

Sample Bequest Language

Residual Gift Language

I give and devise to Widener University School of Law all (or state a percentage) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program.)

Specific Gift Language

I give and devise to Widener University School of Law the amount of \$_____ to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program.)

Contingent Gift Language

If (insert name) is not living at the time of my death, I give and devise to Widener University School of Law, the amount of \$_____ (or all or a percentage of the residue of my estate) to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program.)



For information on creative ways to support Widener Law, or to let us know that you have already included the law school in your estate plan, please contact us:

Widener University School of Law
Office of Development and Alumni Relations
4601 Concord Pike
Wilmington, DE 19803

302-477-2172 or go to:
law.widener.edu/plannedgiving

Taking the Lead
The Campaign for Widener 



Widener Law
Pass on the Widener Law tradition.



Make your “gift of a lifetime” today by making Widener Law part of your estate plan.

- Include a simple **bequest** in your will—it’s the easiest way to give back to the law school that gave you the opportunity to pursue a legal career.
- Make Widener Law a beneficiary of your **retirement plan**—a tax-wise strategy that can benefit your family.
- Establish a **charitable gift annuity**—it will allow a current tax deduction and a future tax-advantaged income payment.



Leave a legacy that makes a difference

Be a leader in giving and continue your investment in Widener Law. Through your planned gift you can:

- Establish a scholarship in your name or in the name of a loved one
- Support a particular program at the law school
- Endow an annual lecture
- Make a gift to a clinical program that will both benefit law students and provide much-needed services to our communities

To discuss your specific wishes with our planned giving officer, and to ensure that your gift can be used as intended, please call 302-477-2172.

Why they supported Widener Law with a planned gift:



Linda Needleman, mother of Michael '01, emphasizes that her **bequest** is modest, saying that “To me, education is how you contribute to the world and make it a better place. If this little bit of money helps one student, then that student can help another student. My little bit of money, combined with that of others, gives someone else a chance.”



Eugene D. McGurk Jr. '78 has endowed a student health law fellowship, commenting that “I am honored and humbled to have been part of the Widener mission for the past thirty plus years. I believe in *Taking the Lead ~ The Campaign for Widener*. By making a planned gift, I have an opportunity to help move the law school forward even when I'm no longer here. I am proud to make that goal part of my legacy.” By naming Widener as the beneficiary of his **individual retirement account**, he has ensured that the proceeds are exempt from taxes, including income tax, that would be due if a family member or other person was the beneficiary.



Selma Hayman '86 has established a deferred **charitable gift annuity**. After her death, the funds remaining will benefit a scholarship for minority students because she wants to encourage a more diverse population in the legal profession. A desire to “give back” to the law school as thanks for scholarship help she herself received as a student was also a motivating factor.