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Dear Students,

As this week comes to a close, I write to acknowledge again the disruptive effects of COVID-19 upon all of you, and to congratulate you on your agile pivot to online learning.

I have received a lot of feedback from you, for which I thank you. Despite the challenges you are reporting, it is clear that all of you are embracing them, committed as ever to make the very best of your learning journey at the College of Law. This does not surprise me, because I know Syracuse students are both exceptionally focused and determined.

I'd also like to share with you a few important reminders.

Keeping up with You

As we continue on this journey together, it is important for me to know where you are and how best to contact you. This weekend, **please update your contact information on [myslice](#)**. Knowing where you are physically—and ensuring that the College of Law knows how to reach you—gives us the information we need to continue to adapt to ever-changing conditions and communicate urgent messages to you. Please update your address and phone numbers.

Class Recordings

Please remember that all classes must be recorded. **If you are not able to access a recording of your class, please email LawPreparedness@law.syr.edu with the details of your experience.** We will troubleshoot the matter and remedy the situation. Although viewing of a recorded class is not a substitute for attendance, I am determined to make sure that all of you have access to all classes at all times through the end of the semester.

Financial Hardships

If you are experiencing a financial hardship as a result of COVID-19, please email the [Office of Financial Aid](#) to explore potential avenues for support. Director Kristin Shea and her team stand ready to assist you in every way possible.

Social Distancing: Consider the Consequences of Violations

As you know, in many places, and certainly in the State of New York, official action has been taken to mandate social distancing. It is important to heed this guidance, not only to protect your health and the health of your families, but also not to impact your bar eligibility and admission. **As you may have heard, enforcement actions are now under way. Any charge of**

disobedience will follow you through the character and fitness process and could interrupt the start of your careers in ways that could be avoided. As disruptive as COVID-19 is to your studies, I don't want it to wreak any havoc on your plans to practice law.

Your Stories

Like me, I am sure that you read every day about the destructive effects of COVID-19. Yet, we also see inspiring stories of random acts of kindness, new ideas, creative and imaginative solutions, humor, personal stories of students, employees and families adjusting to working from home, and testimonials on continuity of operations and the positive impact of good work on communities.

Please share your stories with me by emailing them to LawPreparedness@law.syr.edu. Feel free to post pictures and videos. We will compile them and share as many of them as possible with our College of Law Community, including our alumni who ask about you, every day.

Please remember to visit our [Law Preparedness](#) page on the College of Law's continued response to COVID-19.

Stay well.

Best regards,

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