April 2020

A Message from the Dean

Dear Bowen Alum:

We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well. This is clearly not a 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 on full- and part-time jobs, including clerkships, to make ends meet. In these trying times of the coronavirus pandemic, you can help Bowen students and faculty in a variety of ways.

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 by email at dbsnyder@ualr.edu or by calling 501-690-1159.

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 Diane Snyder and let her know how you expect the position to change. You can reach her by email at dbsnyder@ualr.edu or by calling 501-690-1159. I would encourage each of you to keep your clerks if 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 loan-term loans to help with living expenses. It has to be a loan to avoid jeopardizing their financial aid eligibility. 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.

You can donate to the emergency fund or to the food pantry by contacting Assistant Dean Wanda Hoover by emailing whoover@ualr.edu or by calling 501-600-1550. The classrooms and halls at Bowen may be empty, but our hearts are not. Thank you for all you can do to continue to support our students.

Dean Beiner

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.

Alumni Updates

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

Rajpal Chawla (‘10) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 19-East, Division 1.

Barbara Webb (‘05) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 6, Division 9 (At-Large).

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

James Duquette (‘09) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 5, Division 1.

Kristi Berry (‘10) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 2, Division 8, Subdistrict 2.2.

Rodi Baker (‘96) was elected Prosecuting Attorney for District 21.

Tiauna Byrd (‘09) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 6, Division 8, Subdistrict 6.1.

Samantha Carpenter (‘14) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 7.

Meredit Surfton (‘96) was elected to the State District Court for District 41, Department 2.

Chris Caraaban (‘92) was elected to the State District Court for District 9, Division 1.

Andrew Gill (‘05) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 6, Division 9 (North). 

David Brock (‘90) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 17, Division 1.

Clay Ford (‘99) was elected to the State District Court for District 32, Division 1.

Antwon Phillips (‘08) was named as one of this year’s “40 Under 40” by Arkansas Business.

John Rainwater (‘89) was elected as Associate Judge, District 5.

Josh Farmer (‘10) was elected to the Circuit Court for District 22, Division 3.

Skye Worley (‘12) was named as one of this year’s “40 Under 40” by Arkansas Business.

Below is a list of the people who have been elected to the State District Court for District 31, Little Rock 2.

Elected to the State District Court for District 31, Little Rock 2:

- Xio Fleming (‘78)
- Rajpal Chawla (‘10)
- Barbara Webb (‘05)
- March Klappendorf (‘96)
- James Duquette (‘09)
- Kristi Berry (‘10)
- Rodi Baker (‘96)
- Tiauna Byrd (‘09)
- Samantha Carpenter (‘14)
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