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## President's Message

I am honored to assume my role as the new President of the ACTEC Foundation. First, I would like to thank Martin Hall for his three years of service as President of the Foundation. It is our hope to build on and expand what was accomplished during his tenure. The work of the ACTEC Foundation is guided by its mission: to promote scholarship and education in trust, estate, tax, and related areas of the law by supporting scholarship to improve the law and by encouraging teaching, careers and life-long learning in the area; and civic engagement of individual Fellows of the [American College of Trust and Estate Counsel](#) through programs and activities which serve the general community, including those who are at risk and underserved. During my tenure as the ACTEC Foundation's President, I look forward to honoring the mission of the Foundation.



My guiding goal as your new President will be to expand the profile of the ACTEC Foundation and communicate its mission, both among Fellows of the College and to a larger audience. The Foundation invites the Substantive and Administrative Committees of the College to consider projects that may be worthy of funding by the Foundation and submit grant proposals for consideration. The Foundation just approved an additional two years of funding for the Young Leaders Program, an initiative that came out of the College's Diversity and Inclusivity Committee. I am happy to report that the Grant Committee of the Foundation has already received two proposals from the College's Elder Law Committee for

consideration. We are considering an initiative to provide an outline and/or reference materials for various ways of providing charitable relief in the event of a disaster, which we would then make widely available to state and local governments at no charge. A Fall fundraiser, the Bike Ride to Nashville, allows ACTEC Fellows, their family and friends to bond over the week-long, 444-mile ride, as well as raise awareness for the Foundation. The Foundation Board is carrying out its commitment to develop

projects that are of value to our Fellows and our profession.

The Foundation will also continue to fund such ongoing programs as the Mary Moers Student Writing Competition, the Student Editorial Board at Hofstra, and the Young Leaders Program, to encourage law students and lawyers who have just entered the profession to focus on trusts and estates as their area of expertise.

I invite all of you to join me in supporting the Foundation's mission. Please engage with us in suggesting ideas for the Foundation to support. You are invited to attend our Board meetings at the College's three national meetings (our Board meetings are open to all Fellows) and to support the work of the Foundation through our fundraising campaigns. Please know that I welcome hearing from you, whether in person at meetings, by phone, or by email. With your help, we can expand the outreach of the Foundation to benefit ACTEC Fellows as well as the larger community.

Many thanks,



L. Henry Gissel, Jr.

## How to Contribute

The ACTEC Foundation is committed to promoting scholarship and education in trust, estate, and tax law. The ACTEC Foundation funds trust and estate programs and activities that serve those who are at risk and underserved. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

Please join your colleagues in supporting The ACTEC Foundation through one or more of the following methods:

**Annual Membership Dues** — When remitting dues, consider adding an annual contribution to The ACTEC Foundation.

**Securities Donations** — The ACTEC Foundation can accept your gift of securities. Contact Membership and Foundation Management Director, Amy Michaud, at [Amy.Michaud@actec.org](mailto:Amy.Michaud@actec.org)

**In Memoriam Tribute** — Honor a colleague, friend, or loved one with a memorial gift to The ACTEC Foundation.

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