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University of Windsor Faculty of Law Launches Transforming Windsor Law Campaign

On November 28, Windsor Law publicly launched the Transforming Windsor Law campaign with the release of a [project webpage](#), [video series](#) and [relocation announcement](#).

During an alumni event held in Toronto last month, University of Windsor President Robert Gordon, Chancellor Mary Jo Haddad, and Windsor Law Dean Christopher Waters had the pleasure of launching the campaign.

Early donors include Allan Stitt '88, Jamie Johnson '87, John '84 and Randi Bitove, Greg Monforton and Partners, Norton Rose Fulbright, Lerner LLP, McTague LLP, and Himelfarb Proszanski.

In an incredible show of support during the Toronto launch event, in addition to his existing pledge, Windsor Law alumnus Jamie Johnson of Signal Hill Equity Partners generously challenged alumni through a dollar-for-dollar matching campaign, matching up to \$100,000 in pledges. Through this initiative, Windsor Law alumni were able to raise over \$200,000 in funds in just 24 hours.

“The \$30 million-dollar project is slated to commence in the summer of 2020,” says Dean Christopher Waters.

“The building is proudly rooted on a [renewed University of Windsor campus](#). The transformed space will enhance our reputation and make us all proud. With the help of our community, we are going to take what’s good about our building and make it more warm, welcoming and suitable for law teaching today.”

With the help of alumni and donors, the Faculty of Law has managed to raise over \$2 million towards their fundraising goal so far, in anticipation of Board approval in early 2020.

The campaign excitement continues this evening with the sold-out Windsor Law Alumni Dinner & Campaign Launch event at the Windsor Club.

Donations can be made [online](#) towards the Transforming Windsor Law campaign in support of the upcoming renovations to the Ron W. Ianni Faculty of Law building.

[Learn more on the Transforming Windsor Law project website.](#)

More about the Ron W. Ianni Law Building:

When the Ron W. Ianni building was conceived, the architects had in mind a new kind of law school. The building was bold and its lines, materials and common spaces were meant to reflect “law as a social process.”

The building has served us well for many years but is showing its age. In 2018, Windsor Law’s 50th anniversary year presented an opportune time to rethink our space needs for teaching, research, advocacy and service in a renewed building and on a [renewed University campus](#). It is exciting to conceive of a building that could serve Windsor Law for the next 50 years.

More about the Transforming Windsor Law project:

Pending Board approval in January 2020, the Transforming Windsor Law renovation project will begin in Summer 2020, with a relocation of faculty, staff and students in Spring 2020.

To help us plan for a transformed space, the Transforming Windsor Law Steering Committee has developed 5 guiding principles:

1. Create a welcoming and accessible place that instils pride in Windsor Law.
2. Increase usable building space in a way that puts the student experience at the centre and that supports dynamic teaching, research, experiential learning and service.
3. Design flexible and multi-purpose spaces that are forward-looking and open to change.
4. Connect the building to our local Indigenous peoples, physical environment, heritage and communities.
5. Promote environmental sustainability, health and well-being.

To learn more, visit the project website: uwindsor.ca/law/TWL

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