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Dear Colleagues,

Many of you have expressed concern for our students, many of whom are suffering financial hardships due to COVID-19, and have asked how the College of Law is responding. As I hope you saw in the [April issue of the Dean's Dispatch](#), the College is using gifts to the Law Annual Fund to support students with unforeseen financial need. So far, we have raised more than \$36,000, including a \$25,000 grant from AccessLex.

Kristin Shea, in our Office of Financial Aid is managing our grant program. As of yesterday, 35 grant awards have been made and nine applications are in the queue. Kristin reports that applications for relief range from one-time expenses associated with emergency travel, moving and shelter, technology and supplies, and medical conditions, to recurring expenses such as food, and budget deficits associated with loss of current or future employment and extended housing needs. Emerging needs include financial harm to graduating students due to delays in the administration of bar exams nationwide.

We have just learned that the University has applied for federal grant support to provide additional relief to qualifying students campus-wide. In the meantime, the Office of Financial Aid is deploying as many of our own resources as possible and is directing students to additional SU resources like the Hendricks Chapel Food Pantry.

Many thanks again to all of you who have contributed to the Law Annual Fund and who have mobilized so quickly with generosity of spirit and kindness in support of our students. If you'd like [to make a donation, you may do so here](#).

Best regards,

**Craig M. Boise**

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