

## Welcome Message from Dean Anderson, Fall 2020

As Dean it is my great pleasure to welcome our new students as well as our returning students to Haub Law. We are excited to kick off a new year both in person and online, and to be pursuing again our mission of training new lawyers while improving our larger community.

Our new Class of 2023 comprises 251 students, 37 of which are part-time. Sixty-one percent are women, and 39 percent are men, and 28 percent are diverse. We also have two transfer J.D. students and 20 graduate students.

We look forward to working with you, which would be a challenge even in ordinary times. That's not because you're not smart and energetic and motivated and capable, but because law school is hard. As the returning students know, the volume of work is insane at times. Keeping up with and assimilating that work involves retraining your mind as an analytical and logical tool and being at the top of your game for sustained periods of time, no matter what is going on around you.

In the current COVID-19 environment, all of the usual challenges are joined by the challenges of managing health risk – social distancing, mask wearing, avoiding crowds, being attentive to symptoms, and diligently managing the well-being of oneself and loved ones.

The good news for you amidst all these challenges is that the Haub Law community will do this year what the Haub Law community always does, which is take care of its students as it trains them. In our planning for the delivery of our academic program in person as well as remotely, we have tried to provide not only the best of both worlds but also the safest. Pace University and Haub Law have worked through the challenges of the pandemic with guidance from New York State, the Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Consortium of Independent Colleges and Universities, of which we are a member.

Our intention has been to allow students who prefer to learn remotely to have a remote option for the entire fall semester, while providing the in-person experience for those who are in a position to come to campus. We will provide the same high quality Haub Law academic program using different learning modalities, while connecting with you and attending to your development outside of the classroom as well.

As New York State continues to develop its rules and guidelines for university operations, we will continue to adapt what we do here at Pace, and we will continue to check in with you as you go through your first year. I will be continuing our series of Zoom hallway chats with students that we started last spring, and I hope they will provide a useful forum for us to carry on a dialogue about the future. We ask for your continued patience as we work together to bring you the Haub Law experience, despite the challenges of the times.

Please remember that there are some simple things you can do to help us keep our campus healthy. When you are on campus, wear a mask, stay six feet apart, wash your hands, and

follow posted signs. Remember to isolate yourself if you feel sick and report to campus health authorities if you find you have contracted the coronavirus. When you are off campus, remember that you can easily, and unknowingly, pick up the virus at parties and social gatherings and bring it back to campus, endangering your fellow students and others. Please, let's take care of each other this year; it's not just the right thing to do- it's the Haub Law way.

Stay safe, and best wishes.

Dean Anderson