

Dear Students,

I hope that by now you are enjoying a well-deserved break. As you see from Vice Chancellor Haynie's message below, Syracuse University has announced a delay in the reopening of the University Campus and the start of the Spring 2022 semester. Nevertheless, **all College of Law classes for JD residential, LL.M. and S.J.D. students will begin, as planned, on January 10, but will be held fully online through January 23. During this time, in-person classes will not be held in Dineen Hall and the building will remain closed.** JDi students will attend their virtual residencies the week of January 3, and their classes online beginning January 9.

As always, links to your virtual classrooms are available on Blackboard. Please also feel free to be in touch with your professors if you need any clarification concerning access to your virtual classrooms.

Beginning classes on time prioritizes the urgent need to keep all of you on track either to graduate and start your bar exam preparation or pursue your summer 2022 employment plans. While we are disappointed with the delay in reopening campus and Dineen Hall, our shared experience with on-line instruction and learning will make our Spring semester start both smooth and productive.

### **Returning to Campus**

As conditions continue to evolve, please monitor your email and visit [the University's coronavirus information site](#), and for College of Law-specific updates, our [Law Preparedness](#) page. In anticipation of welcoming you back to Dineen Hall on January 24, I remind you of [the University's current requirements](#) for the Spring 2022 return to campus.

### **Student Organizations and Clubs**

Until January 24, all student group activities must be held virtually.

### **Class Recordings**

As a reminder, all classes will be recorded as of the start of the semester. Although recordings are not a substitute for attendance, as was the case this fall:

- If you have difficulty accessing the recordings of classes you have had to miss due to illness, please see your professor. If a need for additional assistance arises, please consult with Director of Student Affairs, Sarah Collins.
- Once we are back in Dineen Hall, please plan not to attend class in person if you feel sick.

### **Library Services**

All Law Library services will be offered remotely while classes are online, and Dineen Hall is closed. Links to law databases, and book and article request forms, are available 24/7 at <http://www.law.syr.edu/law-library/>. As of January 3, Librarians and law library staff will be available to assist you, Monday-Thursday 8 am to 8 pm, Friday 8 am to 5 pm, and Sunday 9 am to 5 pm. For

reference assistance, email [lawreferencedesk@syr.edu](mailto:lawreferencedesk@syr.edu). To borrow books, email [lawcirc@syr.edu](mailto:lawcirc@syr.edu) to arrange for pickup outside Dineen Hall, or for books to be shipped to you. Shorter documents will be scanned and sent via email. Network printing will not be available until Dineen Hall reopens. For general questions about law library services while College of Law Classes are online, email [lawcirc@syr.edu](mailto:lawcirc@syr.edu).

### **Commencement**

We are presently assessing the impact of the University's revised semester schedule on the timing for our commencement ceremony. We will be messaging you on that front in the next few weeks.

Again, please enjoy your break and stay safe. Thank you for your continued patience.

See you very soon,

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