

SCHOOL OF LAW SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 10, 2020

Dear UWLA family:

The safety of you, your family and our community is and remains our Institution's highest priority and guides our proactive planning and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fortunately, at this time, there are still no suspected cases of COVID-19 in our UWLA community, that I am aware of.

I appreciate your continued cooperation, patience, and understanding as we respond to these quickly changing, unforeseeable circumstances.

As we have previously discussed, the State of California and Los Angeles County have already declared emergencies to prepare for and manage the risks associated with the spread of COVID-19. As of today, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has issued an update that extends the "safer at home" order. A "new Health Officer Order is being issued that extends the stipulation in the previous Health Officer Order through May 15, 2020." (http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm? prid=2309)

In consultation and collaboration with UWLA's leadership, we are presently taking the following steps to mitigate the spread of the virus and safeguard our community:

Based upon this new directive from the Los Angeles County
Department of Public Health, UWLA's physical campuses will remain
closed <u>until at least May 15, 2020</u>. UWLA will continue to provide
instruction for both the School of Business and the School of Law
only in a virtual telephonic and/or online format.

During this period, as new information presents itself, we will continue to assess any options available to us to enhance your learning environment for the remainder of the term/semester and the upcoming Summer term. Again, although our campuses will remain closed, our employees will continue to work from home so that we may remain operational. We will provide further information to students in the coming days as to the Summer term and whether we will continue to teach the Summer session with the distance learning format.

I continue to remain proud of our Institution and its' stakeholders' resilience in the face of COVID-19, as well as our ability to transform and transition into a student-centered distance learning modality-while other institutions have merely engaged in faculty-focused remote teaching that has further distanced their students from their faculty. UWLA may be a fifty-four year old institution, but we are at the forefront of online distance learning now, and we will continue to care for one another as a larger extended family.

Together we will work to overcome this COVID-19 challenge. Our collective goal is that when this pandemic is over, our students will have taken advantage of this time by further progressing in their educations. Please be safe and watch out for each other. Please reach out to me if I can be of any assistance to you in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Brown, Esq.

President