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# College of Law

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“Donor support allowed me to continue to take advantage of the many opportunities offered by the College of Law, while alleviating some of the financial burdens that come with being a student. Like in the profession, law school can be both complex and challenging and at the same time inspirational and exciting. As someone who gives back to the community myself, I appreciate the generosity of those who support law students. Thank you for respectfully being by our side to achieve our dreams and making a professional impact in the world tomorrow.”

DOMINGA ROBINSON, second year JD student, Indigenous Law Students Association President

**WITH YOUR  
SUPPORT,  
USASK LEGAL  
PROFESSIONALS  
WILL CHANGE  
OUR WORLD**



# From the Dean

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In 1989, I was a young student from England whose attendance at the University of Saskatchewan's College of Law was made possible by a College of Law Graduate Scholarship. Without it, I wouldn't be where I am today. To say this was a transformational opportunity would be an understatement.

Maybe you too are a proud alumnus or received support that allowed you the opportunity to study here. And perhaps like me, you believe that your experiences at the College of Law fundamentally shaped the person you are now.

Today, I am asking for your support so that we can provide students, our number one priority, with those same opportunities, experiences and more.

Together, we can continue to help students achieve their personal goals and prepare them to face the challenge of entering a dynamic and rapidly changing legal profession, a profession that is profoundly different from the one which you may have entered after graduation.

Over 15 years ago our legal community came together to support the construction of a new learning space: a new law building to celebrate and support the student

experience at the College of Law. Now I am asking you to come together as a community again to ensure we can provide the best education possible within the magnificent space that you helped build.

The college's number one priority is the enhancement of the student experience. We will continue to deliver a high-quality J.D. program while enhancing opportunities for students to engage in a broader range of experiential learning opportunities including the provision of more clinical placements, inter-professional learning experiences, expanded participation in moots and more. We will help to bridge the financial barriers for students and improve access to legal education. We will support the development of new legal professionals by providing resources to enable them to improve their overall health and wellness, which will not only benefit them during their studies but also as they enter the profession after law school. And finally, we will take the action required to promote Truth and Reconciliation, while also supporting individual Indigenous students.

Your financial support will turn these ideas into reality.

For well over a century, our graduates have embodied the ethos of "lawyer as public servant" and have served as leaders in communities across the province, nation, and the world. I am continually inspired by our students and by the achievements of our alumni long after graduation. With your support, we can continue to celebrate even greater successes for years to come.

Please join us in supporting students to become the talented, resilient, healthy and well-rounded legal professionals that our communities and our world need now, and in the future.

Together, we can do this.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Phillipson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

**Martin Phillipson**  
**Dean, College of Law**



## BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

### Campaign priorities:

- Lead Critical Research**  
Confront humanity's greatest challenges and opportunities through research and engage with communities to find solutions.
- Support Indigenous Achievement**  
Work with and for Indigenous communities to enact our firm commitment to mutual learning, Indigenization and Reconciliation.
- Inspire Students to Succeed**  
Respond to current student need and attract future learners.
- Design Visionary Spaces**  
Create gathering places for people to collectively address the challenges of the future.

# USASK CAMPAIGN AT-A-GLANCE

**OUR USASK**

**\$500M**

**to be the university  
the world needs.**



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# Donor Opportunities in the College of Law

With your support, students in the College of Law and future legal professionals will be able to make a greater difference in our communities and be role models for future generations.

Together, we will address the ever-changing and increasingly complex issues in the environment, in society, in relationships, and in equality and justice, that affect our world today.

New legal professionals are counting on us, just as we are counting on them for leadership and to find solutions to make the world a better place. All donations make a difference. Will you join us?



## INSPIRE STUDENTS TO SUCCEED \$10.5 million

### Access to Legal Education — \$5.5 million

- Student financial assistance through scholarships and bursaries
- Comprehensive tuition coverage

### Experiential Learning — \$3.5 million

- Student internships, exchanges, and fellowships
- Intensive courses including community-based legal experiences
- Moot court opportunities
- Cross-disciplinary opportunities such as medical-legal partnerships

### Student Health and Wellness — \$1.5 million

- Wellness programming
- Personal health supports for students
- Wellness and career development staff positions

## SUPPORT INDIGENOUS ACHIEVEMENT \$5 million

### kwayeskastasowin (setting things right) — \$5 million

- Elevate Indigenous learning and career development opportunities
- Enhance our program to advance our commitment to kwayeskastasowin.
- Expand reach of the Indigenous Law Centre





“Whenever we return to the U of S College of Law, it is like coming home. We both studied law here, and we were even married on campus nearby. The legal education we received here continues to open doors for us wherever we are, and whatever we do. Though we live outside the province now - supporting the college and its students is a top priority for us.”

