The Impact of Private Support

Gifts made to the law school’s annual fund ensure that law students have opportunities to gain practical experience through courtroom competitions, journals and extracurricular organizations and to benefit from guest lectures and symposia.

Contributions also support faculty teaching, research, publishing and participation in prestigious conferences.

Private funding for professorships and incentives helps the College recruit and retain top faculty.

Gifts also fund student travel to competitions and conferences, as well as their registration fees.

Private support allows the College to host nationally and internationally renowned speakers that enrich the student experience.
In 2014, Moody's rated Florida State as Florida's No. 1 law school—No. 28 in the nation—in terms of job placement.

In 2014, The National Jurist magazine ranked Florida State as the nation's No. 10 "Best Value" law school.

Hundreds of alumni visit campus each year to mentor and interview students. Many additional alumni network via video conference.

Since 2010, the Moot Court Team has won first place in 10 national competitions and one international competition.

In 2006, 2011 and 2012, BLSA was named National Chapter of the Year by the National Black Law Students Association.

In 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013 and 2014, Florida State's Student Bar Association received the National Student Bar Association Award, a top honor, from the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association.

The College of Law receives 10 applications for every seat in the entering class.

The 2014 entering class has a median LSAT of 159 and a median GPA of 3.44.

Current students represent 30 U.S. states and territories, 19 countries and 147 colleges and universities.

Law students can earn academic credit at one of the College's in-house, live-client clinics in family law, juvenile law and medical patient assistance. In our new Business Law Clinic, law students earn academic credit by helping advise business incubators across the Florida State University campus.

In our extensive clinical externship program, law students earn academic credit by working in one of more than 100 outside law offices or courts. Placement areas include judicial, criminal, civil, legal services, appellate, business and international law.

The College of Law's 50,000-square-foot Advocacy Center includes five courtrooms, four with jury boxes.

U.S. News & World Report’s 2015 edition rates the Florida State University College of Law No. 45 nationally, making Florida State the No. 1 law school in Florida.

On the most recent administration of the Florida Bar Exam, Florida State graduates secured an 81.8 percent passage rate, which far exceeds the overall passage rate of 71.8 percent for first-time test takers.

A 2014 National Law Journal report rates Florida State No. 25 nationally, No. 1 in the state of Florida, in terms of the percentage of 2013 graduates employed nine months after graduation in full-time, long-term, bar passage-required jobs that are not funded by the school.

The 2014 edition of HispanicBusiness ranks Florida State as the nation’s No. 2 law school for Hispanic students.

A 2014 National Law Journal report rates Florida State as the nation’s No. 3 law school in terms of placing graduates in government and public service jobs.

In 2012, the Mock Trial Team won first place in the National Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition. The Mock Trial Team receives support from the Endowment in Civil Trial Justice, which was established in 1996 and encourages increased study and understanding of the American system of trial justice.

In 2014, the Black Law Students Association won first place in the National Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition.