President’s Message

Welcome to the Summer 2019 ACTEC Foundation newsletter. I am pleased to showcase the refreshed logo of the ACTEC Foundation for the first time in this newsletter. The new logo presents the ACTEC Foundation with additional tools to highlight the value the organization provides to the trust and estate profession and effectively communicate through mobile-friendly platforms. Expanding awareness of the good work of the ACTEC Foundation is one of my goals for the 2019-2020 year, and the refreshed logo combined with the regularly updated content on actecfoundation.org will help us achieve that goal.

Our 2018 All College Campaign was a success thanks to your generous donations, raising nearly $80,000 of the $105,000 total dollars raised. I thank each and every one of you who supported the ACTEC Foundation last year!

As an example of the Foundation’s good work in this year, I’m pleased to report to you that at its last meeting, the ACTEC Foundation’s Board of Directors voted to support an additional year of funding for the Social Science Research Network’s trusts and estates e-journal. This valuable service provides free access to scholarly works on issues in our profession to the ACTEC Fellows. Your donations made this grant possible. The Foundation also continues to support the ACTEC Trust and Estate Talk podcast series for professionals and the ACTEC Family Estate Planning Guide for the public. The National Association of Estate Planners & Councils is now promoting our podcasts and videos to their membership as well.

At our last Board meeting, 2019-2020 Committee members were appointed. These hard-working Committee members will be raising money, reviewing grants, seeking opportunities to expand the Foundation’s messaging, and providing sound financial management of the Foundation’s resources over the next year.

Your support is welcomed, whether through Committee service, ideas for grants, or regular financial support of the Foundation’s work. If you would like to help out through service on a Committee, or have ideas for a grant proposal for the Grant Committee to consider, please reach out to me. And of course, if you would like to make a donation, you may do so easily.

Sincerely,

L. Henry Gissel, Jr.
President, ACTEC Foundation
THE EXPANDING IMPACT OF THE ACTEC FOUNDATION

The ACTEC Foundation promotes knowledge and education in trust, estate, tax, and related areas of the law by supporting scholarship to improve the law and by encouraging teaching and life-long learning in this area.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, The ACTEC Foundation is able to continue supporting programs that positively impact the trust and estate profession and the public’s awareness of how to protect their assets.

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:

**Online** – Making an online contribution is simple, secure, and cost-efficient. Visit actecfoundation.org/donate

**Check** – Make the check payable to “ACTEC Foundation” and mail to The ACTEC Foundation, 901 15th Street, NW, Suite 525, Washington, DC 20005. Be sure to include information on where to direct the contribution.

**Amazon Smile** – Select The ACTEC Foundation as your beneficiary when you are shopping on smile.amazon.com. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the ACTEC Foundation.

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

**Stock Donations** – The ACTEC Foundation can accept your gift of stocks or securities. Contact Membership and Foundation Director, Amy Michaud, at Amy.Michaud@actec.org.

**Matching Gifts** – Your firm or company may “match” your donation to The ACTEC Foundation by doubling the dollar amount of charitable contributions through an employer matching-gift program. Contact your firm’s benefits administrator for more information.

**Planned Giving** – Contact James D. Spratt, Jr., Esq. at (404) 523-8337 or jimspratt@bslf.com if you would like information on how to name the Foundation as the recipient of a specific bequest under a will or trust; how to name the Foundation as a beneficiary under an IRA or other employee benefit plan; or about how to name the Foundation as the beneficiary of a CRUT.

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

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