

Dear Graduates and Friends,

“Legal institutions and lawyers ... are poised to change more radically over the next two decades than they have over the last two centuries.”

Or so claims English lawyer and author Richard Susskind in *Tomorrow's Lawyers—An Introduction to Your Future*, his provocative look at how powerful technologies and clients' quest for value are disrupting the practice of law, at least as we knew it.

It should come as no surprise, then, that Maryland Carey Law—both the school and the magazine—have taken a cue from Susskind: we're focused on the future and are intent on anticipating where our profession is headed rather than where it has been.

In this issue of the magazine, for instance, we asked some of our most distinguished faculty members to tell us about the most important legal issues just emerging in their fields. Bob Percival, who founded and directs our nationally ranked Environmental Law Program, and Michael Greenberger, who founded and directs the Center for Health and Homeland Security, are among those who weigh in.

Meanwhile, as competition for academically talented students intensifies and the market for legal services restructures itself, the law school faculty and deans are reviewing everything from curriculum and teaching loads to liaisons with prospective employers. And while they work, our Development team continues to engage with a range of philanthropic supporters to raise funds for pressing priorities.

Sadly, we're facing the future without Katherine Vaughns, one of our long-time colleagues who passed away in April after a brief illness. As the remembrance of her in this issue shows, she will be greatly missed by faculty, staff, students, and alumni, as well as the Baltimore theatre community, of which she was an integral part.

As I begin to contemplate my own future after I leave the deanship next summer, one of my many goals is to write about the future of legal education and the *Keyes* decision, which helped lay the basis for desegregation in the North and West.

In the meantime, I'll be out seeking support for the law school—financially and otherwise. I am deeply grateful to Maryland Carey Law for inviting me to be a member of its community. My time here has been a watershed moment for me professionally; a privilege and learning experience unlike any other—and a remarkable preparation for the future.

Best wishes,



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