Dear Bowen Alum:

I’m asking for help on two fronts.

First, if your firm’s 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 dbsnyder@ualr.edu. 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 temporary 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. If you can donate to the emergency fund or to the food pantry by contacting Assistant Dean Wanda Hoover by emailing wahoover@ualr.edu or by calling 501-690-1159. The classroom and halls at Bowen may be empty, but our hearts are not. Thank you for all you do for 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 concerns 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 Wasid.

Alumni Updates

You are receiving this email because you are a graduate or friend of the Bowen School of Law.

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 those of you who have provided our students with those job opportunities, thank you. Unfortunately, both full-time and part-time students are seeing layoffs or pay cuts from their employers in their clerkships or at 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 wait for summer clerkships are concerned as to whether that position will still be available.

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