

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION  
ACTION REQUEST

**Subject:** Building Naming

**Action**

**Requested:** Authorization to name South Hall of the Law School in honor of  
Chris and Lisa Jeffries

**Proposed**

**Name:** Jeffries Hall

**Background:**

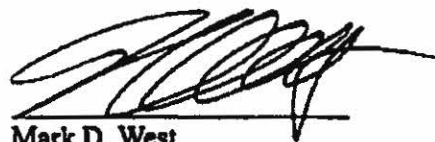
Chris Jeffries, a 1974 graduate of Michigan Law, and his wife Lisa have committed \$33 million to the University of Michigan Law School. The entirety of the gift is dedicated to student support, including scholarships and other forms of financial aid, summer funding programs, and debt management. The gift is the largest in the Law School's history and the largest ever to a public law school in the United States.

The Jeffries's total lifetime giving commitment to the University of Michigan amounts to more than \$40 million. Their previous gifts include \$5 million toward the building of South Hall in 2007 and \$2.5 million to support the establishment of the Law School's 1L Summer Funding Program in 2015.

Chris Jeffries is a philanthropist and co-founder of Millennium Partners, a real estate development company with a portfolio of core, urban, landmark mixed-use living and entertainment properties in gateway cities throughout the United States. After obtaining his law degree, Jeffries was a partner in the Southfield, Michigan law firm of Keywell & Rosenfeld and then a principal in the leveraged buyout of Key International, Inc., a major metal recycling and automotive equipment manufacturing business in the Midwest.

In recognition of Chris and Lisa Jeffries' exceptional generosity to U-M and this significant commitment, we recommend that the Board of Regents approve the naming of Jeffries Hall, effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,



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