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Chesapeake Donation Benefits Fellowship Students

FORT WORTH, Texas – Texas Wesleyan University School of Law is pleased to announce a donation from Chesapeake Energy that will fund four student fellowships next summer.

The \$12,000 donation will benefit students through the Texas Wesleyan Law Fellowship, a program which provides stipends to students who wish to practice law in the public service sector.

“Many public service organizations cannot afford to pay interns, yet they desperately need the support these students can provide,” Dean Frederic White said. “The Wesleyan Law Fellowship provides selected students with stipends for living expenses so they are able to work with these organizations and get the legal experience so vital to their education. Chesapeake’s generous gift will help provide funding for four fellows this summer, and we are so grateful to them for creating this opportunity.”

The donation was presented by Leah King, Chesapeake’s director of community relations, at the company’s downtown Fort Worth office on Sept. 10, 2008. Dean White, Casey Dyer, director of alumni relations and external affairs, and 3L Roxanna Manoochehri, president of the Wesleyan Law Fellowship, accepted the check on behalf of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law.

Fundraising for fellowship stipends is currently in full swing at the law school. The fall fellowship auction, the organization’s biggest fundraiser, will take place on Friday, Oct. 3, and includes live and silent auctions. Last year’s auction raised a total of \$38,000, which included \$19,000 from auction items and a matching gift of \$19,000 from then-Interim Dean Cynthia Fountaine.

Fellowship recipients practice at organizations that include Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, Catholic Charities Immigration Project, Tarrant County Probate Court One, and the Attorney General’s office.

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