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A little over 30 years ago, I arrived in Athens to begin my first year of law school. Like my classmates, I did not quite know what to expect, but I jumped into the experience confident that three years later I would be a competent lawyer who could make a decent living. During my three years in Athens, I learned a lot, I laughed a lot, and I made friendships that endure to this day. More important, however, the University of Georgia School of Law did more than simply turn us into competent lawyers – it provided us with a first class legal education and produced attorneys who are second to none in their ability to provide excellent legal advice and counsel.

Since graduating, I have been a litigator in large Wall Street law firms and have served in many positions in the public sector. For the last four years, I have served as the General Counsel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In all of my public sector positions, I have been acutely aware that the cost of a legal education imposes a huge burden on young lawyers. Many of their professional choices are constrained by the debt they carry from law school and college.

Since graduating, I have consistently supported the Law School Fund because I believe deeply that we should do everything we can to maintain Georgia Law as a place where students receive a high quality legal education without incurring crushing debt. Although the cost of graduate education is continuing to skyrocket, Georgia continues to be a bargain compared to its peer institutions. But, Georgia cannot provide its students with the sort of very high quality education that we obtained based on tuition alone. It must have the generous financial assistance of its alumni. Contributions to the Law School Fund are used for all types of programs – from scholarships to professorial chairs to moot court programs – all of which serve to improve the law school experience of its students without unduly increasing its cost.

Future generations of law students will appreciate your generosity, and you will know you have done your part to ensure the continued greatness of our law school.

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