Advancing Excellence

Common Threads

Endowed professorships speak to the special relationships that make up the fabric of the BC Law community.

BC Law’s endowed chair holders, and the donors who established professorships at BC Law, intertwine across our community and across generations to create the rich tapestry of our Law School. An endowed chair is the highest recognition that the University can bestow on a faculty member. Chair holders are fueled by the investment, and the distinction that their named chair represents, to produce groundbreaking scholarship. Donors, in turn, take pride in their investment in intellectual capital that propels both faculty and students in their pursuit of excellence. Professorships honor our unwavering mission to address societal issues and contribute to the common good.

Robert F. Drinan, SJ, Professorship

William J. Kenealy, SJ, Professorship

Darald and Juliet Libby Professorship

Liberty Mutual Insurance Professorship

David and Pamela Donohue Assistant Professorship

Jerome Lyle Rappaport Visiting Professorship in Law and Public Policy


donors

Members Class of ’58 in honor of Fr. Drinan

Chairholder

George Brown

Class of ’58: Fr. Drinan propelled BC Law into the national spotlight, recruiting top students and faculty and launching several law reviews during his time as dean. In 1970, he became the first Catholic priest elected to Congress.

Boc: "The faculty are the true jewels in our crown. Professorships provide an incentive for our most impressive faculty to stay at BC Law throughout their career. I am glad that this chair has furthered the career of Professor Repetti, whose contributions to our students and tax law scholarship provide lasting benefits to so many."

Libby: "As children of the Great Depression, the Libbys understood the value of hard work. Darald ran the David Clark company, which outfitted astronauts, including John Glenn. When asked why they gave back, Juliet said, “God has been very good to us, and we feel that we have to share, to pass it on.”

Mansfield: "Ted Kelly, CEO of Liberty Mutual and BC Trustee, and I recognized the importance of having an insurance expert at BC Law who could offer a balanced voice in public policy. The professorship, and the hard work of Professor McCoy, have positioned BC Law as a leader of scholarly discourse on insurance."

Donohue: "My legal education has allowed me to live a happy and rewarding life. I saw this endowment as a wonderful opportunity to thank BC Law, on a long term basis, for the value of a Jesuit education and the competency to pursue an entrepreneurial career."

Rappaport: "We are delighted that the chair permits BC Law to bring diverse perspectives on critical policy issues from individuals in government, the judiciary, and business who would not normally commit to a full-time academic career. The initial appointees have set a high standard and have clearly enriched the BC community."

Shnitser: "The offer of this endowed chair signaled BC Law’s extraordinary support for junior faculty. I was honored to accept the position after serving as an Associate Research Scholar in Law and the Executive Director of the Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law."

Hines: "After 46 years as an advocate and jurist, I am delighted to share with students at BC Law—some of whom will go on to shape policy both locally and nationally—the lessons I have learned about the relationship between the law and just outcomes."

The Short Family Sesquicentennial Assistant Professorship

Marianne D. Short: "The faculty at BC Law helped to propel my career forward and set me up for success. When my husband Ray Skowrya and I thought about the best way to give back, we decided to invest in the incredible faculty members whose research and teaching change the lives of so many students each year.” A search will be conducted to fill the chair.

The Numbers

10

Endowed professorships at BC Law

20

Courses taught this academic year by BC Law chairholders

236

Books and articles by current BC Law chairholders

100

Professorships BC as a whole hopes to establish in the coming years

Bringing New Voices to Campus

Richard G. Huber Visiting Professorship

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UNIVERSITY PROFESSORSHIPS

J. Donald Monan, SJ, University Professorship

Donors & Chairholders

Bilder: "I’ve spent my entire career at BC Law and am honored by the vote of confidence of the University in my work and my contributions to the field. In 2016, legal historian Bilder received the prestigious Bancroft Prize for her book Madison’s Hand: Revising the Constitutional Convention.

Coquillette: ‘As a legal historian, I appreciate that my colleagues and I stand on the shoulders of giants. This professorship named for Fr. Monan expresses respect and gratitude to great leaders of our past while also empowering my research and writing. I am grateful for the ongoing reminder of Fr. Monan’s inspiring legacy.”

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