Dear Students:

The decision has been made to move summer coursework online and out of the Law Center building. The same is happening on the rest of the LSU campus. Never fear—we already have a plan in place. The continuing effects of coronavirus-related uncertainty for field placements are also addressed further below.

We will continue to offer our full slate of “regular” summer courses, although we will make some adjustments to the staffing to accommodate the online environment. We are not having to move these courses out of the classroom midstream, as we did this spring—these courses will be planned to be online from the beginning (albeit in a short run-up period starting right now), so these will be organized and delivered in different ways through online tools. They will be, overall, a very different experience than what you have now.

A run-down of the summer program and how it will be offered, and any comments and changes, follows.

A. “REGULAR” COURSES—ALL will be ASYNCHRONOUS, not in “live time.”

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If we can expand student enrollment in any of these, we will. Two of the three courses currently have waiting lists; one still has openings. Whether we can clear the two lists without compromising the learning experience—even in the online environment (which will still involve interaction and feedback, just in an asynchronous format rather than live class)—is yet to be determined. Associate Dean Carroll and I ask you to be patient. We are working on some additional staffing accommodations that might allow us to do that, but we will also need to engage in a bit more planning with the relevant principal faculty members before we could agree to take that step.

I will go ahead and point out that these courses are ALL offered during the next academic year, and there will be room for you to take the course at some point during 2020-21 if it is a “must have” for you. Take a look at the fall and spring schedules.

For any questions related to the summer courses listed above (or the one legal research course immediately below), please contact Associate Dean Andrea Carroll (acarro6@lsu.edu).

B. ALREADY ONLINE (albeit in experiential learning category):

No change needed for this course.

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C. EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION, INCLUDING FIELD PLACEMENTS:

(1) As noted above, at the direction of LSU main campus, we are moving the classroom component of all sections of our field placement courses online. At the same time, due to continued precautions regarding COVID-19, many of the courts, legal service providers, and governmental agencies that have hosted students in past summers will be unavailable to host students this summer. Therefore, we are anticipating a significant reduction in available placement opportunities resulting in a much smaller summer field placement program. This is beyond our control. Of course, we will work with the field
placements who are able to host students this summer, but **we STRONGLY encourage students interested in field placements to look towards the fall field placement program—starting now.**

Please plan ahead, given all the uncertainty for our field placement partners this summer. If you wish your summer field placement application to be converted into a fall placement, please email Prof. Brooks at jeffbrooks@lsu.edu. He will work to find a field placement for you in the fall. We also encourage you to consult the fall schedule and enroll in any available experiential simulation course in which seats remain available. If adding a 2-credit simulation puts you just past the maximum line for your credit hours in fall, contact Associate Dean Carroll (acarro6@lsu.edu) for guidance. She can likely work with you to manage the issue.

(2) **We have added LAW 5609 Appellate Practice and Procedure to the summer schedule.** This is a 2-credit experiential course. If you are interested in that course in lieu of a summer field placement, please email Prof. Brooks at jeffbrooks@lsu.edu. Priority of enrollment will be given to rising 3Ls who need experiential credit and cannot be accommodated in a field placement.

**For questions related to either your summer experiential or your fall experiential course schedule and hours, please contact Professor Lancaster, Assistant Dean of Experiential Education (rlancast@lsu.edu), or Professor Brooks, Director of Field Placement Programs (jeffbrooks@lsu.edu).**

All my best (and wash those hands!—it remains a great idea, you know?!)

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