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Dear International Students,

Following up on Dean Boise's email below, I write to confirm the College of Law's expectation that you will continue to attend all of your classes, live, online through the end of the semester. I realize that for those of you who will continue your classes from faraway places in the world, it may be difficult to keep up with online schedules across time zones. I know that you will try. If, however, it is not possible for you to do so, please contact me as soon as possible. I will explore the possibility of variances on a case by case basis.

I understand you all have decisions to make about where best to resume your studies over the remaining weeks of the semester, here in Syracuse or away. I know these are challenging times and encourage you to think of the following considerations, as you make this determination. I am happy to discuss them with you.

- For students who intend to take a U.S. Bar Exam in July 2020, please know that conditions may continue to impact freedom of movement and it may be hard to get back to the US in time for the exam this summer (i.e. travel restrictions, quarantines on arrival).
- Students who intend to apply for OPT or AT must apply while in the U.S.
- Please think of your health and wellness and be sure to assess where you would prefer to receive care if you become sick. Similarly, please be sure to consider the conditions on the ground and elsewhere in terms of COVID-19 risk factors and reported cases.
- If you leave, can you be sure that you will reach your destination in a timely fashion (and are you willing to risk getting part-way there and then having new rules (i.e. lockdowns, 14-day quarantines for arrivals from abroad, etc.) kick in that would suspend the rest of your trip)? Please also remember to assess your appetite for risk of, and preparedness for, travel on planes for long periods of time.

My primary objective is to help you maintain continuity in your studies. We can do that together in Syracuse.

Please let me know your plans. In any event, I look forward to your continued engagement with the academic life of the College and with our community – wherever you may be.

All the best,

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