
Subject: First Week Done!
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Dear Students:

As you finish the first week of classes, I reach out to say it is so great to have everyone here! I have had such fun getting to visit with so many in the law school this week. Though I've been Dean since July 1, now—with you and the 1Ls here—it feels real.

As a reminder: Your new academic administrative team is:

- Professor Joanna Shepherd, Vice Dean
- Professor John Acevedo, Associate Dean for Students and Academic Programs
- Professor Ifeoma Ajunwa, Associate Dean for Partnerships and Programs
- Professor Matt Lawrence, Associate Dean for Faculty

I am so grateful to them for their leadership, service, and friendship. It is a wonderful team, and we have been at work for months.

We will soon hold meetings to talk with you about initiatives being implemented and being considered. We will tell you about the new Student Flourishing Initiatives and related developments. One theme you'll hear is that the practice of law is noble because it is a service profession. It is demanding but incredibly rewarding. We will talk about awareness of the bar exam and preparation for the bar—not just academically, but in terms of where you will live and how will you support yourself while you study for the bar after graduation—and many other topics.

The purpose of these initiatives is to get you ready to pass the bar and to equip you with the education, skills, connections, and mentoring to help you get established and thrive in the practice. To that end, we are centralizing student support services, and, as we do, I appreciate your patience. The goal is to have robust support for you. As we move forward, we need the benefit of your input and suggestions.

We'll get to all that in the coming weeks. Right now, welcome back! Have a wonderful weekend. I look forward to seeing you in the hallways and throughout the school, hearing about your summer, and just generally getting caught up. It is so great to have everybody here.

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