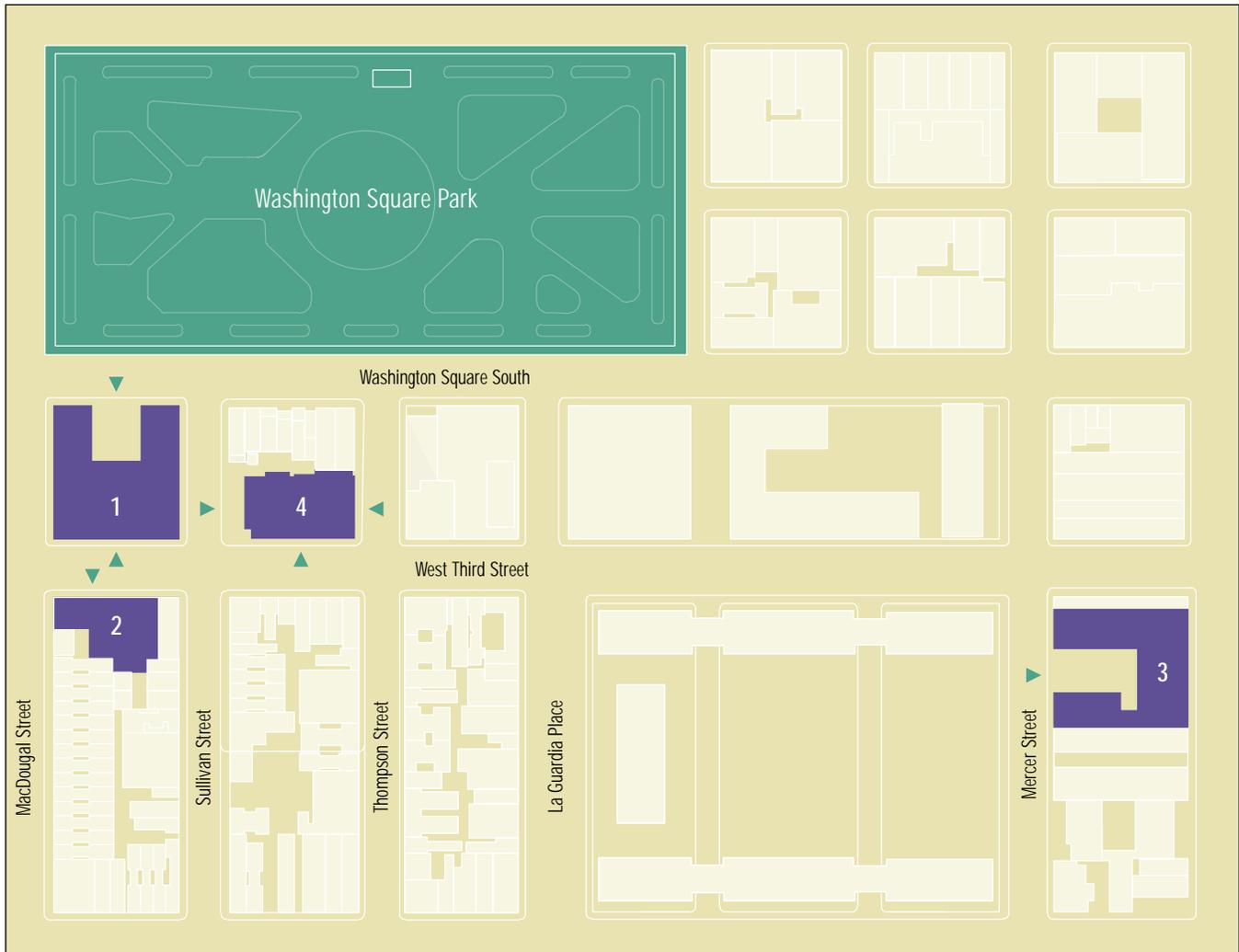


Building A Law School That Has Never Been

In keeping pace with the extraordinary development of activities at NYU, the Law School's campus is undergoing a transformation – one that will not only add a new building to the north side of West Third Street, but also will entail complete renovation of Vanderbilt Hall. The Law School's building and renovation plans are the natural culmination of the unprecedented advances in the school's programs developed over the past decade. These advances, which have moved NYU to a leadership position in legal education, also have revolutionized the role and methods of legal education. Moreover, these advances have set the stage for further advances. In short, NYU School of Law is in the process of creating a law school that has never been.



1. Vanderbilt Hall 2. D'Agostino Residence Hall 3. Mercer Residence Hall 4. The New Building

▲ = Entrance

Two initiatives in particular have stretched the existing physical plant of the Law School beyond capacity – the addition of a significant number of outstanding faculty and the concomitant development of program initiatives, perhaps most notably the Global Law School Program initiative. The Law School has spent the past decade placing its resources into curriculum development and attracting exceptional faculty. It now is clear that, if the Law School's progress is to be sustained and further developed, the physical plant must be modernized and expanded.

