



SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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Dear Friends,

As we journey together in this Holy Week, let us rejoice in our collective capacity for reflection, rejuvenation, and renewal. Over the past few weeks, our Santa Clara Law community has exhibited remarkable academic excellence, professionalism, creativity, pride, generosity, and genuine love for one another.

On April 6th, accompanied by over a dozen of the “Dogs of Charney Hall,” our Santa Clara Law community participated in the University’s Day of Giving. For the first time ever, the law school was the University’s top academic designation, and second overall in total dollars raised. Beyond benefiting our law students in a general sense, the over \$600,000 that was raised will expand our scholarship offerings, strengthen our centers and clinics, and add to our ability to support a variety of wellness initiatives. Perhaps most impressive, over 61% of our own faculty and staff participated in the day’s efforts. Our External Relations team did an exceptional job leading the charge, but each and every one of you who participated in the day is deserving of our gratitude!

I’m also so grateful to our student leaders and their faculty advisors who conducted exceptional scholarly symposia over the past weeks. The Santa Clara Law Review, in concert with the Edwin Heafey Center for Trial and Appellate Advocacy, hosted a cutting edge conference on the future of the legal profession and legal education as we emerge from the pandemic; the Journal of International Law sponsored a timely conference on the role of China in the international world order; and the High Tech Law Journal held a fascinating conference exploring the new world of digital expression. In each of these symposia, our students participated in impactful scholarly dialogues on the world’s most complex and urgent social issues.

In the same spirit of coming together, our entire community also joined together on April 6th to honor the Hon. Ketanji Brown Jackson on her ascendency to the United States Supreme Court. As a law school dedicated to equal justice under law, we celebrated this historic moment in our nation’s journey to becoming a more perfect union.

We are a community that cares deeply for one another and inspires each other to work toward our common pursuit of justice. We are a community that supports one another. We are a community that laughs together and lifts each other up in tough times. We are a community that loves one another. And as these past few weeks have shown, we are a community that accomplishes great things and that rises together. It makes me proud to be the Dean of this beloved law school community.

With warm regards and immense gratitude,

Dean and Professor of Law

