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Dear Friends,

As this fall semester winds to a close and the holidays approach, it is my sincere hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones well. As important members of our community, you continue to be in the prayers of all of us here at Duquesne Law, and we truly appreciate your support during these trying times.

It is hard to believe that it has been over a year since I became your dean. I can honestly say I never anticipated the need to weather a global pandemic in my first year! While this time has been marked by great adversity, it has also been a time of tremendous opportunity and innovation for our Law School. I could not be more proud of the great work we have accomplished together as students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Your continued support over these many months has been truly remarkable.

As we approach year end, and you consider opportunities for gifts over the next few weeks, I hope you will keep in mind the initiatives we've begun this year at Duquesne Law that have helped bring success, innovation, and well-being to our community in these unprecedented times. I graciously ask you to make a gift today to support our **Vision Fund**, which focuses on the three pillars of **collaborative learning, leadership, and community well-being**, or our **COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Fund**, established to help students with unexpected problems thrust in their way. To date, this fund has provided aid to 70 law students who have demonstrated severe need. Your generous support of these funds or any of the other priorities detailed in the enclosed document will help keep Duquesne strong and moving forward despite adversity. If you have questions or would like to discuss any of our priorities, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

I wish you and your family a blessed holiday season. You are all in my prayers and I wish every one of you much joy, peace, good health, and abundance.

With warm regards,



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