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From: Dmitry Bam <dmitry.bam@maine.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:11 PM
To: Maine Law Faculty; Maine Law Staff; Maine Law Class of 2022; Maine Law Class of 2021; Maine Law Class of 2020
Subject: Maine Law Dean's Update - March 17

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff:

You may have seen the Chancellor's earlier email that the undergraduate campuses have delayed the start of classes until Wednesday, March 25. After discussions with the Chancellor and Maine Law faculty, we still expect that we will be ready to start classes on Monday and will proceed as scheduled.

As many of you are aware, the American Bar Association requires that law students spend a certain number of hours in class to satisfy the ABA Standards. This means that, were we to miss two days of classes, we would be required to make those days up. This would add an unnecessary complication to our scheduling for the rest of the semester, and, at this time, I'd like to avoid all unnecessary complications as much as possible. In addition, for topics covered on the bar exam, ensuring adequate coverage is especially critical.

This means that **our classes will resume on March 23**. I know some of you are apprehensive about online learning, while others are still trying to figure out how to deal with the fact that your kids are home from school. I promise we will be very understanding of these challenges. I also know that many of our faculty are excited about the transition and discovering the tools that online teaching has to offer. As I mentioned earlier, we are having daily discussions about all aspects of the semester as we move forward, and more guidance is coming. We appreciate your patience while we prepare for this next phase of the semester. That said, if there is something you are concerned about -- access to books or wifi, items you need in your locker, etc., please let us know. Your success is our number one priority so please let us know if there is something we can help you with.

For now, stay home if you can, read a good book if you have some time, and let us know if you have any questions or concerns that you'd like the administration to consider.

See you all soon.

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