



Office of the Deans

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is an honor for us to write to you on behalf of our law school. We hope that your transition to fall has been a good one and that you have many wonderful things happening in your lives and in your work.

We have recruited and welcomed a great first-year class and have a terrific student body. We have been working hard over the last few months to get to know them, and we are very impressed with their enthusiasm and talents.

As many of you know, we have been spending a lot of time reaching out to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the legal community in New Mexico. One of our primary goals as deans is to get to know graduates, lawyers, legislators and judges throughout the state, and we hope to see you when we are in your area. We are using those opportunities to listen and to share our vision for the law school.

It is a joy to serve our amazing law school and the diverse, positive, and engaged people who make this institution great. We have a unique law school that serves a unique population in a wonderful state. You will quickly come to appreciate that our goal as deans is to focus on things that are important to the people of New Mexico.

Our recent Best Value ranking (#6 in the nation!) and our remarkable employment outcomes (96% within 10 months of graduation!), reveal that we are a very strong law school committed to doing what is right for this state. Our students do not graduate with an extreme debt load that forces them to look for work in other states. They graduate with real, meaningful experience that places them among the best prepared law graduates anywhere in the nation, and the vast majority are able to practice law in the state that we all call home. We truly are a small school with big value.

Our outstanding faculty members remain committed to our students and to our state. They continue to speak at conferences, they host conferences here at the law school, they present CLE's to the bench, bar and legislators, and they serve on bar commissions, committees, and task forces. Faculty members spend countless hours working closely with students. The result of these efforts is that our law school graduates students who are highly skilled and ready to practice law.

We have a positive spirit within our community, and together, as a community, we should be proud. We invite you to celebrate this with us and hope that we will see as many of you as possible at our upcoming Annual Holiday Gathering for alumni, faculty, students, staff, and friends. This year's gathering will occur at 5:30pm on the evening of December 9th here at the law school. Please visit <http://lawschool.unm.edu/alumni/events/holiday.php> or call us at 505.277.8184 to let us know you are coming.

We want to conclude by thanking all of you for your tremendous level of support and positive spirit towards our law school. We welcome your continued participation and guidance.

Sincerely,

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