



SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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Dear Friends,

I hope that you all had a wonderful spring break!

I was particularly thankful for the opportunity to take some time to pause, reflect, and appreciate our law school community's many special qualities. One of our greatest distinctive strengths is certainly our dedicated and caring staff and faculty—true educators who teach our students in and out of the classroom.



The law school's venerated staff members educate our students by modeling through their daily interactions the qualities of proficiency, professionalism, attentiveness, respect, and empathy. Our revered faculty members are renowned for their ability to draw out in their students the knowledge, skills, and values that empower them to serve their clients and communities with competence, conscience, and compassion.

Our faculty are also acclaimed for their remarkably successful representation of their clients in our transformative clinics, as well as for their brilliant and impactful research and scholarship. In 2004, the law school was admitted into the prestigious Order of the Coif in recognition of the exceptional quality and quantity of the faculty's scholarship. Since that time, our faculty has only become more prolific and influential. Led most recently by current and former Associate Deans for Faculty Research and Development, Eric Goldman and Gary Spitko, faculty members have produced countless game-changing and award-winning books, articles, chapters, policy papers, op-eds, amicus briefs, podcasts, blogs, testimony, conference presentations, and media appearances.

In the past year alone, our extraordinary faculty has published more than 50 scholarly books and articles. Their publications have been downloaded an astounding 22,642 times and include prized and path-breaking scholarship in fields such as tech law, artificial intelligence, privacy, constitutional law, civil rights, criminal law, alternative dispute resolution, torts, estate planning, tax, administrative law, legal history, education law, environmental law, humanitarian rights, reproductive freedom, restorative and transformative justice, securities law, ethics, leadership, judging, civil procedure, the law of armed conflict, international law, health law and equity, racial justice, pedagogy, law and literature, and jurisprudence. Although their expertises and perspectives are beautifully diverse, our faculty share a track

record of great success in designing innovative solutions to our most urgent and complex social problems and in advancing knowledge in service of the common good.

It's no wonder that the law school enjoys a stellar and ever-rising national and international reputation among academic peers, judges, and lawyers!

And it's no wonder that our extraordinary educators—faculty and staff—are among the law school's greatest distinctive strengths!

With warm regards and tremendous gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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