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This past year was one like no other. The School of Law community demonstrated our collective grit and resilience. Together, we adapted and discovered new ways of learning, meeting, working and mourning.

We also found new ways of communicating. Last year, the law school published its first digital-only magazine, and this email provides you access to our <u>second digital</u> <u>issue.</u>

This year's magazine, more than anything else, demonstrates our community's perseverance. It was a hard year, but it was also one of many achievements.

- For an unprecedented third straight year, the School of Law was named the nation's <u>#1 Best Value Law School</u>.
- The Class of 2020 posted one of the nation's <u>top employment rates and the #8</u> <u>national ranking for federal clerkship placements</u>.
- Student advocates in our <u>Appellate Litigation Clinic</u> argued before four federal appellate courts and tallied five wins.
- Our students logged approximately 94,000 service hours through clinical and

<u>field placements</u>, and discovered ways to <u>expand their services to rural areas</u> of the state.

• The School of Law now has the capacity to award <u>20+ Distinguished Law</u> <u>Fellowships</u> and boasts a portfolio of <u>12+ endowed funds supporting first-</u><u>generation college graduates</u>.

We also say goodbye to members of our law school family, including our first Black graduate <u>Chester Davenport</u> (LL.B.'66), Judge <u>Horace Johnson</u> (J.D.'82), legendary Professor <u>Perry Sentell</u> (LL.B.'58) and former Dean <u>Ned Spurgeon</u>, among others.

May we draw strength from the lessons learned and bonds formed over the past 18 months as we approach the days ahead. We hope this issue of the <u>Advocate</u> will bolster your sense of pride in the law school in addition to reminding you that you are an important part of the Law Dawg community.

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