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Robina Foundation Supports New Institute and Scholarships

APRIL 13, 2011—The University of Minnesota Law School recently received one of the largest gifts in its history: a grant of \$8.75 million from the Robina Foundation. The grant will be used to support creation of the Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice and to advance the Law School's goal of addressing students' financial burden.

The Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, the first of its kind in the nation, will advance cutting-edge research and address key public policy issues, building on the strengths of the Law School in the criminal justice field. It will bring leading U.S. and international criminal law scholars to Minnesota to engage in empirically grounded, theoretically informed research and will foster systematic, critical, interdisciplinary study of criminal law. The Institute will serve as a hub for conversations about the future of criminal law in the United States and multiple other jurisdictions. Its establishment will substantially enrich the intellectual life of the Law School, bring opportunities to students, deepen the curriculum, and enhance the school's reputation in the criminal justice arena.

The Robina gift also will support student scholarship awards and will be available as matching funds for charitable gifts received from other donors. The Robina Foundation will match donors' scholarship gifts at two levels: \$60,000 payable over three years to provide full scholarships, and \$15,000 payable over three years to provide partial scholarships.

The Robina Foundation's gift builds on its earlier gifts totaling more than \$8 million. Robina grants jump-started the Law School's Program on Law, Public Policy, and Society and continue to enhance its innovative public policy research and the curriculum reform that is making the Law School a national model. James H. Binger ('41) created the Robina Foundation shortly before his death in 2004 to support major institutions in generating new ideas and transformative approaches to critical social issues. The Law School, Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, the Council on Foreign Relations, and Yale University received major Robina funding for their forward-thinking projects.

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