A Message from the Dean

Dear Bowen Alum:

We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well. This is clearly a not 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 big 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 internships, to make ends meet. 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 cut backs in their internships or 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 use for summer internships are concerned as to whether that position will still be available. I’m asking for help on two fronts.

First, if your firm is planning to have a Bowen student as a summer clerk, please reach out to Assistant Dean Diana Snyder and let her know how you plan to position the change. You can reach Diana by email dbsnyder@ualr.edu or by calling 501-690-1159.

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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.

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming Bowen alumni events scheduled through June 30, including the Denver and Atlanta events, have been postponed until further notice. The Office of Alumni & Development is working to provide new dates as soon as possible. Our primary concern is the well-being of our students, our alumni, and our communities.

The June 11 lunch at the Arkansas Bar Annual Meeting is pending. As soon as a decision is made, we will send an announcement.

For questions regarding events, please email Ashley True

Alumni Updates

Xie Fleming ('78) was elected to the State District Court for District 31, Little Rock 2.

Ralph Owen ('89) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 18-East, Division 1.

Barbara Webb ('82) was elected to the State District Court for District 21.

March Klappendorf ('96) was elected to the Court of Appeals as Associate Judge, District 5.

James Durrara ('96) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 5, Division 1.

Kris Halder ('99) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 2, Division 8, Subdistrict 2.2.

Rzeba Baker ('96) was elected Prosecuting Attorney for District 21.

Tjana Byrd ('97) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 6, Division 8, Subdistrict 6.1.

Sarah Capp ('98) was elected to the State District Court for District 7.

Mercedes Sturdivant ('98) was elected to the State District Court for District 41, Department 2.

Chris Cavanah ('99) was elected to the State District Court for District 9, Division 1.

Andrew Gir ('05) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 6, Divisions 9 (At-Large).

Daniel Brock ('06) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 17, Division 1.

Clay Ford ('06) was elected to the State District Court for District 32, Division 1.

Antwon Phillips ('06) was named as one of this year’s “40 Under 40” by Arkansas Business.

John Rainwater ('09) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 6, Subdistrict 6.2.

Chris Carnahan ('06) was elected as one of this year’s “40 Under 40” by Arkansas Business.

Josh Farmer ('09) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 22, Division 3.

Skye Worlds ('72) was named a 2020 Taste of the Finest Honoree for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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