

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
UDC RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 24

**SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING IN THE FORM OF TUITION
REMISSION FOR THE UDC DAVID A. CLARKE SCHOOL OF LAW**

WHEREAS pursuant to D.C. Official Code §38-1202.06(2)(C) it is the duty and responsibility of the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia to operate a law school unit in a manner that maintains the ABA approval necessary to qualify the graduates of the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law (the "School of Law") to take the bar examinations of the District of Columbia and several states; and

WHEREAS the American Bar Association Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools require that the “ current and anticipated financial resources available to the law school shall be sufficient for it to operate in compliance with the Standards and to carry out its program of legal education;” and

WHEREAS the School of Law’s mission requires that it recruit and enroll students from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented at the bar, with the understanding that such students often come from low-income families who cannot afford high tuition rates; and

WHEREAS the School of Law’s mission also requires that it educates public interest, public service, and public policy lawyers who on average earn much lower salaries than lawyers in private practice and thus cannot sustain significant student debt repayment obligations; and

WHEREAS the implementation of multi-year financial aid awards and targeted enrollment strategies allows the School of Law to recruit and retain well-qualified mission-driven classes; and

WHEREAS multi-year and continuing-students financial aid awards have been and will continue to be conditioned upon students maintaining strong academic performance; and

WHEREAS the institutional aid funding to the School of Law since 2006 in the amount of \$700,000 per year allows it to further the mission and meet the financial aid needs through remission of tuition; and;

WHEREAS the School of Law will continue to track and report on the effectiveness of the institutional aid provided,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the University to offer institutional aid for the School of Law in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 per year for tuition remission consistent with qualifying academic requirements.

Approved by the Executive Committee

June 17, 2025

Ratified by the Board of Trustees

June 24, 2025



Warner H. Session
Chairperson of the Board

Fiscal Impact Statement

TO: The Board of Trustees
FROM: Managing Director of Finance *David A. Franklin*
DATE: June 17, 2025
SUBJECT: Institutional Aid for the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law

Conclusion

The Managing Director of Finance/Chief Operating Officer concludes that the projected financial impact resulting from the allocation of \$700,000 in institutional aid to the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law is positive.

Background

The proposed resolution will provide the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law institutional aid in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 annually. This funding was first approved by the UDC Board of Trustees in 2006 and has been approved in multi-year increments ever since. In the academic year 2023-2024, institutional aid in the form of partial scholarships was given to 77 students with an average merit award of \$10,230 and an average need award of \$3,150. These students had an average LSAT of 152 and UGPA of 3.10. District residents received 22% of the awards. Please note that the DC School of Law Foundation awarded the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law an additional \$299,005 in 2023 and \$338,734 in 2024 in scholarship funding and has promised to award no less than \$338,734 in 2025, to support the provision of institutional aid to UDC Law students.

Financial Impact

Based on the information provided there are no known risks to the University at this time.