



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

SCHOOL OF LAW

To the members of the law school community –

Below is a message from Chancellor Steinmetz that I hope you'll read if you haven't already. I am adding my acknowledgement of the racial crisis our nation is facing, and I urge our law school community to stand united against hate, racism, and injustice. The killing of George Floyd by law enforcement and the tragedies of Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor are truly shocking and disheartening, but each one must serve as motivation to strive for justice.

We are fortunate to teach and study law; this privilege also vests in us a special responsibility to support the rule of law. We must ensure our streets, society, and our systems are safe for all. This means we must first acknowledge the fact that racism continues to dictate outcomes for our fellow citizens.

A special message to our students: the legal system you study falls short of delivering the American promise of "justice for all." As you study and practice, my hope is that whatever you do, you will examine the legal system to find where and how injustice is perpetuated, dismantle that part of the system, and then use your education and skills to create positive change.

As dean, I am committed to supporting the law school community as one that is safe and welcoming for all, and one that has hope for justice to prevail. Finally, I acknowledge that this is a time of acute pain for many in our community because they have experienced hate, racism, and injustice – to them, I send peace and hope for a better tomorrow. For all of us, I hope we have the courage to be change agents and strive for justice in all that we do.

All best,
Dean McCabe