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Altons Present \$15,000 to Law Review Endowment

FORT WORTH, Texas – As a founding board member and a former editor-in-chief of the *Texas Wesleyan Law Review*, Judy Alton '94 holds a special interest in the success of her alma mater's law review. So when the Law Review Endowment Fund was not generating enough money to provide stipends for its members, she and her husband, Professor Stephen Alton, created an incentive for giving.

Announced in December, the Alton Challenge Gift was initiated by the Altons, who offered to match every dollar donated to the Law Review Endowment Fund through May 2008, up to \$10,000. The challenge was met in late spring, and the Altons responded with another challenge - \$1 for every \$2 donated, up to \$5,000. Again, donors met the challenge, and on August 16, the Altons presented members of the law review with a check for \$15,000.

"The Altons were wonderful to work with and share a real passion for Texas Wesleyan University School of Law and our law review," Casey Dyer '06, director of alumni affairs and development said. "I am incredibly grateful to Judy and Stephen for their support and leadership in making this challenge gift a reality. When Judy speaks about her experience on law review, you listen and you want to participate in the cause. I attribute the success of this endeavor to that passion."

Dyer also complimented the law school community for so successfully embracing the Alton challenge and supporting the law review endowment.

"The willingness of the law review board members to work to raise this money enabled us to achieve our goal, and their leadership has set the tone for others to follow," Dyer said. "It is a wonderful accomplishment for the law review, as well as the entire law school community. Our entire alumni community, current students, faculty, staff, and friends came together to achieve one common goal, and the unity that the challenge gift created has truly made a difference and has proven that, when giving back to our law school, there really is strength in numbers."

The Altons presented the check at a reception on Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Reata Restaurant in downtown Fort Worth. Past and present law review members gathered to recognize the 2008-09 members and to show their appreciation for the Altons generosity.

Established in 2002, the law review endowment fund was created to provide stipends to the editors of the law review.