A Message from the Dean

Dear Bowen Alumni,

We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well.

This is clearly 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 leap 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 in full and part-time jobs, including clerking, to make ends meet. In these of you who have provided our students with these job opportunities, thank you. Unfortunately, both full-time and part-time students are seeing layoffs or cut backs in hours in their clerkships or their 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 for summer clerkships are concerned as to whether that position will still be available.

I’m asking for help on two fronts.

First, if your firm was planning to have a Bowen student as a summer clerk, please reach out to Assistant Dean Diana Snyder and let her know how you expect the position to change. You can reach her at wghoover@ualr.edu, I would encourage each of you to keep your clerk’s on at all possible, even if it means reduced hours. Our students are looking forward to summer work for not just financial support, but also for the experience you provide.

Second, consider a monetary donation. We have a Student Emergency Fund. As of now, we can assist students experiencing hardship by giving them travel/near term loans to help with living expenses. It has to be a loan to avoid jeopardizing their financial aid eligibility.

You can donate to the emergency fund or to the food pantry by contacting Assistant Dean Wanda Msavha by emailing wmsavha@ualr.edu or by calling 501-448-1650.

The classrooms and halls at Bowen may be empty, but our hearts are not. Thank you for all you are doing, we are still here for you.

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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 luncheon 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 Ansley.

Alumni Updates

Xia Fleming (‘18) was elected to the State District Court for District 31, Little Rock 2.
Rajesh Chau (‘12) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 18-East, Division 1.
Barbara Webb (‘09) was elected to the Arkansas Supreme Court.
March Klappendorf (‘96) was elected to the Court of Appeals as Associate Judge, District 5.
James Dutton (‘89) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 5, Division 1.
Kleve de la Pena (‘89) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 2, Division 8, Subdistrict 2.2.
Roida Baker (‘95) was elected Prosecuting Attorney for District 21.
Tajue Byrd (‘89) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 6, Division 6, Subdistrict 6.1.
Sarah Capp (‘96) was elected to the State District Court for District 7.
Meridith Suturin (‘16) was elected to the State District Court for District 41, Department 2.
Chris Carabanzo (‘09) was elected to the State District Court for District 9, Division 1.
Andrew Gil (‘16) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 6, Division 9 (4th Judge).
Daniel Brosch (‘17) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 17, Division 1.
Clay Ford (‘19) was elected to the State District Court for District 32, Division 1.
Antoin Phillips (‘18) was named as one of this year’s “40 Under 40” by Arkansas Business.
John Rainerman (‘88) was named 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 Words (‘12) was named a 2020 Taste of the Finest Honoree for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Taste of the Finest will be held on August 14, 2020 at the Statehouse Convention Center.

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