As NYU's peer schools have all been undergoing growth to their facilities throughout the nineties, the Law School's emphasis instead has been on developing the leading research and learning community, and this approach has been extremely suc-

cessful. The finest faculty from around the world are increasingly attracted to NYU, and the very best students are following them to Washington Square. And as they come to the Law School, they commit to participating in a learning community at the core of which is the notion of engagement with each other in conversation about the great issues of our day. This conversation begins in the classroom and continues in the corridors, in faculty offices and in lounges. Now, however, the current facilities cannot accommodate this amount of activity. Initially, the Law School managed by renovating existing buildings; but the limit has been reached.

As it became clear that the Law School would need to expand its space, a unique real estate opportunity presented itself. For

some time, NYU has owned contiguous lots on West Third Street east of Vanderbilt Hall; but the eastern-most lots on the block between Sullivan and Thompson Streets were owned by Judson Church. When Judson Church offered these lots to the Law School, it became possible to visualize combining this property with the Law School's existing property to create a very special law school campus. And so the Law School acquired this real estate, and now owns the entire north side of Third Street between Sullivan and Thompson Streets. Here NYU will add its new building (see item 4 on the above map).

Great care has been taken in planning the use of space. The Law School administration, in partnership with a committee of trustees – led by real estate developer Jay

Furman ('71) – and a committee of faculty, students, and alumni began a rigorous analysis of the Law School's infrastructure needs and the possibilities presented by the newly acquired property. The architectural firm hired to design the new building and renovate existing structures conducted an extensive analysis of classroom usage over the past several years to determine how much additional classroom space is needed. They also studied how faculty, students, and staff work and explored what sort of physical spaces were needed to best support this work. Again and again faculty, students, and administrators urged the creation of a physical environment that would support and enhance the ethos which defines NYU Law School as a community of scholars and students – a place where faculty engage other faculty at the highest level of intellectual conversation.

The result: The new building will contain beautiful spaces for people to meet and converse. There will be more than ten sem-

inar rooms (one with a terrace overlooking West Third Street) to accommodate smaller classes and six large lecture halls. The new building will be fitted with cutting-edge technology, including computer equipped classrooms, video conferencing rooms, and email bars. There will be two main terraces, one overlooking West Third Street, and one overlooking the famous rose window of Judson Memorial Church. There will be another high-ceilinged study lounge overlooking a garden on the Sullivan Street side. Adjacent to the garden will be an indoor-outdoor café for the Law School community to enjoy. In addition, student services such as the Offices of Career Counseling and Placement, Financial Aid, Records and Registration, and academic advising will all be located in one place for students. Concurrently, in Vanderbilt Hall, faculty suites, student lounge space, and conference rooms will be created – all equipped with state-of-the-art technology. ■

Our Future Includes:

Main Lobby and Garden
Student Cafe
2 Student Lounges (one with Terrace)
12 Classrooms
10 Seminar Rooms
4 Clinical Student Workspaces
4 Flexible Courtrooms
2 Deposition Rooms
44 Lawyering & Clinical Faculty Offices
Faculty Floor with Terrace
10 Faculty Residences
20 Administrative Offices
Public Interest Law Center Library
New Media Library Center
2 Group Study Rooms
Email Technology Student Lounge

Trustee Jay Furman Anchors Building Campaign with a \$15 Million Gift

Law School Trustee Jay Furman ('71) has made the largest commitment to date to the NYU School of Law Building Campaign – \$15 million.

"There have been few leaders of the Law School who have made as much impact as Jay Furman," said Dean John Sexton. "He has made the Building Project a reality through the gift of his expertise and wise counsel, and now has put substantial resources behind it as

well. His commitment to our mission, in word and deed, is unparalleled. I am grateful for his leadership and for his friendship."

Jay Furman is a leader in the real estate industry. Following his graduation from NYU, he obtained an M.Phil in Economics from Columbia. Then, he joined the faculty of Cardozo Law School. From 1976 to 1978, Furman served as general counsel and financial consultant to Realty Investors Develop-

ment Corporation (RIDC). Since then, he has focused exclusively on the operations of RIDC and its related companies. Furman has significant interests in over 100 shopping centers and is general partner and controlling member of over 85 partnerships, corporations or limited liability companies.

This is far from the first demonstration of Furman's generosity the Law School has known. His gift of \$5 million in 1996 established the Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, and his gift of \$900,000 enabled the Law School to establish a Fellowship Program in Human Rights. In recognition of his leadership and generosity, NYU Law will name the faculty residence tower in the new building "Furman Hall." ■

Ira DeCamp Foundation Supports New Building with \$500,000

The Ira DeCamp Foundation, established in 1975 with funds from the estate of the late Elizabeth DeCamp McInerney, is supporting the Law School's Building Campaign with a grant of \$500,000.

