

## ASG Litigation Group Attorneys “Give Back” to Alma Mater with \$25,000 Gift

**Fort Walton Beach** (August 24, 2007) – **ASG Litigation Group** attorneys Larry Keefe and A. Benjamin Gordon are thankful for the success they have achieved since their days at Choctawhatchee High School. They attribute much of their drive to succeed to their teachers, coaches and experiences at Choctaw. That’s why the two have donated \$25,000 to Choctaw that will take the form of an Enhancement Fund and Take Stock in Children Scholarship Fund. Choctaw Principal Cindy Masserelli stated, “It is a blessing to have dedicated professionals like Larry Keefe and Ben Gordon supporting Choctaw High School. The donation that ASG Litigation Group has provided will help ensure that our needs do not go unmet this year.”

On behalf of their law firm, the two alumni have created a \$20,000 **ASG Litigation Group School Enhancement Fund** which will provide an opportunity for teachers, coaches, counselors, and administrators to submit grant requests for special needs they may have during the school year. It is designed to help Choctaw Faculty purchase materials, fieldtrips, teacher training, athletic equipment, and any other items that otherwise could not be supplied by school funds. The grants will be used to enhance the curriculum, athletics, or extra curricular programs and contribute to the overall education and benefit of the students.



The remaining \$5,000 of the donation will go to **Take Stock in Children**. Take Stock provides four-year scholarships to deserving low-income youth who are at risk of not going to college because of their families' financial situation. These funds are matched dollar for dollar by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation and will provide \$10,000 in scholarship funding. The ASG Take Stock student selected is **Breannya James**, a ninth grade student at Choctawhatchee High School. “Ben and I owe Choctaw, its principals, teachers and coaches for all that they did for us. It is time to say thanks to them and to give a little back in their honor. We cherish the Choctaw tradition and want to see it continue and thrive,” said Larry Keefe.

This is not the first time the ASG Litigation Group has supported Choctaw. The ASG Litigation Group is also the proud sponsor of the **Minority Internship Program** which provides paid internships for Choctaw students to learn about the legal profession. The student selected for this honor is **Ashley Pugh**. Ashley is a senior at Choctaw and President of the Minority Council at the high school.

A 1979 graduate of Choctaw, Mr. Keefe's primary areas of practice include: general and complex civil litigation and trials, with emphasis on the representation of property owners in hurricane-related property damage insurance claims. Keefe received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida with honors in 1983 and his law degree from the University of Florida College of Law in 1986.

Mr. Gordon graduated from Choctaw in 1993 and concentrates his law practice in litigation of business and contract disputes, construction law and real estate disputes. He is a graduate of The Washington & Lee School of Law, magna cum laude, and earned his undergraduate degree at Vanderbilt University, cum laude.

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