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New Santa Clara University Building Remolds the Law School

Howard Charney helped facilitate the largest ever donation of \$10 million to Santa Clara University School of Law to help build the Howard and Alida Charney Hall of Law.

By Jason Doiy | October 12, 2018



The Charney Hall of Law builds on a principle of how law will be taught in the future. Classrooms are modern and networked with teleconferencing screens. One classroom, called the “lawyers lab,” features a hack-modeled space designed to foster quick, small collaboration groups. (Photo: Jason Doiy/ALM)



The Charney Hall of Law builds on a principle of how law will be taught in the future. (Photo: Jason Doiy/ALM)



Former U.S. Secretary of Defense and chairman of the Panetta Institute for Public Policy Leon Panetta at the dedication of the Charney Hall of Law at Santa Clara University on Oct. 12, 2018. (Photo: Jason Doiy/ALM)



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The Side Bar Cafe in the Mabie Grand Atrium. (Photo: Jason Doiy/ALM)

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Retired Cisco senior vice president Howard Charney (center) with his wife Alida Schoolmaster Charney ceremonially cut a ribbon at Charney Hall of Law in a dedication ceremony on Oct. 12, 2018. (Photo: Jason Doiy/ALM)



Retired Cisco senior vice president Howard Charney with Santa Clara University president Michael Engh blesses the Charney Hall of Law in a dedication ceremony on Oct. 12, 2018. (Photo: Jason Doiy/ALM)



U.S. District Judge Edward Davila of the Northern District of California watches from the audience as the Charney Hall of Law is dedicated on Oct. 12, 2018. (Photo: Jason Doiy/ALM)



The Mabie Atrium at the Charney Hall of Law in Santa Clara University on Oct. 12, 2018. (Photo: Jason Doiy/ALM)



Dean Lisa Kloppenberg of Santa Clara University speaks during the dedication and blessing of Charney Hall of Law at Santa Clara University on Oct. 12, 2018. (Photo: Jason Doiy/ALM)

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Over 500 attended the dedication and blessing of the 96,000-square-foot Howard and Alida Charney Hall of Law at Santa Clara University. (Photo: Jason Doiy/ALM)



Howard and Alida Charney Hall of Law at Santa Clara University clocks in at 96,000 square feet and now brings together the school's existing law facilities, which were scattered over five different buildings. (Photo: Jason Doiy/ALM)

More than 500 students, faculty, staff and dignitaries attended the dedication and blessing of the 96,000-square-foot Howard and Alida Charney Hall of Law on Friday at Santa Clara University.

In 2014, SCU received a \$10 million donation, made in part by retired Cisco Systems senior vice president Howard Charney. The donation was the largest ever received by the Jesuit school.

The new building brings together the school's existing law facilities, which were previously scattered over five separate buildings. The Charney Hall of Law was built on principles of how law will be taught in the future. Classrooms are modern and networked with teleconferencing screens. One classroom, called the "lawyers lab," features a hack-modeled space designed to foster quick, small collaborative groups. Additionally, the building was constructed near the business school to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration.

