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With best regards,  
  
 Nathalie Martin  
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Dear Former Students,

I hope that all is well with you. There are so many exciting things going on at the UNM Law School right now, including the leadership of our new dean, David Herring. Our Business Law, Natural Resources, and Indian Law courses are all increasing, as are all of our experiential learning offerings.

UNM Law is a special place and a very good value for students. We really excel when it comes to the quality of legal education, as well as the support system that exists for students. Students helping each other, faculty reaching out in many ways and beyond the classroom, and staff taking a real interest in students are what make the law school unique. That has not changed since your days at the law school. But, if that special culture is to continue, we need your help. By reducing student debt early, ideally for every single student, and supporting our School, we can help our law students get the very best out of their UNM Law experience.

More specifically, we want to ask our graduates in the Classes of 1998-2002 to consider making a gift of \$500 each year, when you can. These annual gifts are essential. At any level you can, we hope you might consider participating with us each year. Annual gifts to General Scholarship or the Dean's Fund help us provide more aid to more students or support our faculty teaching. Each gift matters, no matter the size. What is important is that we all try and that we all join in the endeavor to support our Law School.

Please think about joining your fellow alumni in making a contribution today.



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*For the Classes of 1998-2002*

## Giving back at the UNM School of Law.

It starts with your professional accomplishments.  
 It responds to the needs of promising law students.  
 It maintains a close and diverse educational experience.  
 It protects what makes this Law School so special:  
 Small size, caring faculty, unique traditions.

Every gift counts, no matter the size.



## IT'S ABOUT COMING TOGETHER FOR OUR LAW SCHOOL

Alumni 11-15 years out of law school have told us they want to give back. We want to share how much annual gifts can impact the Law School today.

These gifts are essential and they make a very big difference. The key is not the size of your gifts, but **the total number of graduates making the annual gifts they can.**

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### Help us continue to attract eager and promising law students.

In India, women suffer so much; they are routinely pushed, kicked, and locked up by their husbands. They give up. I was in an arranged marriage and suffered years of abuse. When I moved here, a lawyer helped me get my freedom and changed my life. I was living like a nomad in the streets and in shelters, and thought, if I make it, I'll go to law school. With my law degree, I want to help women find their strength.

- Komal Kumar, Class of 2016

### Because every student has a need.

I was born and raised in the Pueblo of Zuni and was a public health nurse for several years. I saw patients who had been victims of rape, financial exploitation, and abuse. I felt there had to be something more that I could offer. As a mother of four, I was intimidated by law school, but love it here at UNM and am glad I took the plunge. I'm interested in Indian Law, Public Policy, and Consumer Law. I feel my law degree will open many doors to empower others.

- Christy Chapman, Class of 2016

### And every gift counts. No matter the size.

My mom is a maid and my dad is in construction. They've always worked hard and encouraged me to pursue my education. For my undergraduate degree, I worked in construction full-time to support my family and took 18 credit hours every semester. I pursue my education to honor my parents and validate the struggles my family has faced. For me, law school is the American Dream. I'd like to work in Criminal and Immigration Law and one day become a judge.

- Ali Morales, Class of 2016