In 2001, the Law School embarked on a plan to renovate and expand our signature building at the gateway to campus by stretching across the major arterial walkway immediately south of our current structure and constructing a new facility. When complete, the existing building will house a renovated Law Library and administrative office space, while the new building will house classrooms, faculty offices, and administrative office space — all in a single, integrated, collegiate Gothic structure, joined together by a covered loggia and chapel at ground level and a Commons area above.

Buoyed by Frank Eck’s July 2005 gift of $21 million, the largest in the Law School’s history, fundraising for the $57.68 million building and renovation project nears completion. In the wake of Mr. Eck’s gift, the University retained the S/L/A/M Collaborative of Glastonbury,
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Connecticut, in fall 2005 as project architects. With the help of the Law School Building Committee (Matt Barrett, Tricia Bellia, Roger Jacobs, Ed Edmonds, Mike Kirsch, Patty O’Hara, Gail Peshel, John Robinson, Cathy Roemer, Vince Rougeau, and Joe Thomas), S/L/A/M is close to completing the schematic design.

The pages of this issue contain schematics of the exterior of the new building drawn in the style of the building’s original architectural rendering, which dates back to the late 1920s. We look forward to groundbreaking in fall 2007, to occupancy of the new structure in fall 2009, and to commencing renovation of the existing building immediately thereafter. We hope that you share our excitement about this dramatic new chapter in the history of the Law School.