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Office of the President  
December 15, 2015

Members, Board of Trustees:

## WILLIAM S. COOPER PLEDGE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a pledge totaling \$1,000,000 (which includes \$800,000 in payments received) from William S. Cooper to support the renovation and expansion of the Design Phase of the Expand/Renovate/Upgrade Law Building Capital Project, of which the initial design phase was approved by the Board of Trustees at its October 2015 meeting.

Background: The Honorable William S. Cooper is a native and current resident of Elizabethtown, Kentucky. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in History from the College of Arts and Sciences in 1963 and his Juris Doctor degree from the College of Law in 1970, both at the University of Kentucky. Justice Cooper practiced law in Elizabethtown, Kentucky prior to serving as a circuit judge from 1979 to 1996. He was chief regional judge of the Green River Region during his last four years on the circuit bench. He was appointed to the Supreme Court of Kentucky in 1996 and served in this role until his retirement in 2006. Justice Cooper is a veteran of the United States Air Force and a member of the American Legion, Rotary International, and the Knights of Columbus.

Justice Cooper has a long history of supporting various programs and scholarships in the College of Law and has remained in close contact with the University. He has made payments totaling \$800,000 toward this pledge of \$1,000,000.

The College of Law will honor Justice Cooper's gift commitment with a naming opportunity in the newly renovated building.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_



