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Dear alumni/alumnae and friends,

The memory of a domestic violence victim will have a lasting impact on the University of Georgia School of Law as an anonymous donor has pledged \$1 million to support the school's Family Justice Clinic and create a Distinguished Law Fellowship, both bearing the victim's name – Jane W. Wilson.

Wilson, a resident of rural Northern Georgia in her early thirties, was shot and killed by her second husband of just three days during August 1976. Her two young children, aged 10 and 8, witnessed the homicide.

By making this gift to the law school, the donor hopes to help “others similarly situated – in particular, victims and families who often find neither help nor hope.” The intention is to place an emphasis on “avoiding domestic violence and its consequences” for families through education and resources including “legal representation so as to provide both meaningful assistance and precious hope to victims and their families.”

The school is both humbled and honored by this gift. We will work hard to honor the memory of Mrs. Wilson and help those affected by domestic violence. This donation will fund and expand essential legal work in a field that is often not discussed until something horrific occurs. This gift will help provide tomorrow's legal leaders the knowledge, experience and resources to combat family violence.

The clinic will now operate under the name [Jane W. Wilson Family Justice Clinic](#) and employ a post-graduate fellow to assist the clinic's current director – Clinical Assistant Professor Christine M. Scartz – in managing “litigation on behalf of victims of intimate partner violence and abuse” and educating law students who work in the clinic.

This donation will also fund the Jane W. Wilson Distinguished Law Fellowship, a prestigious full-tuition-plus scholarship that will be awarded to an academically accomplished student with an interest in serving victims of domestic violence and other family justice issues.

Thank you to this anonymous donor, and thanks to each and every member of our law school community who has answered the call – and continue to answer the call – to invest in the next generation of leaders as we advance our efforts to be the nation's best return on investment in legal education.

Sincerely,

Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge  
Dean and Herman E. Talmadge  
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