



# LAW LEADERSHIP SOCIETY 2024-2025

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



# A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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The USC Gould School of Law is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> year in 2025—125 years of innovation, inspiration, and impact. As the oldest law school in Southern California, and a pioneer of interdisciplinary and experiential legal education, USC Gould carries a longstanding legacy of leadership. Thank you for being part of that legacy and for your philanthropic leadership during the last year.

With your help, in 2024 we welcomed an incoming JD 1L class which set yet another Gould record for strongest LSAT and GPA scores. The class included Fulbright Scholars, a Peace Corps Volunteer, and champion athletes, among other notable accomplishments. Many of these students were mentored by members of our alumni community during the inaugural year of the Marshall B. Grossman Mentorship Program, and I am grateful to those of you who volunteered as mentors and generously gave your time to our students.

I hope you take a moment to learn more about the ways you and fellow Law Leadership Society members made an inspiring impact at USC Gould over the last year. Thank you for being part of this supportive community and for your dedication to our law school's success. I hope to see you at a USC Gould event in the coming year to say "Thank you" in person.



Franita Tolson  
Dean and Carl Mason Franklin Chair in Law



# YOUR IMPACT

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*The Law Leadership Society is a community of the USC Gould School of Law's most generous alumni and friends. Whether you maintain your membership with annual donations, major gifts, or by including USC Gould in your estate plans, your support matters. Here are some of the many ways in which you made a difference during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.*

# YOUR GIVING

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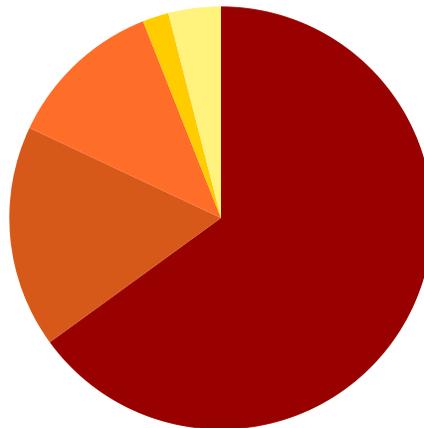
MEMBERS

**\$3.7M**

RAISED

**\$2.4M**

IN NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING



# MEMBERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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Our Law Leadership Society members gave back to the law school in a multitude of ways during the year, including:

- Paul Alston '71 and Donald Clark '59 endowed Need-Based Scholarships
  - Teri Paul '85 served as USC Gould's Representative on the USC Board of Governors
  - Bill Choi '85, Scott Edel '86, Erin Matzkin '02, Tyler Scott '21, and many, many others volunteered as mentors in the Marshall B. Grossman Mentorship Program
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# FROM OUR STUDENTS

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“USC Gould has the best professors who foster a balanced learning environment and peers who are all remarkable and kind. Day-to-day, I love the people I am surrounded by in my classes, and this bond with like-minded individuals has made law school a great place to learn. It is clear that USC has an established culture where everyone works hard, succeeds, and pays it forward, and I am so lucky to be a part of it. Thank you so much again for your support. I can’t wait to see what the future has in store for me.”



*Christine Nguyen, JD Candidate '27*

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“I want to thank you again for your help in attending USC Gould. I have received so much support and love over the last few months. From the student mentors to the Career Service Office, everyone at USC Gould has been willing to lend a hand. There is so much advice readily available, and I would be lost without all of it. I could not be happier with my choice to attend USC Gould. Thank you for helping me get here.”

*Natalie Rodriguez, JD Candidate '27*

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"Your generosity is contributing to one of the most vital efforts in any society: empowering people through education. By supporting education, you are not only transforming individual lives but also strengthening the foundation of a more capable and enlightened society. I am sincerely grateful for your belief in my potential and for your financial support which has allowed me to attend USC Gould."



*Nicole Holtmann, JD Candidate '27*

# LOOKING AHEAD

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We hope you will join us in the coming year for special events for the Law Leadership Society and the Gould community, including:

## Fall 2025

- Date TBD: 2025 Law Leadership Society Celebration, invitation to follow
- Tuesday, November 4: “Short Takes” on Hot Topics, featuring Prof. Hannah Garry
- Friday, November 14: USC Gould Reunion for classes 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020

## Spring 2026

- April 2026: USC Gould and Law Leadership Society at the USC School of Dramatic Arts Spring Musical

# KEEP IN TOUCH

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Please let us know if you need to update your contact information, have exciting professional news to share, or have questions about your membership, including renewing, upgrading, or including USC Gould in your estate plans.

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