BRIAN ROLFES (LL.B. '91) and BRAD BERG (LL.B. '92)





# Inspire Students to Succeed

## DEVELOPING ENGAGED LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

Building on a history of excellence, students are at the core of our mission. They need both essential legal knowledge and opportunities to put that knowledge into practice. To do this at the level we envision, we need alumni and donors like you. With your support, we can provide the strong foundational learning and career support that our law graduates need to make an impact for years to come.

## Access to Legal Education

**Increased access to legal education through bursaries and special funding for tuition to substantially reduce the cost of law school for students facing financial barriers — \$5.5 million**

**A legal education remains inaccessible to many, purely due to financial reasons.** Currently, more than 200 students in the college are identified as having financial challenges. Together we can change this by ensuring that attending law school depends more on talent than the ability to pay. A student body drawn from a wide variety of backgrounds will bring a more diverse range of experiences and insights into the study and practice of law, and in turn, allow our future legal professionals to make an impact in greater and more diverse ways. Your contribution will ensure the college can:

- **Increase student financial assistance** through more bursaries and student awards that will allow students to focus on their studies and enable us to increase the number of students we can help each year. — **\$5 million**
- **Create comprehensive tuition coverage** for students who could not otherwise afford a legal education. New tuition bursaries will offset the cost of attending law school for students who require significant financial assistance. Our goal is to provide 10 new law students with funding that will cover a majority of tuition costs for the duration of their three-year JD degree. — **\$500,000**



By increasing the number of awards and bursaries we can offer, more students from a range of backgrounds and communities will be able to receive an excellent legal education from USask. **Together, we can help the next generation of lawyers and legal professionals from all walks of life make an even bigger impact on our community and our world.**



## Experiential Learning

### Strengthen experiential learning opportunities — \$3.5 million

The practice of law is increasingly interdisciplinary and requires graduates who are adaptable, innovative, and collaborative. Practical learning experience, intertwined with knowledge-based learning is crucial to the success of our graduates. These experiences will build and enhance their skills and capacity, preparing them for the complex and ever-changing legal profession. Together, we can build, grow, and sustain the following experiential opportunities for law students over the next five years and beyond. Your support will help:

- **Expand the number of student internships, exchanges, and fellowships — \$750,000**
- **Nurture and grow our intensive courses** like the Community Legal Services for Saskatoon Inner City Inc. (CLASSIC) program and the Criminal Intensive Seminar — **\$1 million**
- **Sustain our competitive mooting opportunities — \$750,000**
- **Create cross-disciplinary and inter-professional experiences** with other colleges, industry, and organizations — **\$1 million**

The sustainability of our experiential learning opportunities requires robust, ongoing financial support. **With a strong hands-on learning program, students will have the opportunity to hone their practical skills in real-life situations and graduate better equipped to succeed in the legal profession.**



Katherine Starks JD '19 and Dean Phillipson

“CLASSIC has been the single most effective learning experience of my time in law school. After two years of classroom study, I saw the concepts I had learned about come to life. Abstract principles from classes such as administrative law, evidence and ethics became the real tools of my daily work. I developed my knowledge of substantive law in a variety of areas. I built a host of practical skills, especially in oral advocacy, client counselling, negotiation and time management. I believe I learned better in the supportive, collaborative environment at CLASSIC than in the sometimes competitive, recruitment-focused environment of other parts of law school. I recommend CLASSIC to every USask law student. Also, a note to USask donors - the availability of the CLASSIC clinical intensive was a significant factor in my decision to attend law school here.”

KATHERINE STARKS, Intensive Clinical Law Student. Gold medalist and clerked for Chief Justice Wagner of the Supreme Court of Canada



## Health and Wellness



### Enhance student health and wellness — \$1.5 million

**Healthier law students make better lawyers and a better legal profession.** The world today has new challenges that students decades ago never had to face. Rapid change, global conflict, evolving technology, increasing societal challenges and rising personal pressures, like mental health, are all realities that our students contend with while they are learning, and as they enter the workforce.

