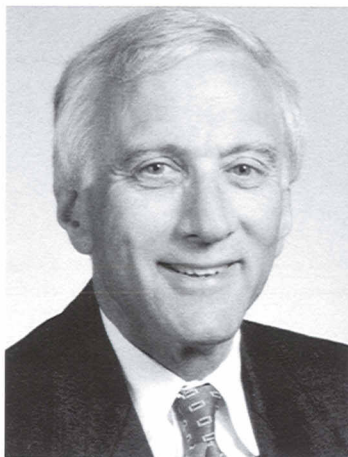


ALUMNI giving



WISCONSIN LAW LEGACY society



ALUMNI BEQUEST TO SUPPORT LAW SCHOOL

MANY 5-YEAR-OLD BOYS dream of being firemen, race-car drivers or cowboys. Michael Reiter, of Chicago, wanted to be a lawyer. In 1959 he entered the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a freshman. By 1969, he had earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in philosophy. He also earned his beloved law degree.

Since then, Michael has practiced law in Chicago with a nationwide practice. He is currently a partner of Duane, Morris and Heckscher in Chicago, where he practices commercial litigation and white collar criminal litigation. Since 1977, he has been an adjunct professor of law at Northwestern University School of Law where he currently teaches white collar criminal law. He also has taught a skills course at the UW Law School and has been a member of the faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, a nonprofit institute dedicated to the development of a professionally responsible trial bar.

Today, Michael is an enthusiastic ambassador for the UW-Madison and, more specifically, for the Law School. "I have a moral obligation to give back to

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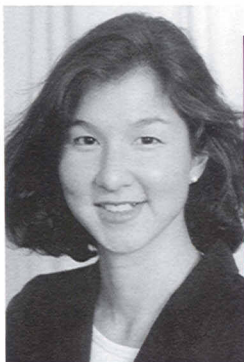
Deferred gifts are so important to the future of the Law School that a special organization is in place to honor alumni and friends who have made such plans. The new Wisconsin Law Legacy Society recognizes donors who have made a deferred gift to benefit the UW Law School. Whether in the form of a bequest, a charitable trust or gift annuity, deferred gifts provide critical support to insure the continuing excellence of the School.

Over the years, the Law School community has benefited substantially from the generosity of those making deferred gifts. As evidenced by numerous professorships, scholarship funds and curricular programs, these alumni and friends have made an impact that resonates today and will forever benefit the School.

The Wisconsin Law Legacy Society is administered by the University of Wisconsin Foundation. Members are recognized annually in the *Gargoyle* and by membership in the Benchers Society, the Law School's major donor organization. In addition, members are recognized by the UW Foundation and receive an annual estate-planning newsletter that updates legal and tax changes that affect their estates.

Those interested in the Wisconsin Law Legacy Society should inform the Law School's development office of their charitable plans. Donors will be asked to either complete an information card or share a copy of the will provision, life income agreement or other documentation with the development office—this is to ensure that the School understands the donor's wishes so that the intent of the gift will be fully honored.

If you have already established a deferred gift to benefit the Law School, or would like to receive more information on becoming a member of the Wisconsin Law Legacy Society, please contact the Law School's Development Director, Tricia Wheeler, at 608.263.2202. She can be reached by US Mail at 1848 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53708-8860. Her e-mail address is tricia.wheeler@uwfoundation.wisc.edu.



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Tricia Wheeler joined the Law School as Development Director in December, 1999. In this capacity, Tricia works with Law alumni and friends to find common areas between their philanthropic goals and the priorities of the Law School. These private gifts, which supplement state and federal dollars, support a myriad of donor-directed programs, including professorships, fellowships, scholarships, research and building projects. Before joining the Law School, she spent four years in Development working with the University's School of Human Ecology, as well as with a statewide non-profit providing educational opportunities for academically gifted students.

Tricia received her B.A. from Colby College, Waterville, Maine and her M.A. from the Catholic University of America. She came to Madison to pursue a second graduate degree in Irish History, and stayed because it is such a terrific place to live and work. In her spare time, she enjoys cross-country skiing, running and sailing.



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The newest member of the Law School Development team is Deborah Davidson, who was recently hired as Assistant Director of Alumni Relations for the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association. Debbie's primary responsibility is to organize class reunions and gifts. This includes recruiting class agents to chair reunion committees and motivating alumni to attend reunions, as well as increasing participation in annual gift giving.

A May 1999 graduate of the Law School, Debbie was chosen by the faculty to receive the Salmon Dahlberg Award, given each year to the outstanding graduating student in recognition of work both in academics and in extracurricular activities. She was also chosen by her classmates as one of three student graduation speakers.

In addition to her law degree, Debbie has a master's in journalism from UW-Madison, and ten years of experience as an editor and copywriter. An avid singer and actress, she is often seen on stage in Madison productions and is currently developing a cabaret act. But you don't have to wait for the act to come out: every semester, she performs a rousing version of "I'm My Own Grandpa" for Professor Howard Erlanger's Trusts and Estates class and invites all alumni to join in the chorus.

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the institution that has played such an important role in my career," says Michael.

"I earned four degrees, three of which are graduate degrees, from the UW and I received substantial financial assistance for my graduate school education. I am pleased to be able to express my appreciation to the University by means of our bequests."

Michael and his wife, Susan (Holly), also an attorney, established will provisions giving a significant financial contribution to the University of Wisconsin Law School to establish the Michael A. Reiter and Susan K. Reiter Fund for the Law School. The fund will provide scholarships for financially needy students pursuing a J.D. degree. The Michael A. Reiter and Susan K. Reiter Fund for the Department of Philosophy will provide fellowships for graduate students pursuing a doctorate degree.

Will provisions such as the Reiters' are the most common deferred gifts for the University. Deferred gifts are made in the present and received by the University of Wisconsin Foundation in the future. Some deferred gifts are straightforward, such as a bequest in a will. Others are more complex and can provide current tax benefits as well as a life income for the donor and/or beneficiary.

The Reiters are involved with the Law School, the Bascom Hill Society, and the Wisconsin Alumni Association.

Unbeknownst to some, Michael has an artistic side to him. He is an opera buff who enjoys appearing in operas to see them "come together from scratch." He prefers Italian classics to modern works and has been in several operas as a supernumerary, one of sometimes dozens of opera extras who do such tasks as march on stage in column, kneel, rise and then march off. In addition to their many gifts to the Law School, Michael and Holly have supported the Marcus & Blanche Singer Graduate Fellowship in the College of Letters and Science.

The couple also enjoys traveling, and now that Holly is retired they have more time for adventure. Besides pleasure trips, Michael spent three years teaching overseas, a tour that included stints in Ethiopia, Germany, Turkey, Spain and Norway.

"We hope that our gifts will make a difference in the life of some young, aspiring student or some way make the University a better place," said Michael. ♦