This gift was facilitated by Foundation Trustee Arthur Mahon ('58). Mr. Mahon, a

Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar and a longtime supporter of the Root-Tilden-Kern Program, is the father of Nancy Mahon ('89), who is also a Root.

Dean Sexton said of Mr. Mahon: "Arthur Mahon has been our partner in progress for more than a decade. That he has now

helped us to secure the support of the Ira DeCamp Foundation is one more phenomenal example of his commitment."

Mr. Mahon said of the new building initiative: "It is my pleasure to facilitate this gift for the Law School. The expansion of the Law School's program over the last decade has necessitated this new building. I encourage other alumni to participate in the future of this community by facilitating similar investments from the organizations in which they are involved." ■

James Rogers Bolsters the NYU Law Building Campaign with a Gift of \$5 Million

NYU Trustee and Sunbelt Communications President James Rogers has made a \$5 million commitment to the School of Law's Building Campaign.

"I make this pledge believing that I have a moral obligation to support and improve education," Rogers said. "I believe it to be the right thing to do."

Dean John Sexton said of Rogers' gift: "What Jim has done is inspiring. We all owe him a debt of profound gratitude. Without visionaries like him to step up during this time of the Law School's unprecedented expansion, our dreams would never be realized. Jim's leadership sets a stellar example for others to follow."

Rogers earned his bachelor's degree in accounting at the University of Arizona in 1960 and a J.D. in 1962 from the University of Arizona College of Law where he was an editor of the Arizona Law Review. He later earned an LL.M. from the University of Southern California, served as a teaching fellow at the University of Illinois Law School from 1963 to 1964 and had a highly successful law practice in Las Vegas from 1964 to 1988. Rogers is currently the owner and president of Sunbelt Communications Company, whose subsidiaries own and operate television stations in a number of cities.

Rogers is renowned as one of the nation's most generous philanthropists to higher

education. Other gifts include \$115 million to the University of Arizona College of Law, which has been renamed the James E. Rogers College of Law in his honor. In addition, he has donated \$28.5 million to the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada; \$15 million to the University of Arizona to support schools and programs outside the College of Law; \$3.5 million to Carroll College in Helena, Montana; and \$1.5 million to Great Basin College in Elko, Nevada, among others.

A strong belief in one's ethical responsibility to give back is at the core of Rogers' personal philosophy. Regarding his philanthropy, Rogers says, "I think you have to understand and define what you consider to be a success. There are two parts to success – getting it and then doing good things with it. I think once you are successful, you have to realize that the second part of success is what you do with it. It's important to ask, 'How do I use my finances to help other people?'" ■

Starr Foundation Supports New Building with \$500,000 Gift

The Starr Foundation, a longtime supporter of a number of Law School programs and initiatives, has approved a grant of \$500,000 to the Law School's Building Campaign.

The Starr Foundation, of which Law School Trustee Florence Davis ('79) is President, also supports the C.V. Starr Scholarships, the C.V. Starr Global Scholar-

ships, the Root-Tilden-Kern Program and the library at the School of Law. Ms. Davis also sits on the Board of the Institute for Judicial Administration.

The Starr Foundation was established in 1955 by Cornelius Vander Starr, an insurance entrepreneur who founded the American International family of insurance companies, now known as AIG. It has been an

important benefactor of numerous not-for-profit organizations in New York City and throughout the United States.

"The Law School community is proud of our long and successful partnership with The Starr Foundation," said Dean Sexton. "This generous gift is the latest demonstration of the Foundation's belief in our vision for the future. We are also thankful to Florence Davis for her unflagging belief in our goals. When leaders of her caliber lend us their support and encouragement, I am more confident than ever that the Law School is on the right path." ■

The Fuchsberg Family Renews Support for Clinical Education

In recognition of the importance of clinical education for the training of today's law graduates, the Fuchsberg family has made a major gift of \$500,000 in support of the Law School's new clinical facilities. The facilities, to be located on two floors of the new building, will be named the Jacob D. Fuchsberg Clinical Program.

Judge Jacob D. Fuchsberg, born on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, earned his

degree from the Law School in 1935. He served on the Court of Appeals, the state's highest court, from 1975 to 1983. After his retirement, he founded the Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Firm in Manhattan, a firm specializing in civil litigation, representing plaintiffs in a variety of areas including medical malpractice, negligence, products liability and railroad and commercial law.

After returning to practicing law in 1983,

Judge Fuchsberg said, "Unlike in the 1960's when America fought in the street for its rights, today we are waging the fight in the courthouses. We are making progress, and it has to be done through the law." He said at that time that he thought areas of laws that would be pressed in the United States would include the rights of children, civil rights in general, the one-man, one-vote issue, family law and equal distribution of property, environmental protection and women's rights.

Judge Fuchsberg was a passionate advocate, and it is altogether fitting that the premier program in clinical legal education should bear his name. ■