

Sept. 17, 2020

Dear College of Law Students,

I write to acknowledge receipt of the letter objecting to College of Law grading policy that was sent last week to all faculty, staff, and students from the Disability Law Society, the Carmody Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, the Criminal Law Society, and the American Constitution Society.

Just as was the case when the faculty adopted optional pass/fail grading in the spring, people differ strongly in their opinions on returning to traditional grades this semester.

I know the Academic Standards Committee's recommendation and the faculty's decision to adopt it will leave some dissatisfied. However, these actions were taken only after considering and carefully weighing the best interests of the College of Law student body overall.

The pandemic has presented us all with innumerable obstacles, and we know many of you have been particularly challenged in these circumstances.

The College of Law faculty and staff continue to stand ready to help you navigate the barriers you may encounter so that you can complete your legal education and pursue the objectives for which you are working so hard. Please don't hesitate to reach out to [Sarah Collins](#) if you need assistance.

Continue to persevere and please stay safe and healthy

Best regards,

**Craig M. Boise**

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