Personal and professional worlds are more intertwined today than ever before, and it is critical that we support the well-being of our students throughout their studies and into their careers, wherever they go and whatever they do. Your generosity will support the following health and wellness initiatives for the next five years and beyond:

- **Strengthen existing wellness programs** through the addition of educational seminars, programs, and courses with health and mental health professionals. — **\$500,000**

- **Create personal supports** for our students through supporting direct access to health care professionals and self-serve wellness initiatives to help students take care of themselves. — **\$500,000**
- **Develop career support and skills training** to give students the professional skills they need to build resiliency, create strong connections, and navigate the stress and mental health challenges of a legal career. — **\$500,000**

The college recognizes the importance of students' overall well-being and wants to play a positive, proactive role in preparing students to deal with the professional and personal pressures they will encounter as lawyers by instilling a fundamental culture of self-care and wellness as part of their education. We will weave a culture of wellness into all we do. **Together, we can make a difference in the well-being of our future leaders in the legal profession.**



# Support Indigenous Achievement

## KWAYESKASTASOWIN (SETTING THINGS RIGHT) OUR COMMITMENT TO MUTUAL LEARNING, INDIGENIZATION, AND RECONCILIATION – \$5 MILLION

As home to **Canada's first, groundbreaking Indigenous Law Centre** we have a unique and critically important role to play in Truth and Reconciliation. The college has a proud history of success in Indigenous legal education, including the historic Indigenous Law Centre Summer Program and the recently completed Nunavut Law Program which celebrated 22 graduates, making it the most successful higher education program in the history of the Nunavut territory. The Nunavut Law Program graduates will fundamentally transform the legal system in the territory and the college will leave a lasting legacy in Canada's North. **Together, we can remain a leader in Indigenous legal education.** Your support will:

- **Elevate learning and career development opportunities** for Indigenous law students. Our goal is to expand the Indigenous graduate program, student awards, and access to cultural advisors and guides while enhancing academic, personal, and professional supports and experiences. — **\$1.5 million**
- **Enhance our program to advance our commitment** to kwayeskastasowin (setting things right). We plan to enhance programming, establish opportunities for visiting scholars and increase research capacity to further our commitment in response to the Truth & Reconciliation commission's calls to action. These initiatives will provide all law students with a strong foundation in Indigenous law and reconciliation. — **\$2 million**
- **Expand reach of Indigenous Law Center** through increased research, publications, cultural and community outreach. — **\$1.5 million**

The **Indigenous Law Centre** has been a national leader in Indigenous legal education and research for fifty years. The Centre has played a pivotal role in increasing the number of Indigenous lawyers in Canada. **Together, this important work will continue, and the Centre can continue its commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.**



"Receiving a bursary not only helped me remain grounded in my studies; it provided me with a passion for law, advocacy and genuinely using my skills to help others. I'm grateful and know together we can and will make a better tomorrow for all of us!"

MIIGWETCH/MAARS! TYLER GERVAIS, JD '22





College of Law Alumni Campaign Co-Leads, KEN FREDEEN (LL.B.'83) and TAMARA BUCKWOLD (LL.B.'80)

# Together, we will

**BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS**

## **The College of Law is a special place.**

A place with history. For more than a century, we have educated lawyers who make a difference in our communities, our country, and our world.

A place that earns respect. Our graduates are respected regionally, nationally, and globally for excellence, vision, commitment and leadership.

A place with a get-it-done attitude. Our graduates embody the can-do prairie mindset, resilience, and work ethic that make them successful wherever their careers and lives may lead.

A place where people matter. We care about our students, and they care about others. We cultivate the open minds and hearts that make great leaders and effective problem-solvers the world needs.

A place with impact. Our graduating class is smaller than some, but our

impact is significant. We are a global community linked together by a shared foundation in the USask College of Law. We are proud of who we are and we are proud of you.

## **We need you to keep this going. With your support we can:**

- Lower financial barriers for deserving students who bring the vibrancy of diversity to our law school and our communities
- Educate lawyers who are ready to lead in an increasingly complex and globalized profession and world.
- Cultivate graduates who enrich their personal and professional communities in all walks of life.
- Grow from the proud tradition of who we are to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

**This is the place. Now is the time. Please join us and give today.**

**In our next chapter, we will transform Saskatchewan and the world by addressing those things you care most about: your world now and the world that generations will inherit.**

**With your support, vision and spirit, the University of Saskatchewan will bridge our deep roots with a bright future.**

**With your support, we will be what the world needs.**



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