

# CELEBRATING PROGRESS



**A**S MOST OF YOU KNOW AND CAN read about on page 5, I have decided that this will be my final year as dean. Leading Maryland Carey Law has been a great privilege and one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. That is because of the extraordinary community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni with whom I have had the honor of working these past seven years. It feels fitting then that this magazine issue captures the wonderful spirit and community at Maryland Carey Law and celebrates achievements that we have accomplished together. Although this past year was challenging—fraught


with a global pandemic, assaults on our democratic institutions, and horrifying examples of racism and hate across the nation—the Maryland Carey Law community persevered together with compassion and resilience. Our law school community grew stronger than ever as we adapted to online learning and grappled with tumultuous events and ideas. We have developed a deeper sense of empathy for our clients and for each other. And we have a reinvigorated passion for ensuring that our work has a positive impact in the world.

The pages of this magazine represent a celebration of progress in spite of, and, at times fueled by, adversity.

The cover story explores the strides the law school has made in the past decade thanks to a generous gift from the W. P. Carey Foundation, which has enabled us to significantly expand opportunities for students. You will also learn about Maryland Carey Law's new Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice. With an enlarged Immigration Clinic, increased chances for students to practice legislative advocacy, scholarships, and a new Federal Appellate Clinic, the center is a shining example of how, charged by our values, we are moving forward.

Against the backdrop of a national conversation about race, we pay tribute to Professor Emerita Taunya Banks, a foundational thought leader in the Critical Race Theory movement who retired from our faculty this year. Additionally, this issue highlights some of last year's important initiatives, including the Eviction Prevention Project, a clinic collaboration that offered legal services to people in danger of losing their homes.

I am deeply proud of Maryland Carey Law's work and growth and treasure the opportunity in this magazine to step back and celebrate our progress, leading up to this moment, and that which we know will manifest as we move into the future. ■

  
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