



President's Message

This is it – my last message as the President of The ACTEC Foundation. These three years have been interesting to say the least – my first few meetings as ACTEC Foundation President were conducted virtually. In fact, all of The

Foundation's business was conducted virtually during the pandemic, a shift in culture felt throughout the world. The Foundation learned, as we all did, to exist as a virtual organization. It's only now, in my last year, that we've been able to meet and conduct The Foundation's business in person.

Over the last three years I have watched The Foundation grow and change. Increased awareness among donors to The Foundation has brought not only more opportunities to support a wider range of grantees, but also increased financial support. Over these last three years The Foundation has supported some outstanding grants, including:

1. The Dennis I. Belcher Young Leaders Program, now in its eighth year, with ten former Dennis I. Belcher Young Leaders elected as ACTEC Fellows;
2. Updates to the ACTEC Commentaries to the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, scheduled for publication this year;
3. Continued support of the Student Editorial Board at Hofstra University;

4. The ACTEC Trust and Estate Talk Podcasts;
5. The Planning for a Diverse and Equitable Future video series, which won a 2022 Communicator Award;
6. The ACTEC Family Estate Planning Guide, which won a 2022 Communicator Award;
7. Support of The Commons Law Center;
8. And so many more 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.

As The Foundation grows and changes into what I affectionately call "Foundation 3.0," I know its successes will continue under the excellent stewardship of incoming President John T. Rogers, Jr. and the incredible Board of Directors. I look forward to The Foundation's continuing growth in serving the trust and estate planning community of ACTEC Fellows, other attorneys, students, and the general public.

Thanks to all of you who have provided support of The ACTEC Foundation over my three years as President.

Yours sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Thede

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