

Remembering the School Where it all Began

by Arthur S. Goldberg '39:

"My years as a student at Washburn University and in the Washburn School of Law meant more to me than I can ever explain," said Dallas attorney Arthur S. Goldberg '39 at a recent gathering of Law School alumni. His remarks came as he was recognized for his thoughtful and generous planned gift to the Washburn University School of Law.

"I was challenged by wonderful law professors," he recalled. "I was a member of the intercollegiate debate team and also president of the Washburn chapter and vice president of the Missouri Valley region of the International Relations Clubs. The three years I spent at Washburn, which include one year in the College of Liberal Arts and two years in the School of Law, shaped my career and my life."

While at Washburn, Mr. Goldberg worked for Mr. Abe Pozez, a long-time supporter of the University. Mr. Pozez was an inspiration to Mr. Goldberg and taught him good business practices and the value of charitable giving. Mr. Goldberg was a scholarship student at Washburn and after graduation established the Benjamin and Dora Goldberg scholarship fund in honor of his parents.

Mr. Goldberg's life is one of accomplishment and of generosity. He began his law career in 1939, joining the Dallas firm of Ungerman, Hill & Ungerman working in its Waco office. The partners Meyer '26 and Harry '29 Ungerman were both Washburn Law alumni. When the firm temporarily closed the office after Pearl Harbor, Mr. Goldberg moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to work for Irvine Ungerman '30, another Washburn Law alumnus.

As World War II raged on, he served in the U.S. Army from 1942 through 1946, spending two years in India with the Criminal Investigation Division of the Provost Martial. After his discharge, he returned to Dallas to work briefly for the Veterans Administration before rejoining Ungerman, Hill & Ungerman in Dallas. In 1948, he and James R. Alexander formed the firm of Goldberg & Alexander, which continues to practice in Dallas. Mr. Goldberg specialized in commercial law, representing businesses in Dallas and

nationwide. He also served as general counsel of the Dallas Fashion Manufacturers Association. He became a real estate investor and later practiced law in the fields of real estate, estate planning and probate.

Even as his career advanced, however, Mr. Goldberg found time to contribute countless hours as an officer and board member of his synagogue, the Jewish Welfare Federation, Jewish Family Service, the Jewish Community Center and the Dallas Community Chest, later known as the United Way. He was involved in bar activities and chaired the Legal Ethics Committee of the Dallas Bar Association.

Concerned about decency, fair play and equal opportunity for all people, he worked to eliminate religious discrimination in advertisements in both associations' publications. "That work was some of my most meaningful work," he said.

Giving has always been a part of Mr. Goldberg's life, and he is generous in his support of charities that are close to his heart. His contribution to Washburn University School of Law is one of several planned gifts he is making through the Jewish Community Federation of Dallas. "Washburn University School of Law has held an important place in my heart for more than 60 years," Mr. Goldberg said. "I am proud to be a Washburn alumnus and feel it is my duty to give something back to the school that did so much for me. I hope other Washburn alumni will join me in making gifts to ensure the future of our alma mater."

To learn how you can join Mr. Goldberg in supporting the work of Washburn University School of Law now and in the future, please contact:

Martin R. Ahrens
Director of Development
Washburn University Endowment Association
1700 College Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66621

Telephone: (785) 231-1020
E-mail: mahrens@wea.org

