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Dear College of Law Staff Members:

Thank you for your many efforts to help the College and our students adapt to current conditions. As usual, your work reflects a high level of competence as well as tremendous dedication.

Over the last week, you will have noticed that our College of Law Community is receiving many updates from Dean Boise and Vice Dean Bybee and from other SU leaders on the rapidly evolving COVID-19 virus and its impact on us. As we move into the next phase(s) of this pandemic, some of you will feel a need to communicate with (or respond to) students important information concerning your office's functions. Thank you for being proactive in your outreach so as to continue operations with minimal disruption in the service of our students and our mission.

Going forward, until further notice, Dean Boise asks that you consult with Sophie Dagenais before you send any messages about or relating to COVID-19 to students. Because clarity is critical at this juncture, he has asked Sophie to help ensure that our robust response to these unprecedented events remains well-timed and coordinated, and that we avoid messages that are inadvertently conflicting or redundant.

Please also encourage students and colleagues to send their questions and concerns to lawpreparedness@law.syr.edu so that Sophie's team can track questions, explore and troubleshoot responses, and update our evolving Questions & Answers page on the College of Law's response to concerns and impacts around COVID19. We should encourage all of our students and colleagues to visit that page often.

Thank you for all you do. Stay well.

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