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OF THE
CHARLES T. MUNGER RESIDENCES

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The renovations to the Lawyers Club were made possible by a $20 million gift from Berkshire Hathaway Vice Chairman Charles T. Munger, HLLD '10. Charlie Munger's generosity stems from his long history as a University friend and adviser. As an undergraduate mathematics student at the U-M in the 1940s, Mr. Munger appreciated the Law Quad's beauty. He went on to graduate from Harvard Law School in 1948 and founded the Los Angeles law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson. He became Vice Chair of Berkshire Hathaway in 1978. In 2013, Mr. Munger made a $110 million gift to the University for graduate housing and fellowships. The gift is the largest single donation to the University in its 196-year history.

Welcome
Evan H. Caminker
Dean and Branch Rickey Collegiate Professor of Law

Remarks
Andrea Fischer Newman
Chair, Board of Regents

Message of Thanks
Lauren E. Rivard, 3L
On behalf of the University of Michigan Law School student body

Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting
Open House immediately following
Welcome to the newly renovated Lawyers Club! The Lawyers Club offers a once-in-a-lifetime experience for its residents: a pleasant, practical, supportive living environment in the very heart of the University of Michigan campus. As you’ll see for yourself, its historic character is wholly intact, but in functionality it now rivals a well-appointed hotel.

RENOVATION FAQ

1. The Lawyers Club offers 227 fully furnished private rooms, and private or semi-private bathrooms. The living arrangements include all utilities, high-speed wireless Internet access, and 12 meals per week, served in the beautiful and historic dining hall.

2. Each of the Lawyers Club student rooms comes furnished with an extra-long, full-size bed and mattress (designed to accommodate under-bed storage), a nightstand, a desk, a rolling desk chair and a guest side chair, a microwave, a small refrigerator with freezer compartment, built-in overhead lighting, full-privacy window treatments, wood-grained tile flooring, a card-operated door lock, individual heating and cooling control, and smoke-detection and fire-suppression systems.

3. Each modular ensuite bathroom was completed offsite and brought into the structure. The efficient bathrooms feature fine tile and marble finishes. Medicine cabinets, vanities, storage cabinets, towel bars, and robe hooks are standard in all bathrooms.

4. Eleven corridor lounges, known as Club Rooms, are new to the Lawyers Club. Designed to foster community and camaraderie, the Club Rooms are ideal settings for study groups, social gatherings, and student organization meetings. Many include kitchenettes and flat-screen televisions with full audiovisual capabilities, making them as useful for group class assignments as they are for watching Big House football.

5. Some of the unseen elements of the renovation include new plumbing, heating, and ventilation; installation of a wireless high-speed network and swipe-card entry controls; repair of the historic windows; and improvements to safety and accessibility.

6. Preserving the Lawyers Club’s majestic Collegiate Gothic façade was a priority in the renovation, made more difficult because, in essence, an entirely new building was erected behind the original walls. The interior demolition – completed with painstaking care so as not to damage the exterior walls – took six full months to complete. New interior architectural flourishes – like nine-panel oak doors, ogee molding, hand-wrought iron railings, and salvaged ventilation grates – nod to the building’s past.