Ten Reasons to Give

1. **Why is the School of Law merging LAA dues with the Law Annual Fund?**
   To simplify our solicitations for you and for the Law School Relations Office, LAA dues and Law Annual Fund contributions have always done the same thing—helped the School of Law—and they’ll do the same when it’s simply the Law Annual Fund. We’re combining them under one name to make things less complicated.

2. **Will my gift to the Law Annual Fund go to the Law School?**
   Yes. Your gift to the Law Annual Fund will support the Law School.

3. **How will my gift be used?**
   Your donation to the Law Annual Fund will continue to support all that it currently does—general operating expenses, including books in the library, student organizations, Moot Court competitions, student journals and technology. AND all the items the Law Alumni Association dues supported—student scholarships, faculty fellowships, the Shepherd Loan Repayment Assistance Program and the Groot Professorship.

4. **Will I still be a member of the Law Alumni Association?**
   Yes. Anyone who attends the W&L School of Law will be a member of the LAA. You’ll continue to receive the W&L Law Magazine, receive invitations to chapter events, campus events and so on.

5. **Why is my contribution important?**
   Student tuition pays for only about 60-65 percent of a student’s education, so private dollars are critical to retaining our standing as one of the best law schools in the country.

6. **How does Law Annual Fund giving affect the U.S. News and World Report rankings?**
   Three factors in the rankings are affected by your contributions: expenditures per student, student-faculty ratio and library resources.

7. **How does alumni giving compare with other law schools?**
   Alumni participation in the Law Annual Fund and LAA has been excellent. More than 40 percent of W&L law alumni contribute to the Law Annual Fund. Dollars contributed, however, lag behind other schools—more than $1 million was contributed to one Virginia law school’s annual fund and more than $2 million was contributed to another.

8. **What is the Law Annual Fund goal for 2006-07?**
   $825,000 (approximately $705,000 was contributed to the Law Annual Fund in 2005-06, and another $112,000 was directed toward LAA dues; nearly $817,000 when combined). We’re aiming for 45 percent participation.

9. **Will Darlene Moore still work with alumni of the School of Law?**
   Absolutely. If you ever have a question, need some information or just want to hear a familiar voice, call Darlene. She’ll continue to serve as executive secretary of the Law Council, and she’ll work even more closely with Paul Gardner, director of Law School Relations, and Elizabeth Branner, assistant director of Law School Relations. You can also call Pat Martin, administrative assistant in the Law School Relations Office.

10. **How much should I give?**
    Whatever you give is truly appreciated, but here are a couple of suggestions. Please consider joining the Dean’s Council with a contribution of $2,500 or more (that’s just $210 per month) to the Law Annual Fund, or a combination of LAF and other Law-specific funds. Or combine what you gave to LAF and LAA dues and increase it by 10 percent.

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**Quick Facts**

- The Law Annual Fund fiscal year runs from July 1 – June 30.
- You can make your contribution with a check, credit card, or stock, and there are a variety of ways to make restricted and endowed contributions (CRT, Gift Annuities, Bequests, Gifts of Property).
- For more information, please contact Paul Gardner, Elizabeth Branner, Pat Martin or Darlene Moore at (540) 458-8587.
- Or you can visit the Law School Relations page on the School of Law’s Web site law.wlu.edu.