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Hi everyone,

Although many of you use Blackboard Collaborate as your primary platform for synchronous classes and meetings, many also use Zoom. The Zoom boom (so to speak) has been accompanied by a rise in “Zoombombing” by rogue actors who hijack Zoom sessions with disturbing content.

In order to limit the possibility of any “Zoombombing” disruptions, we have now enabled the "waiting room" feature for all College of Law meetings, including classes.

This means that participants will not be able to enter a class or meeting automatically. Instead, they will have to be admitted by the instructor or meeting organizer. I realize that managing the waiting room may take a bit of additional time. But it is an important safeguard to help ensure that unauthorized actors don't join a session and wreak havoc.

So please note that when you are hosting a meeting or class on Zoom, you will be prompted to admit the participants who wish to enter your meeting room or classroom. By screening participants, you will help guarantee a productive online interaction. If you have any questions, please contact LawHelp@law.syr.edu.

Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility.

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