-date on events at the School of Law by notifying us when you have a change of address.<http://www.law.gmu.edu/alumni/locator.html>
Alumni Contribute to Successful Recruiting Programs
by CDAS staff

Over 130 employers from over 18 states participated in GMU’s Fall 2000 Recruiting Program. Almost one-third of all on-campus interviews were conducted by George Mason graduates who came back to their alma mater to interview upperclass students for summer associate and entry-level positions. Consequently, numerous students will be working in the government or in outstanding national and regional law firms this summer or fall.

The School of Law is currently running its Spring Recruiting Program for the third consecutive year. As in the fall, our alumni already have stepped up to the plate by arranging interviews, requesting resume collections, and posting positions.

If you would like to become involved in GMU’s employment efforts, contact the Career Development and Alumni Services Office (CDAS) to learn more about recruiting programs, the new Career Network, and the Mock Interview program. For those of you seeking your own employment opportunities, please check out GMU’s new computerized job bank for students and alumni. Located at www.eAttorney.com, the password-protected job bank allows you to peruse job openings, link to other employment sites, and receive communications directly from interested employers. Contact CDAS for instructions and a password at 703.993.8020 or lawcareer@gmu.edu.

The School of Law Calendar

Richard S. Murphy
Pool Tournament -- February 24
1-6 p.m. at Carpool
$20 per-team. No skill needed.
All Welcome
e-mail - theflin@yahoo.com

The Winter Games -- March 1
4-9 p.m. in the atrium
From Pool to Pop-a-Shot,
All Welcome

Global Internet Summit -- March 5-8

APIL Auction 2001 -- March 29
Starting 7 p.m. at Whitey’s

Moot Court -- Round One - March 24

Call CDAS for more details on calendar events at 703.993.8020 or email them at lawalum@gmu.edu.

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