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On May 15, 2009, City of Hope, one of America's preeminent research and treatment centers, named its graduate school the Irell & Manella Graduate School of Biological Sciences (IMGS) after one of America's preeminent law firms.

So, what's a nice law firm like Irell & Manella doing in a place like this?

It is unusual, indeed unprecedented, for a law firm to endow a graduate school. But Irell & Manella is not your usual law firm. Nowhere has this been more dramatically demonstrated than in its relationship with City of Hope.

The relationship began in 1998, when Irell & Manella began representing City of Hope in a landmark intellectual property lawsuit. Before long, the firm's passion for City of Hope's case evolved into a passion for its cause.

"At Irell & Manella, we strive to establish deep relationships with all of our clients," says Irell & Manella partner Morgan Chu. "But it's the rare client that saves lives on a daily basis. We were inspired by City of Hope's sense of mission and purpose. Our relationship mushroomed, taking on new dimensions."

Just as Irell & Manella is unusual in the field of law, City of Hope is unusual in the world of medicine. Unlike most medical research institutions, which are affiliated with universities, City of Hope is a stand-alone center and is devoted primarily to the study and treatment of life-threatening diseases, such as cancer, diabetes and HIV/AIDS.

As City of Hope emeritus CEO Michael A. Friedman put it, "I have found that what Irell & Manella stands for and what we stand for are amazingly congruent."

"They went from representing a client to understanding what that client stood for to caring so much about what the client does to invest in its future. They decided to use their resources for purposes that are transcendent, not having to do with law but with what sort of human being you can be."

In 2002, Irell & Manella began expanding on the relationship with City of Hope by making gifts in support of the graduate school's endowment and also establishing a symposium and a lecture fund. Individual lawyers also made gifts for the school's endowment. And the firm's staff took on the cause, making quilts on their own time for City of Hope's patients undergoing painful treatment.

Then the firm started to consider doing something bigger and more, well, unusual.

And so, the idea emerged to make a major grant to the graduate school. This ultimately took the form of a donation of \$5 million, which was matched by a \$5 million anonymous gift. An additional gift of \$2 million created the Irell & Manella Visiting Professorship.



Students learn to be outstanding research scientists in chemical, molecular and cellular biology.



The program develops a professionally trained scientist, prepared for a career in academia, medicine or industry.



Morgan Chu receives an honorary doctorate recognizing his commitment to advancing City of Hope's research and education programs.

The firm also donated \$3 million to establish the Irell & Manella Cancer Center Director's Distinguished Chair, the funds of which support such programs as cancer biology, developmental cancer therapeutics and cancer control and population sciences.

The graduate school dates back to 1994, when it first opened its doors to students interested in pursuing the fields of chemical, molecular and cellular biology, as well as bioinformatics and genetics. While studying there, students are able to get hands-on experience working alongside scientists and physicians who are developing new therapies for cancer and other life-threatening diseases. The school is a leader in "translational research," which applies breakthroughs in basic science to real-world clinical situations, making it possible for patients to benefit from the latest state-of-the-art treatments. Alumni have gone on to positions at major universities, research institutions and pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.

Students not only have the chance to change the lives of others, but also find their own lives changed in the School's nurturing environment.

"It's not just a graduate school, it's an institution that is expanding the boundaries of research, trying new things, finding new ways to treat diseases and putting them to work as quickly as possible. And I know from the graduate students that that's special for them," Morgan Chu says.

The School is in part able to have that focus because of a jury trial Irell & Manella won for the City of Hope, securing hundreds of millions of dollars in royalties relating to fundamental discoveries that helped create the biotechnology industry.

Irell & Manella has offices in Los Angeles, Newport Beach and Washington, D.C. and serves clients worldwide.

City of Hope is located in Duarte, California, just northeast of Los Angeles, and is routinely ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" by U.S. News & World Report.

Two preeminent institutions. Two partners. Both leaders. Both pioneers.



Graduates of the program are awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in biological sciences.

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About City of Hope

Founded in 1913, City of Hope is a leading research and treatment center for cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases. Designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center, the highest honor bestowed by the National Cancer Institute, and a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, City of Hope's research and treatment protocols advance care throughout the nation. It is also a pioneer in the fields of bone marrow transplantation and genetics.

About Irell & Manella LLP

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