



Good afternoon, Bowen Students,

I hope you are all well and sheltering safely. In the midst of a stressful pandemic and economic hardship, our nation has been rocked by the heart-wrenching images and death of George Floyd as well as the subsequent civil unrest. It has been a difficult time. As our Chancellor, Dr. Christina Drale, stated in an email earlier today, “[w]e grieve with the families of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and so many others. I want you to know that UA Little Rock stands against racism and hate and stands with those who support social justice and equality.”

As future attorneys, you have an ethical obligation to participate in “activities for improving the law, the legal system or the legal profession.” You are being equipped with skills and knowledge that will empower you to make a difference, and there is hope in that. You are learning what you need to work for justice.

For those of you who are having increased difficulties for any reason, please know that we are here for you. Dean Grotjohn ([rsgrtjohn@ualr.edu](mailto:rsgrtjohn@ualr.edu)) and her team are here to help. In addition, JLAP offers counseling services. They are available by phone at xxx-xxx-xxxx. The UA Little Rock counselor assigned to the law school, Hyginus Ukadike, is available to help you by phone at xxx-xxx-xxxx. You are also welcome to reach out to me directly. Please use these resources if you need assistance.

In the meantime, hang in there. I have a Zoom town hall meeting scheduled for this coming Friday during which I will update you on planning for the fall semester and answer any questions you might have. The Zoom link is <https://zoom.us/j/95680369546>. Please join me.

Take care of yourself.

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