To the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Community,

When I became president and dean, I promised to update you on our progress and to keep you in the loop on our progress and successes. My hope is you will share these accomplishments with your colleagues, families and friends. My first letter appeared on our website two weeks ago.

I made it clear in the previous letter that we are committed to improving the education and experience at the school. This will come about through change and innovation but at the same time we need to elevate the legacy of excellence that has long been foundational to Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

Our mission is to provide an outstanding legal education for a nationally-based diverse student body. We consistently rank as one of the most diverse law schools in the nation. Thomas Jefferson School of Law received an A from the National Jurist based on diversity. We know it is important to give back and we offer a Pro Bono Honors Program for students who devote at least 50 hours of volunteer legal service, without credit or compensation, to underserved populations.

This kind of dedication proves what Jefferson, our third president and namesake, once said: "One man with courage is a majority."

We do know our value and our worth. We see the needs of our society. Our dedicated faculty train our students to meet those needs with real solutions so they can join the ranks of our respected alumni who are leaders in their communities in a variety of legal, government, profit and non-profit careers around the country.

Thank you for taking the time to read and I welcome your thoughts and input.

Sincerely,

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