

Campaign Reaches Halfway Mark

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ON JANUARY 1, 2011, we reached the meridian of the Light the World campaign dateline. We are just shy of the midway mark toward our goal of \$50 million, with close to \$24 million raised. Although this is the first comprehensive capital campaign in the Law School's history, it is the fifth in my fundraising career of three decades. In each of the five, as in countless campaigns in fundraising lore, there is a lull in the action, usually around the midpoint. Our Law School campaign was becalmed after the worst economic gale in most of our memories. Oddly, it was with the help of a business organized under the name of an historic tall ship that we regained our momentum. It was a gift that added both balance and direction to our endeavor.

Received in January, the \$3 million gift for loan repayment assistance from the Arbella Charitable Foundation and friends and colleagues of Francis X. Bellotti '52, speaks to the Law School's mission of public service and a campaign goal of enhanced affordability for our students. It is worthy of note that Arbella's is the second of the two largest gifts in BC Law's history, both of which arrived during this campaign. The first came from Liberty Mutual. Its \$3.1 million commitment to establish a professorship and a faculty scholarship prize addressed the strategic priority of enhancing our faculty.

Here is a glimpse behind the numbers at others who have helped to bring us this far and are propelling us forward:

- A faculty drive that aims to achieve **100 percent participation** to fund scholarships for students.
- A student-run effort among 3Ls to commit over **\$150,000 from 87 percent** of the class for future students who choose public interest careers even in the face of significant tuition debt obligations.
- A cohort of nearly **100 alumni** who have become members of the Shaw

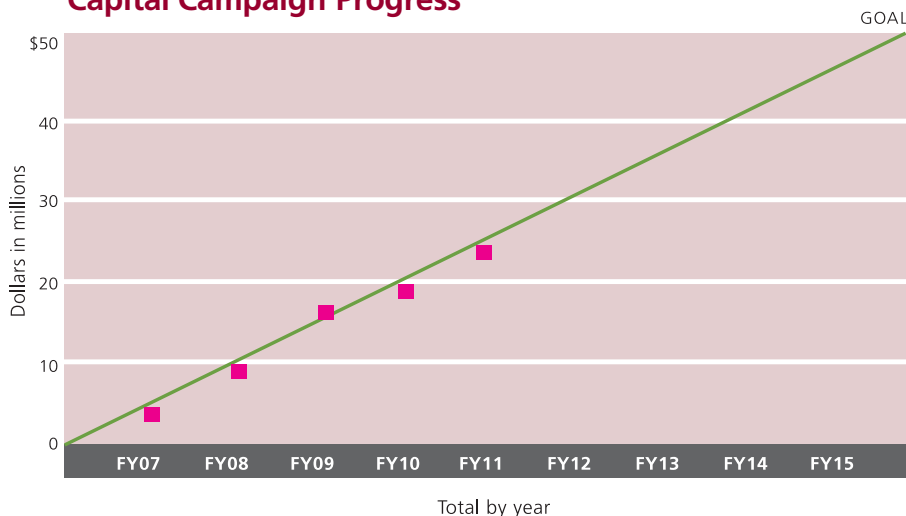
Society to support future generations with testamentary commitments.

- A member of our alumni leadership, Jim Champy, and his wife, Lois, who stimulated **10 new scholarship endowments** with a personal gift of \$500,000 and a challenge to others to make multiyear pledges that stretched their potential and imaginations.
- A University alumnus who also challenged law alumni to establish named endowed funds by rewarding them by **adding \$50,000 to each gift** to the Law School scholarship endowment.

- An array of national and international law firms, including Ropes & Gray, Hanify & King, Bingham McCutchen, Holland & Knight, Wilmer Hale, and Goulston & Storrs, whose sponsorships through the **Law Partners Program** supported such values at BC Law as racial and ethnic diversity, public interest fellowships, cutting-edge scholarship, and community building.

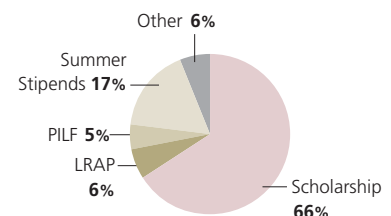
The challenge for the remaining years in this campaign will be to expand the network, continue to encourage investment, and to light the way.

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Arbella, Friends Honor Bellotti

\$3 MILLION TO SUPPORT LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE

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In January, Boston College Law School announced a major gift honoring Francis X. Bellotti '52 for his public service and endowing BC Law's loan repayment assistance program in his name. The gift, \$2 million from Arbella Insurance Group, where Bellotti is vice chairman of the board, and \$1 million from Arbella colleagues and other friends, is the second largest in the Law School's history.

The gift includes cash and pledges to be paid out over five years and achieves a major Light the World Campaign goal of funding a program in perpetuity to help graduates in modest-paying public interest jobs.

The idea for the gift grew out of conversations between former Dean John Garvey and Arbella chairman and CEO John F. Donohue after BC Law gave the St. Thomas More Award to Bellotti at Law Day last May.

"Frank has been a mentor and role model for multiple generations of lawyers who want to dedicate their careers to government or public interest jobs," said Donohue, who was a protégé of Bellotti when Bellotti was Massachusetts Attorney General. "Creating this endowment in Frank's name at Boston College Law School rightly recognizes all he has done over the years to support those committed to public service."

"This gift is significant because it is directional; it points the Law School toward its mission to train lawyers to serve others," said Marianne Lord, associate dean of institutional advancement. "It means so much to our alumni who are doing good in the world, it celebrates our Jesuit, Catholic tradition, and it honors the life and work of one of our most respected alumni. The Francis X. Bellotti Loan Repayment and Forgiveness Program is the answer to our prayers to lighten the debt burden of our graduates."

"It is a great honor to have my name associated with this wonderful program and my law school," said Bellotti. "I have always believed that public service is the best service. It not only benefits the recipients, it benefits all of us because it is helping create an entire group of young people committed to making people live better, people who need someone on their side. It is a commitment that will stay with them forever."

The existing Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) has grown considerably over the years as the need has increased. In 2010, more than \$330,000 was awarded, five times the total dollars granted a decade ago. The number of recipients has more than tripled during that time, from 20 in 1999 to 79 in 2010.

BC Law's loan repayment assistance program began in 1987 and helped increase the distinction and diversity of the student body, according to *History of Boston College: From the Beginnings to 1990*. The program's benefactor was a former faculty member, William F. Willier, whose fund, together with alumni gifts, provided most of the awards into the early 2000s.



Bellotti: "A great honor"



Donohue: "For all he has done"



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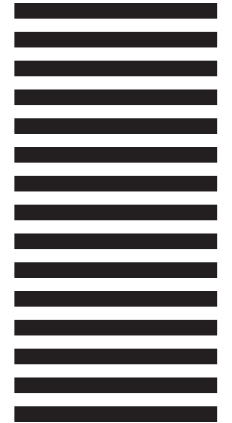
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