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## Dear Alumni and Friends:

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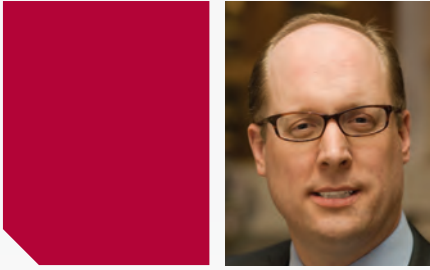
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DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS:

I was honored to have been selected as your dean, and I am excited about the future of this great school. Following in the footsteps of Lauren Robel and Hannah Buxbaum is a formidable task indeed, and the warm welcome I have received during my short time on the job has been tremendous. The Maurer School of Law has so many strengths and it's a privilege to be in a position to lead the Indiana Law community.

Later this year, we will begin the strategic planning process to chart a course for our future and to develop initiatives to ensure our long-range success. In the meantime, we need to tackle two high priorities: admissions and career placement. As the pool of law school applicants declines, continuing to find ways to attract the very best and brightest students is imperative. And although the picture for law graduates is improving, we must double our efforts to help prepare them for the future and to help them find careers for which they are best suited. Integrating career development and advising throughout the law school experience is key to this goal.

During the next few months, I will be working closely with our assistant deans of admissions and career placement on detailed plans for building a strong pipeline of incoming students and further developing a network of alumni and friends to help our students with their professional futures.

And that's where all of you come in. Your on-the-ground assistance — as role models, as mentors, as advisers, as employers — is more crucial than ever in today's competitive market. Many of you do so much for the School already. I hope that I can continue to call on you for your guidance and to help our students build the bridge between law school and the legal profession.

I look forward to meeting you soon. Our graduates are some of the most talented leaders in law, business and public service in the nation. I welcome your counsel as we work together to continue the momentum and to build on the Maurer School of Law's past success.

SINCERELY,

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