

May 29, 2020

Dear Students,

First, I want to welcome you, again, to Syracuse University College of Law. I look forward to seeing you!

[This is a link to Dean Boise's message](#) to our residential students, faculty, and staff concerning the fall semester and plans to follow an accelerated academic calendar. Although the plans described do not apply to you and our JDinteractive program directly, I want to keep you in the loop and share the **impact of these plans on your first residency**.

Your JDi academic calendar for the fall will remain the same, and classes will begin as scheduled, on August 30. However, due to the risks associated with travel, the strict parameters for social distancing and the accelerated occupancy of Dineen Hall to accommodate the new academic calendar for the residential program, we will seek guidance from the ABA in order to host your first residency online.

Please know that there will be ample opportunities to meet with faculty, alumni, and fellow students, and to begin the process of engaging with our campus and absorbing the power of Orange! These opportunities are and will remain an essential and substantial component of the August residency. Please stand by, as I will return with an update and details of the residency as soon as possible. For the time being, however, you should assume that you will not travel to Syracuse for the August residency.

As you know, the COVID-19 situation continues to unfold, as do various "re-opening" plans on campus and nationwide. We will keep you posted on all developments, as always. We appreciate your continued patience, flexibility, and understanding as we work to provide a safe and productive fall semester for everyone.

Stay well, and as always please feel free to reach out to me or Lou Lou Delmarsh, JDi Program Coordinator, if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

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