

## SmolenPlevy Law Firm Gives Back with George Mason University Scholarship Program for Out-of-State Students

(Tysons Corner, VA)—The law firm of SmolenPlevy is proud to announce its scholarship fund for out-of-state students at the George Mason University School of Law.

Founding principals Jason Smolen and Alan Plevy marked the firm's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2002 by endowing the SmolenPlevy Scholarship. The scholarship is used to help defray the out-of-state tuition expense for one (or more) first year student coming to George Mason from outside Virginia.

Smolen, originally from New York state, and Plevy, originally from New Jersey, met at George Mason law school in Arlington, VA, and started the firm not long after graduation in 1977. "George Mason gave us our chance," says Jason Smolen. "This is our opportunity to give back." Alan Plevy adds, "The scholarship makes a big difference to those students who otherwise might go elsewhere. George Mason is a top tier school and we want to make sure it attracts the best students nationwide."

George Mason university officials note the importance of the SmolenPlevy Scholarship and other scholarship dollars. "As Mason's national reputation has grown, the interest in attending Mason has grown," says Alison Price, Mason's Senior Assistant Dean and Director of Admissions. "Last year, for the first time, we had more out-of-state first year students than in-state students. Students apply because we offer an outstanding faculty, a great location, a well-rounded program and a sense of community that other schools lack. Scholarships allow them to focus on studies rather than worry about finances, thereby playing a key role in first year success."

For more information about the SmolenPlevy Scholarship, please contact Alison H. Price, Senior Assistant Dean and Director of George Mason University Law School Admissions at aprice1@gmu.edu. Students may also call the Direct On-Line Aid Resource System (DOLARS) at (703) 993-4GMU, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid on the Internet

(<u>apollo.gmu.edu/finaid</u>), or schedule an appointment to meet with a financial aid counselor. The financial aid office also schedules monthly onsite visits at the Arlington Campus.

Mason's Title IV school code is 003749. Students may call the financial aid office at (703) 993-2353, e-mail **finaid@gmu.edu**, or write to:

Office of Student Financial Aid, MS 3B5 George Mason University Fairfax, VA 22030-4444

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