

**Addendum to
HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATION FORM**

NOMINEES: Theodore B. Lee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Inspired by his father's success in property investment, Ted Lee was fairly certain that real estate was the right path to pursue. Nearly four decades later, he has clearly proven the wisdom of that choice.¹ Following his graduation from Harvard University and earning a J.D. (1959) and MBA (1966) from UC Berkeley, Mr. Lee spent many years in private law practice advising investors, developers and minority communities in real estate matters. His efforts resulted in projects such as San Francisco's Japantown and Jones Memorial Homes, Sacramento's Chinatown, and the Filipino Center in Stockton.

Successes in community redevelopment led to the founding of Urban Land Company in 1972 in San Francisco and Urban Land of Nevada in Las Vegas. Mr. Lee founded the Eureka Casino in Las Vegas in 1988 and the Eureka Casino Hotel in 1997. From real estate investment and development to operating casinos, hotels and restaurants, Mr. Lee and his family own and manage dozens of properties.

Mr. Lee has been actively engaged in the Las Vegas community since establishing a residence in 1971. He and his family have supported community projects in parks and recreation, intercollegiate athletics, education and the arts. Mr. Lee's motivation is reportedly "making life better for people."

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND ACADEMIC LIFE

In 2001, Mr. Lee established the first endowed professorship in law at UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law. Mr. Lee was quoted as saying he intended his gift to set an example that might encourage others in Las Vegas to help the William S. Boyd Law School attract and retain top scholars.

More recently, the Lees have established the following endowments at the Lee Business School:

- 2011 Lee Professorship Endowment
- 2011 Lee Thought Leaders Lecture Series Endowment
- 2011 Lee Dean's Endowed Discretionary Fund
- 2012 Lee Visiting Professor Endowment

Giving at UNLV has extended beyond the Law School and the Lee Business School to include support of the Performing Arts Center, general academic scholarships, graduate student research

¹ <http://frameworks.ced.berkeley.edu/tag/theodore-b-and-doris-shoong-lee-distinguished-professorship/>

at the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration, the Lied Real Estate Endowment and Rebel Athletics, to name a few.

MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT

To quote the impact report prepared for the Lee Family by the Lee Business School, “Philanthropy has the power to bridge business and society. In the spirit of your family legacy, and because of your generosity, Lee Business School is transforming and enriching the lives of our students and the community we serve... The impact of your contribution has been to create a stronger sense of pride among the faculty, staff and students...”

Here are a few specific examples of what the Lee gift has helped the School accomplish:

- Renew dual accreditation for business and accounting, a prestigious distinction bestowed only upon the top five percent of business schools in the world.
- **Lee Scholars.** The first Lee Scholars were selected prior to the 2014-2015 academic year. Four additional students were selected for the next academic year for a total of nine students. These students are the absolute best and brightest in the Lee Business School. From diverse backgrounds, each student brings leadership and integrity to the position. A two-year Lee Scholar says, “As a Lee Scholar, I am part of a culture of excellence in which I am constantly innovating and transforming my skills inside and outside the classroom; I know when I graduate I will be a high-value candidate with innovative business practices and entrepreneurial skills.”

Another Lee Scholar says, “As a member of a family with modest means, I would not have the opportunity to pursue a college education without the support of the generous Lee family. Being a Lee Scholar truly allows me to pursue my intellectual passions without financial restraint. The Lees are also incredibly generous with their time to mentor and to connect with each and every Lee Scholar. As a Lee Scholar, I am not only highlighted as a leader, but am also considered an ambassador for this amazing college...”

- **Lee Thought Lecture Series.** The goal of the lecture series is to connect students and faculty with industry leaders by hosting a highly accomplished visionary, and internationally recognized business leader semi-annually. The inaugural Lee Thought Lecture Series will take place in the spring of 2017.
- **Lee Visiting Professor Program** allows the school to invite a leader in their industry to interact with our students.