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Dear Bowen Alum:

We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well.

This is clearly not a normal time in the country or the state -- or at Bowen. The halls are empty, but our students, faculty and staff are still working. Bowen students and faculty have made the leap to online classes like the professionals they all are. But I'm still concerned with the welfare of our students outside of their class work.

Like many Americans, Bowen students rely on full and part-time jobs, including clerkships, to make ends meet. To those of you who have provided our students with those job opportunities, thank you. Unfortunately, both full-time and part-time students are seeing lay-offs or decreases in hours (whether in their clerkships or at their regular jobs). This adds a layer of stress on top of their studies and the shift to an online learning environment.

In addition, many students set for summer clerkships are concerned as to whether that position will still be available.

I'm asking for help on two fronts.

First, if your firm was planning to have a Bowen student as a summer clerk, please reach out to Assistant Dean Diana Snyder and let her know how you expect the position to change. You can reach her at dbsnyder@ualr.edu. I would encourage each of you to keep your clerks if at all possible, even if it means reduced hours. Our students are looking forward to summer work for not just financial support, but also for the experience you provide.

Second, consider a monetary donation. We have a student emergency fund that is available to provide financial support to students experiencing unforeseen financial hardships with completing the Juris Doctor degree or applying for admission to practice law or studying for/taking the bar exam.

We also stock a food pantry here at the law school. It is open Tuesdays and Thursdays each week so students can anonymously gather supplies.

You can donate to the emergency fund or to the food pantry by contacting Assistant Dean Wanda Hoover by emailing wghoover@ualr.edu or by calling 501-690-1159.

The classrooms and halls at Bowen may be empty, but our hearts are not. Thank you for all you continue to do for our students.

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