

OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AS A COMMUNITY



THIS PAST YEAR WAS ONE OF THE most challenging in Maryland Carey Law's history, as we and the entire world faced a pandemic that has stolen hundreds of thousands of lives and devastated economies. Despite these challenges, I am heartened by the many ways our community has come together to support each other and provide vital expertise and assistance to our city, state, and nation. This crisis has brought our values into sharp focus and continued to strengthen our resolve to work collectively toward the greater good, which is reflected in the pages of this magazine.

The cover story explores how our health law and crisis management experts are serving the community in response to the COVID-19 threat. You will also learn about the law school's internal pivot as the virus forced us to innovate how we live, work, educate, and protect the safety of our students. Other articles highlight our faculty's thought leadership as the pandemic intersects with virtually every area of the law, and how the important public service work in our clinics continued remotely during Maryland's shut-down.

Against the backdrop of the demand for racial justice that has gained momentum since George Floyd's death, we also pay tribute to Elijah Cummings '76. His legacy of leadership lives on in the first recipient of the Cummings Scholarship and lights our way on the path to building a more just and equitable society.

Additionally, you will find out about some of last year's exciting faculty and student accomplishments achieved before the virus hit, including the launch of a constitutional law colloquium that brought scholars from around the world to Maryland Carey Law.

At press time, we are beginning a fall semester unlike any we have ever seen. While remote interaction is challenging, I am energized by the knowledge that our students are developing a competitive adaptability and the Maryland Carey Law community is deeply dedicated to supporting them along the way. ■

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