



Dear Graduates and Friends,

I have known for many years that Maryland is a great law school. As a law professor at Temple University, I respected many of UMD Law's faculty and greatly admired the School's commitment to public service and its groundbreaking Clinical Law Program. During the dean search process, the more I learned about the Law School, the more impressed I became. But not until I became a member of the community myself did I fully appreciate how remarkable Maryland Law truly is.

It's a community that includes gifted teachers and scholars and committed staff who work here. Outstanding students who study inside these walls. Dedicated graduates who devote countless hours of their time and offer wise counsel. And generous supporters who provide vital resources to sustain our work.

Most meaningfully, this institution's definition of community doesn't end at the doors of the Law School, or exclude individuals who have never set foot in our building. Our community includes our neighbors in Baltimore who are given a voice and find justice thanks to the efforts of our legal clinics. It extends to disaster-stricken regions where our graduates help rebuild shattered lives. It reaches the highest levels of government, as our faculty's scholarly expertise shapes the debate on cutting-edge issues at the intersection of technology and privacy. I invite you to read about all these aspects of our community, and many more, in the pages that follow.

I also want to thank so many of you for all you have done to welcome me to this community. I have appreciated learning more about you and your thoughts about the Law School's future. This issue of the magazine provides an opportunity for you to learn more about me. Another opportunity for us to meet will be October 3, as the School of Law hosts my first formal event as Dean. I hope you will be able to attend and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

My door is always open, and I will be relying on your insight and support as we continue to expand the reach and impact of the Maryland Law community.

Best wishes,

Phoebe A. Haddon
Dean