In anticipation of the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta, the American Bar Association is promoting the historical and contemporary relevance of this influential document through the educational traveling exhibit.

Support from law firms and corporations is crucial to the success of this endeavor. Your contribution will be recognized around the world and help pay tribute to the “Great Charter” that established one fundamental principle above all else: freedom under the law.

The History

In a grassy meadow at Runnymede, England, barons compelled King John to accede to a number of rights and liberties by sealing the “Great Charter.” In 1215, it represented freedom from tyranny and provided the basis for the idea that no one is above the law, not even the king.

Despite being written nearly 800 years ago, Magna Carta remains highly relevant today. As a cornerstone for concepts of freedom and liberty for centuries, it provided a fledgling country with the fundamental principles for drafting its governing document – the U.S. Constitution.

Beginning in November 2014, the Library of Congress will host one of the four original 1215 exemplifications of Magna Carta. This historic document will be the centerpiece of a major exhibition building up to the celebration of the Magna Carta 800th Anniversary in 2015.

The Library of Congress, using manuscripts from its collection, will trace the path of Magna Carta’s influence from medieval England to America’s founding to the unfolding story of the rule of law throughout today’s world. In addition, the Library of Congress will host a substantive symposium and other events to highlight its exhibit in Washington, D.C.
Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy 1215-2015

The ABA Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress collaborated with the Law Library of Congress to develop a traveling exhibit to raise awareness about Magna Carta and celebrate its enduring legacy. The educational traveling exhibit comprises 16 freestanding banners with images that tell the story of Magna Carta and its catalyst role in promoting the rule of law.

The traveling exhibit is an integral part of the world-wide observations of the 1215 signing of Magna Carta. Celebratory events surrounding the anniversary are already in progress and widely publicized in the United Kingdom and the United States.

Using images of Magna Carta related items from its priceless rare books collection, the Law Library of Congress curated the educational traveling exhibit. A video of the Law Librarian of Congress and the Rare Books Curator handling selected exhibit materials and explaining their significance accompanies the traveling exhibit.

Donor Recognition Opportunities

Launching at the 2014 ABA Annual Meeting in Boston, the educational traveling exhibit garnered national exposure and will continue to journey across the country to law schools, courthouses, statehouses, public libraries, and other venues.

Beginning in June 2015, the educational traveling exhibit will have an international presence as it journeys to England for display at the ABA London Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Celebration and beyond.

The cost of the traveling exhibit is approximately $100,000. With additional funding, the exhibit will continue to exert an impact as it continues its travels.

Donor Recognition opportunities include:

- Opportunity to be named as the Primary Supporter of the exhibit;
- Recognition on signage that will accompany the exhibit;
- Special thank you from the ABA President in the ABA’s award winning publication;
- Acknowledgement on the traveling exhibit website and on the ABA Magna Carta Commemoration website;
- And many other opportunities!

For more information, please contact:
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Donor Recognition Levels

The Great Charter — $50,000 +

• Opportunity to be named as the Primary Supporter of the exhibit on print, video, social media, and online materials related to and included within the exhibit;
• National exposure on signage displayed with the exhibit as it travels to locations across the country, including the ABA Midyear Meeting, leading up to June 2015;
• International presence on signage displayed with the exhibit during the ABA London Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Celebration in June 2015;
• Special thank you from the ABA President in an issue of the ABA Journal, which reaches nearly 375,000 practicing attorneys each month;
• Included on a flyer distributed at upcoming ABA Midyear and Annual Meetings; and
• Acknowledgement on the traveling exhibit website and on the ABA Magna Carta Commemoration website.

1215 Society — $25,000 - $49,999

• Listed as an Anchor Donor on print, video, social media, and online materials related to and included within the exhibit;
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King John’s Circle — $10,000 - $24,999

• Listed as a donor on promotional materials related to the exhibit, which may include print, video, social media, and online materials;
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The Lords Circle — $5,000 - $9,999

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- National exposure on signage displayed with the exhibit as it travels to locations across the country, including the ABA Midyear Meeting, leading up to June 2015;
- International presence on signage displayed with the exhibit during the ABA London Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Celebration in June 2015 and beyond;
- Included in a press release announcing support of the educational traveling exhibit;
- Included on a flyer distributed at upcoming ABA Midyear and Annual Meetings; and
- Acknowledgement on the traveling exhibit website and on the ABA Magna Carta Commemoration website.

The Earls Circle — $2,500 - $4,999

- National exposure on signage displayed with the exhibit as it travels to locations across the country, including the ABA Midyear Meeting leading up to June 2015;
- International presence on signage displayed with the exhibit during the ABA London Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Celebration in June 2015 and beyond; and
- Acknowledgement on the traveling exhibit website and on the ABA Magna Carta Commemoration website.

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Thank you for supporting the educational traveling exhibit. Your contribution is setting a precedent that today’s freedoms are preserved by remembering our past.

The Great Charter
$50,000 or more

1215 Society
$25,000 - $49,999

King John’s Circle
$10,000 - $24,999

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$5,000 - $9,999

The Earls Circle
$2,500 - $4,999

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