



Office of the Dean



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Dear Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Community,

This past year has been a challenging one for our students, faculty, and staff due to the ongoing pandemic, but our commitment to Atlanta's John Marshall Law School (AJMLS) students has never been stronger.

We have experienced several accomplishments and a few challenges during a year of fiscal constraint and amid a global pandemic. The changes we have made make our projected financial outlook brighter, and inter-departmental collaboration within the AJMLS family will soon give rise to important new faculty initiatives, including a refocus by our faculty on the improvement of our entire legal education program.

I am grateful for the tireless and continued charge we share and that is our single commitment to student success.

With your support, we will continue to accomplish our mission to prepare highly-skilled, ethical, and professional lawyers who possess a strong social conscience. We now have a group of more than 5,000 AJMLS alumni worldwide; their success is because of you!

I am appreciative of your past support and hope you consider making a gift to Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Foundation.

Please refer to the important updates below.

Thank you! Stay well! Be safe!

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Dean and CEO
Atlanta's John Marshall Law School

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Dean's Report

- **COVID19** – In response to the pandemic, we have moved all student instruction to 100% virtual learning for the rest of this school year. We also upgraded to a new learning management system, which is integrated with other platforms (i.e. Zoom).
- **Closure of Savannah Campus** – On May 16, 2020, the Law school ceased all instruction at the Savannah campus and officially closed the Savannah campus effective May 31, 2020.
- **Sale of 1422 and 1430 Buildings** – On November 30, 2020, the property owner sold the 1422 and 1430 Buildings which requires the Law School to relocate on or before August 31, 2021. The move will allow the Law School to downsize at the new location, which will result in substantial cost savings in rent, taxes, maintenance, etc. while providing a more modernized facility, fresher look, and more centralized location to amenities such as restaurants, open-air spaces, public transportation, and parking options.
- **Relocation of the Law School** – We are actively looking for a new facility for the Law School. There are several prospects and hopes to secure a space shortly with a target move-in date by August 1, 2021.
- **John Marshall Law School Foundation** – The Foundation was created to support our students and will further the mission of the Law School by providing more need-based scholarship opportunities to deserving students in pursuit of their educational goals of becoming attorneys.
- **Nonprofit Conversion** – Effective January 1, 2021, the entire Law School converted to a 501(c)3 tax-exempt entity. The process of converting to 501(c)3 status has been a long time in the making and we expect this to solidify our future outlook for decades to come.
- **Director of Alumni Relations** – AJ Doucett, Class of 2007, was named the new Director of Alumni Relations. He is a known champion of the AJMLS students and community. His enthusiasm and passion for his alma mater will be a perfect match for this appointment.
- **Chief Development Officer** – Wendy Aina was recently hired into this newly created position. She comes from the University of Georgia and Georgia State University, and will be responsible for planning and implementing strategies to secure donor contributions in support of the Law School and the John Marshall Law School Foundation.

Every Gift, no matter the size, makes a difference!

- Gifts will support scholarships for our students to attend law school and achieve their academic and future goals.
- Gifts improve the student experiences at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School.
- Gifts allow Atlanta's John Marshall Law School to attract and retain talented students who show a promise in legal education.



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