



### **\$3 million Rodzik family gift to support Windsor Law transformation**

(Windsor, Ontario, Friday, September 11, 2020) – A planned \$30 million transformation to the current Ron W. Ianni Faculty of Law building got a major boost today with the announcement of a \$3 million gift by the Don Rodzik Foundation in support of the Transforming Windsor Law building project. This is the single largest gift in Windsor Law’s history.

University of Windsor president Rob Gordon and Faculty of Law dean Chris Waters were joined by Don Rodzik Sr. and members of the Rodzik family at a small on-campus event announcing the gift.

“We are immensely proud of our Windsor roots and it has always been important to me and my family to educate, to mentor, to continually improve, to invest, and help our community to succeed,” said Rodzik Sr. at an outdoor campus event.

“Our family believes in the power of higher education and the enrichment to those who seek it. The opportunity to improve education is our key motivation in making this gift.”

In his remarks, Rodzik called on others in the community “with an enterprising spirit” to support the campaign.

“We hope this gift will inspire others to consider supporting the renovation and truly transform Windsor Law into something new and better...your investment is needed to make this happen.”

The project, expected to begin in January 2021, is being spearheaded by Diamond Schmitt Architects and will reimagine the current law building into an environment that provides better space for teaching, learning, and collaboration, while serving the accessibility needs of a diverse population in a warm and welcoming way.

The Rodzik family’s gift will support the new building’s Don Rodzik Moot Court; the Don & Gail Rodzik Law Library; and the creation of an endowed Don Rodzik Family Chair in Law and Entrepreneurship.

Dr. Gordon called the family’s gift “inspirational” and a testament to the importance of relationships built between the University of Windsor and the community it serves.

“The University of Windsor is tremendously grateful to the Rodzik family today for their very generous and meaningful gift, and for the ongoing support and guidance Don Rodzik Jr. has provided as a member of the TWL campaign cabinet.”

“The Rodzik family story is a uniquely Windsor one, rooted in hard work, tenacity, and a keen eye to the future. We are deeply honoured that the Rodziks recognize Transforming Windsor Law as an investment worth making. A place where tomorrow’s legal practitioners will have a personally transformative

educational experience, and where they will receive the support and acquire the important skills needed to make vital contributions to the communities they will serve.”

For more information on Transforming Windsor Law visit: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/twl>

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