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Dear Spring 2021 Joint Degree/CAS Candidates:

I'm writing to follow up regarding the messages from Chancellor Syverud and Dean Boise regarding the start of the Spring 2021 semester and the Spring academic schedule overall. The College of Law and SU academic schedules are as follows:

- Syracuse University (as modified): Monday, February 8 – Friday, May 21
- College of Law (unchanged): Tuesday, January 19, 2020 – Thursday, May 6, 2021

The University's revised Academic Calendar will mean that any graduate courses for which you are registered during the Spring 2021 term will end after the College of Law's courses. **This revision will not impact your ability to graduate on time, nor will it impact graduation certification, or any other certifications required by the various state bar examiners.**

In addition, at this time, we believe any overlap with the start of summer bar prep courses will be very minimal, if any at all. We are currently trying to determine start dates for each of the major bar prep courses, and to date, the information that we have indicates that none will formally begin prior the end of graduate courses on May 21.

If you have concerns about the impact of the modified graduate course schedule on your summer bar prep, please contact Professor Kelly Curtis at kkcurtis@law.syr.edu.

Please also note the following:

- If you are not taking any graduate courses during the Spring 2021 semester, you may disregard this message.
- If you are not planning to graduate in May 2021 and have not yet filed your petition to change your graduation date, please file the petition as soon as possible using the appropriate student services request form.
- If you are enrolled in a Winterlude course through your graduate program, please contact your graduate program for further information.

While we are working and studying in a challenging and dynamic environment, know that we are here to help you. We are working hard to ensure that you will stay on track to graduate this semester, to have all degree and bar certifications completed ahead of published deadlines, and to provide the support that you need for bar prep.

As always, there may be some scheduling conflicts near final exam time; those are not uncommon, however, for joint degree students regardless of the semester, and we will continue to work with you on any variations that may be needed. Questions regarding the Spring 2021 schedule may be directed to studentrecords@law.syr.edu

Thank you,

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