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**\$3 million gift establishes  
Reginald F. Lewis international  
law center and fund**



Reginald F. Lewis '68 has awarded \$3 million to the Law School to establish an international law center and fund to support international study and research.

Lewis is chair and chief executive officer of TLC Beatrice International Holdings, Inc. His grant is the largest gift from any individual in the 175-year history of the Law School.

Lewis's gift will serve as a foundation for Dean Clark's goal of developing Harvard Law into a "world law school." The new Center will help to

"build upon the School's leadership in comparative and international legal studies to create a school unparalleled in its global thrust and vision," said Clark.

The International Legal Studies building will now be known as the Reginald F. Lewis International Law Center and will continue to house the School's Graduate Legal Studies Program and be the center of activity for the School's 200 international students each year. The Center will also continue to house the School's 750,000-volume international library collection, which attracts scores of scholars from many countries.

In addition to establishing the Lewis Center, which is the first major facility at Harvard University named in honor of an African American, the grant will create the Reginald F. Lewis Fund for International Study and Research. This fund will support faculty research, visiting lectureships, graduate study and related activities, fellowships for students from the Third World, and summer internships of Law School students in Third World organizations.

The establishment of the Lewis Center and Fund are the latest in a series of actions by the School to strengthen its international program. Recent initiatives include the tenure appointments of European Community expert Joseph Weiler and East Asian expert William Alford '77 and the establishment of the Program on International Financial Systems and the European Law Research Center.

"In Lewis's career as an entrepreneur and lawyer and in his generous philanthropy over the years, he personifies everything for which the Law School stands," says Clark. "After he made known his intention to make a

major gift, the School decided to honor his contributions to the world and to the Harvard Law School with the establishment of the Lewis Center. Lewis has a vision of Harvard Law School's role in the world, which we share. His unprecedented gift will allow us to build upon our existing strengths in international legal research and education and help us sustain the Law School's preeminence in this field in the decades ahead."

In his letter bestowing the grant, Lewis says, "I am particularly hopeful that the gift will help the School expand and accelerate its efforts in faculty diversity and other areas."

The grant's provisions call for the creation of a faculty committee, chaired by Professor Christopher Edley '78, to advise Clark on distribution of portions of the gift.

The grant comes from the Reginald F. Lewis Foundation, a charitable organization endowed entirely by Lewis's personal contributions. Through his foundation, Lewis has been a long-time supporter of charitable causes. In addition to the Harvard gift, the foundation has donated approximately \$4 million in the last four years to a wide range of institutions in this country and around the world, including a \$1 million gift to Howard University.

Lewis currently serves as a member of the Law School Visiting Committee and of the executive committee for The Campaign for Harvard Law School.