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Dear Future Marquette Lawyer:

On behalf of everyone in Ray and Kay Eckstein Hall, I wish to welcome you to the fall semester—whether it is your first at Marquette University Law School or, as for most of you, a return. That you should entrust us with helping guide your formal legal education is a great honor. Permit me here to provide a bit of an update.

A new faculty member joins the Law School this year. Alexander B. Lemann most recently served as a research fellow at Georgetown University Law Center, with particular interests in torts and insurance law—which certainly are among Marquette Law School’s historic strengths. Professor Lemann previously practiced law at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York City and served as a law clerk for a federal district judge there and for Judge Marsha S. Berzon on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Columbia Law School, and I ask that you join me in welcoming him.

Atiba Ellis is here as Boden Visiting Professor of Law. This position, which recalls the late Dean Robert F. Boden, welcomes on occasion a distinguished faculty member from another institution. Professor Ellis, of the West Virginia University College of Law, is such a person and will be with us this fall. A holder of multiple degrees from Duke University, Professor Ellis teaches and writes in election law, including voting rights, as well as critical legal theory and legal history. We are grateful for his presence and coming contributions.

The director of the Eckstein Law Library is new but will be familiar to many of you. Professor Elana Olson, formerly associate law librarian, serves in this position, upon the previously announced retirement this past summer of Professor Patricia Cervenka. In addition, Kathryn Amato, L’97, will join us in an expanded role as a part-time lawyer librarian and adjunct faculty member.

Of course, it is possible for roles to change even as titles remain the same. In this regard, Anna Fodor will have additional responsibilities as director of student affairs, in light of the departure of Amy Rogan-Mehta, L’12, for an associate deanship at Chapman University’s law school in southern California. In addition to service in the classroom (teaching Legislation in the spring), Professor Fodor will have primary responsibility for the Academic Success Program, Student Success Program, and various other important initiatives that serve students. You may find her in Room 238G. To be sure, even with relatively new individuals (you may recall my introducing Professor Fodor, a Northwestern University law graduate, and describing her experience in one of my letters last year), we continue to benefit from deeply experienced individuals in the student affairs office. In particular, please recall that Associate Dean Bonnie Thomson is available to answer all manner of questions that students direct her way.

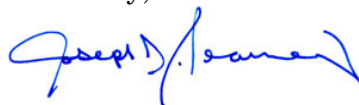
We announced at the end of last semester (and thus since my most recent beginning-of-semester letter) the creation of the Lubar Center for Public Policy Research and Civic Education and the renaming of the Appellate Courtroom as the Lubar Center. Thus, the various activities that we have somewhat awkwardly termed our “public policy initiative”—such as the “On the Issues with Mike Gousha” sessions, the Marquette Law School Poll, and conferences on issues of public concern—will generally go forward under the Marquette Law School’s Lubar Center banner. The extraordinary generosity of Sheldon and Marianne Lubar has provided the Lubar Center with a \$7 million endowment. This means that, as in the past, we will be able to provide research and education opportunities to you and the larger public without drawing upon your tuition dollars. The public policy initiative—the Lubar Center—gives us an unusually prominent civic role in this region and uniquely contributes to the resources available for your education. How fortunate we are.

Others are less fortunate. As heirs of the Catholic, Jesuit tradition in American higher education and members of the legal profession, we regard ourselves as having a particular obligation to be *homines pro aliis*—“men and women for others.” In a large urban area such as ours, there are many others whom we can help. Our students—you—do extraordinary work in such pro bono placements as the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics and more than a dozen other formal programs coordinated by the Law School’s Office of Public Service. Permit me to encourage all of you to participate: You will find such service rewarding in many respects.

The focus of this letter has been to introduce you to, or remind you of, a few individuals, changes in roles, or opportunities, whether they are law school employees, programs that especially attract engaged citizens here as visitors, or means whereby we serve community members. Permit me also to remind you of something that I have suggested in my orientation remarks for many years: One of the best things about our program is your fellow future Marquette lawyers—i.e., those with whom as students you share Eckstein Hall and the excitement and anxieties of entering the legal profession. There is so much that you can learn from one another, and you should not only take our opportunities but create others for yourselves to get to know one another and draw upon each other’s knowledge and talents. Those may be class-related: In my estimation, for example, any law student should consider participating in a study group. Or they may be more social. All of this is committed to your discretion—i.e., your judgment.

For good judgment there is no substitute. Yet that is not to doubt this attribute or quality develops with study and experience. In this regard, even as we teach classes, help direct and guide your work, and provide opportunities, one of our most important goals is to provide helpful, even inspiring, *examples*. We hope that you will find a few such instances during your time with us.

Sincerely,



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