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Dear Faculty and Staff Colleagues:

By now, you have received the message from Chancellor Syverud, Provost Liu, and Senior Vice President Rahnamay-Azar [concerning the financial impact of COVID-19 on the University](#). As the University faces these challenges, so must the College of Law.

COVID-19 and the measures described in the message will have a significant impact on our operations. I am now reviewing and revising our proposed budget for the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1, so as to address these challenges and meet the mandates that we've been given.

It is too early to share the difficult decisions that we'll need to make in order to do so. However, as we evaluate how best and most responsibly to move us forward, I pledge to prioritize our most important asset—our people: you and our students. You will hear from me again by the end of this week, with the details of the measures we must take as we enter the new fiscal year and anticipate additional challenges ahead.

All of us and our students, along with our fellow citizens around the world, have been making sacrifices, small and large, some of them extraordinary, in response to this unprecedented crisis. I admire all of you for your tenacity and your resolve to persevere in strength and solidarity and to overcome the pandemic with dignity and creativity.

My thanks to all of you, again, for the many things you do in service of our mission, all of the time, at any time, but especially during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Best regards,

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