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University of Denver Sturm College of Law Announces the Sturm Scholarship Challenge

New scholarship program honors law school's commitment to outstanding students

August 11, 2015 – DENVER – The University of Denver's Sturm College of Law announces a wonderful new student scholarship matching program, underwritten by the esteemed Sturm Family Foundation. Upon its completion, the program will add \$10.5 million in new endowed scholarships to attract the best and brightest law students, worldwide.

Through this new scholarship program, alumni and friends will be able to maximize their investment in the law school's outstanding students indefinitely. The Sturm Challenge provides up to \$4 million in matching funds for endowed scholarships. It will complement the University's Momentum Scholarship Challenge, already in place, ensuring donor's ability to maximize the impact of their scholarship gifts, for generations of students to come.

Along with his family, Donald L. Sturm, University of Denver law school alumnus and longtime trustee, continues to forge a deep connection with the University of Denver and its law school. Among the family's many projects and initiatives at the University, this new scholarship is extremely meaningful to the entire Sturm College of Law community.

"We are grateful to the Sturm Family Foundation for their continued partnership to ensure the Sturm College of Law remains an excellent law school and a source of great pride for the University and the community," said Chancellor Rebecca Chopp. "The Sturms are wonderful friends of our University and dedicated to the continued growth of quality at the Sturm College of Law."

Through the combination of the Sturm Foundation's support and the University of Denver's Momentum Scholarship Challenge, donors who make a qualified gift or pledge of at least \$50,000 will be able to endow their own named scholarships. The first \$1 million in qualifying gifts will be tripled, elevating a \$50,000 gift into a \$150,000 endowment. Additionally, the next \$3 million in qualifying gifts will be matched by a factor of 2.5, transforming a \$50,000 gift into a \$125,000 endowment. All of these endowments will support competitive scholarships for exceptional law students.

"Thanks to the Sturm Foundation's vision and generosity and the investment of many other loyal supporters, we can improve the accessibility of law school for the best and brightest candidates regardless of their financial background," Sturm College of Law Dean Martin Katz said. "I'm

grateful to the Sturm Family Foundation for their commitment to excellence, further evidenced by this most recent act of generosity, and look forward to expanding our scholarship offerings through this new opportunity.”

The Sturm College of Law is focused on preparing client-ready graduates through its innovative Experiential Advantage Curriculum™ and connecting those students with an excellent network of alumni and friends in the legal community to ensure lifelong career success.

“For me, this gift is about excellence,” said Mr. Sturm. “Increasing our scholarship offerings will help us recruit great students who in turn will bolster the reputation of our institution and have a positive impact within our city and state. The Sturm Family Foundation has invested significantly in this vision and knows others are ready to support it. We look forward to celebrating the collective impact of our investment with those who join us in supporting scholarship at the Sturm College of Law.”

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Founded in 1864, the University of Denver is committed to engaging with students in advancing scholarly inquiry, cultivating critical and creative thought, and generating knowledge. The University strives to educate the 21st-century citizens and leaders needed in its organizations and communities. The University of Denver ranks among the country's top 100 national universities, and the Institute of International Education ranks it No. 1 among national doctoral and research institutions in the percentage of undergraduate students participating in study abroad programs. For additional information, visit the University's Media Relations [website](#), or follow the University on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).