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Newton, MA--This year's 3L Class Gift Campaign at Boston College Law School broke all Boston College graduation gift participation records, galvanizing a record-breaking 96% of third-year students in support of the Law School while also creating a meaningful legacy for future graduates. As a direct result of this initiative, the school is funding a new BC Law Public Service Fellowship for the Class of 2014. The Class of 2014 gift will fund the BC Law Public Service Fellowship for a member of the Class of 2015.

"I've been helping student leaders raise funds for the graduation gift since 2006, and it's exciting to see the 3Ls respond to the common mission of giving something back to the school they love," says David Weinstein, trustee of Boston College and member of BC Law's Dean's Advisory Board. "It's not tested on the bar exam, but how to organize a fundraising drive is a valuable professional skill. This year's record participation rates are a credit to the leaders' hard work and the strong community spirit the 3Ls fostered throughout their BC Law careers. Looking ahead, this 3L giving community lays a solid foundation for future philanthropic engagement that will continue to strengthen BC Law for generations to come."

The BC Law Public Service Fellowship is a year-long post-graduate fellowship program that provides a public interest organization or government agency with a full-time BC Law graduate. The program aligns with the School's commitment to social and economic justice and dedication to improving access to legal services.

"The success of this campaign, first and foremost, demonstrates the dedication of this school and its students towards public interest," says Abhijit Kurup, Graduation Gift Committee co-chair. "It was honestly heart warming to see nearly 100% of the student body get behind this campaign and donate. However, we could not have done it without the support and encouragement of the faculty and administration at Boston College Law School. They went above and beyond to not only encourage the campaign but to have meaningful conversations about the implementation of the fellowship as a whole. I am proud to be part of the BC family."

"This accomplishment is remarkable," said BC Law Dean Vincent Rougeau, who hopes that the new benchmark will inspire future classes. "These are the stories that speak volumes about how special BC Law is."