



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. To 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 decreases in hours (whether 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 set 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 [dbsnyder@ualr.edu](mailto: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 low-interest 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 [wghoover@ualr.edu](mailto:wghoover@ualr.edu) or by calling 501-690-1159.

The classrooms and halls at Bowen may be empty, but our hearts are not. Thank you for all you continue to do for our students.

Dean Beiner

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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 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](#).

## Alumni Updates

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

**Ralph Ohm ('82)** was elected to the Circuit Court for District 18-East, Division 1.

**Barbara Webb ('82)** was elected to the Arkansas Supreme Court.

**Marck Klappenbach ('84)** was elected to the Court of Appeals as Associate Judge, District 5.

**James Dunham ('89)** was elected to the Circuit Court for District 5, Division 1.

**Kimberly Boling Bibb ('94)** was elected to the Circuit Court for District 2, Division 8, Subdistrict 2.2.

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

**Tjuana Byrd ('96)** was elected to the Circuit Court for District 6, Division 8, Subdistrict 6.1.

**Sarah Capp ('04)** was elected to the State District Court for District 7.

**Meredith Switzer ('04)** was elected to the State District Court for District 41, Department 2.

**Chris Carnahan ('05)** 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 (At-Large).

**Daniel Brock ('09)** was elected to the Circuit Court for District 17, Division 1.

**Clay Ford ('09)** was elected to the State District Court for District 32, Division 1.

**Antwan Phillips ('09)** was named as one of this year’s “40 Under 40” by Arkansas Business.

**John Rainwater ('09)** was named as one of this year’s “40 Under 40” by Arkansas Business.

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

**Skye Martin ('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.

**Camille M. Neemann ('18)** joined the Association of Arkansas Counties as Litigation Counsel.

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