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Dear Students:

I have received many calls and messages from students who feel they are being harassed by fellow students concerning our Fall exams and proctoring plans. While everyone is entitled to your opinions, it is neither appropriate, nor fair, nor kind to harass your fellow students.

Our Code of Conduct applies, and we will investigate documented allegations of harassment. I call your attention to our [Code of Conduct](#), which makes clear that harassment directed at any other person, and the unreasonable disruption of law school activities, violate the academic integrity expectations of the College of Law.

Moreover, and as disturbing, my office has received reports that some students are touting their plans to cheat in their exams. Some students have also asked about the consequences of not following the College of Law's clear and published exam rules, including proctoring rules. I remind you that cheating, including the intentional failure to follow rules imposed by the College of Law, constitute clear violations of the Code of Conduct.

While we have shared and stand by our general presumption that our students are not cheaters, please know that we are documenting these reports, and we will prosecute all substantiated instances of cheating this fall season, with fidelity. Please keep in mind that Code of Conduct violations will have a bearing on your character and fitness evaluations for bar examination purposes down the road.

I know and understand that many of you are unhappy with, or disagree, with the manner in which fall exams will be administered. I encourage you, however, not to let your unhappiness or disagreement influence an ill-advised short term decision that could have long lasting implications.

Having said all of that, I also want to state our appreciation for the continued patience, flexibility, and understanding of so many of you, as we have worked together to provide and complete a safe and productive academic year for everyone.

On more than one occasion, we have received messages from our Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and Dean celebrating the selflessness, kindness, maturity, and grace with which our campus community, including you, has responded to the many challenges we have faced this semester. Let's finish the semester strong and in that spirit, together.

I wish all of you success in your exams.

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Director of Student Affairs