Greetings Students,

As we cross the halfway point of the fall semester, I’m writing to update you on several matters. This information will be posted to the Law School’s COVID webpage, as will any further updates.

1. **FALL EXAM PROCEDURES.**
   - Exams will be distributed and taken online, beginning on Monday Dec. 7 and ending on Friday Dec. 18 (no exams will be administered over the weekend). At this point, we expect all exams to be “flex exams” though a couple exams may end up being scheduled. We will notify you by early November of any scheduled exams.
   - You are free to take your exams wherever you would like, though you will need to make sure that that place has reliable internet access. For those that would like to take exams in the Law School building, we anticipate that some space in the law will be available for this purpose.
   - We have fielded many questions already about exams, and we know that you will have many more (including some special needs or circumstances). We will be distributing a comprehensive guide in early November that will address many of these issues. So stay tuned.

2. **ACCESS TO LAW SCHOOL FOR STUDY AND EXAMS.** For those of you who will be in Richmond after the Thanksgiving holiday, the Law School will be available to you for study and, as noted above, to take your exams. Please keep in mind that, while we hope to have sufficient space to accommodate all students who wish to use the building, we cannot yet guarantee that. There will be a system through which students can reserve space well in advance of the study and exam period. As with the exam procedures, we will explain this process in detail in early November.

3. **SPRING ACADEMIC CALENDAR.** As you may have seen in a University email yesterday, the spring-semester schedule has changed. Here are the pertinent dates for the spring semester:

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You will note that there is no spring break, and that the semester is 13 weeks long rather than the use of a 14-week semester allows you to have a study week before exams begin. Finally, for reasons that are too complicated to explain in this email, the academic calendar available from the University registrar does not mirror the calendar above. We will be posting these dates on our website and will remind you of them as the spring semester approaches.
4. **SPRING COURSE SCHEDULE.**

- As with the course schedule for this fall, the change in occupancy limits for classrooms has required use to shift courses into different classrooms and, on some occasions, to different days and times. At this point, I am optimistic that changes to course days and times will be minimal and that for the vast majority of students, their schedule will be relatively unchanged.

- Although I am not yet done with the schedule, there are a couple changes I can tell you already. Unfortunately, Corporate Governance, Technology Law, and Non-Profit Organizations will not be offered. Additionally, Mergers & Acquisitions will be offered as a 2-credit course, not 3. I recognize the difficulty that these changes will cause some of you and, as we did for fall classes, we will give priority to students in the registration process that are affected any scheduling changes. Thus, if you are currently enrolled in any of the four classes above, you will hear directly from me about helping you with your schedule.

- The new schedule will be released in late October and, to the extent that changes in the schedule make it necessary for you to add or drop courses, you will have an opportunity to do so in November. (For those with priority registration, however, the Dean’s Office will make changes to your schedule on your behalf before that time.)

5. **REMOTE ATTENDANCE IN SPRING.** If you wish to study remotely in the spring—whether fully or partially—please let us know by completing the Spring 2021 remote study request form. “Partially remote” means that you intend to attend one or more of your classes remotely for the entire semester, not that you anticipate having to periodically attend remotely for unexpected personal reasons (such travel conditions, childcare or illness). This form will remain open until January 8, 2021, but please fill out the form as soon as you are sure of your Spring 2021 plans as it assists us as we prepare for the upcoming semester.

In sum, stay tuned for more details on fall exams and spring courses. Other than that, please try to enjoy this great weather. And of course, thank you all for your patience and good will so far this fall.

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