IT is difficult to measure all the ways that one individual impacts the lives of others. But as I reflect on Dean Haddon’s announcement that she will step down as Dean on June 30, 2014 I find myself not only looking back to reflect on the ways she changed and improved our law school, but I also look forward as we gear up for change by building on those improvements. Leadership transition is a challenge for any institution. But for law schools today, it is particularly challenging. Meaningful change is underway in our profession which is having an impact on law schools across the country. During this transition, I know our Board of Visitors, our alumni, and our faculty will step up and take responsibility to ensure a smooth transition.

As chair of the Board of Visitors of the University of Maryland Carey School of Law, I have every confidence in our law school’s future direction and continuity. Fostering strong driving (optimal graduated driver’s licensing standards), financial empowerment of domestic violence victims, insurance regulatory reform, Medicare coordination of benefits reform; named one of Washington, DC’s Top Corporate Lobbyists of 2011 and 2012 by The Hill.

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A SPECIAL THANKS to these longtime Board of Visitors members, who have given much of their time to furthering the School of Law’s mission:

Laura Black ’88    Hanan Y. Sibel ’58
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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF VISITORS CHAIR
communications and leadership during this time will go a long way to help our law school demonstrate our gratitude to Dean Haddon for her lasting contributions, as well as to help find the right path to her successor.

In the year ahead, we will continue the law school’s important mission towards a more just society by educating outstanding lawyers, advancing understanding of law and legal institutions, and enhancing access to justice for all. We’ll continue to solidify and enhance the law school’s growing national reputation, as our faculty find ways to help our students with the challenges that face the future of the legal profession. Those challenges include making legal education more relevant and more affordable for all students, a commitment that all in our law school focus upon. And we’ll need to hold close to those law school experiences that made us great lawyers, business people, judges, and leaders.

We have already begun the process of considering a search committee, candidate qualifications, and priorities—all of which will be tailored to a vision of our values and our culture. We, as alumni, can make a difference in ensuring a successful leadership transition, and it is our responsibility to play an integral part in the process. It’s to our benefit too. In taking part, we can retain what is precious about our institution while being open to new, bold ideas; we can help minimize any impact the transition might have on students—our future, fellow alumni; and we can ensure our law school continues to thrive in ways that make us proud to be graduates.

There is much work left to be done during Dean Haddon’s tenure, and more work to come as we search for the next dean of our nationally recognized law school. I hope you will consider becoming involved in the many ways we’ll need your help and support.

Christine A. Edwards ’83
Chair, UM Carey Law Board of Visitors
Partner, Winston & Strawn LLP

FOR the first time in its history, the Board will have a member who will represent current students at UM Carey Law. In April 2013, the Board approved the nomination of the incoming Student Bar Association President to serve as the student representative to the Board with a term of one year. The student will have the same duties and responsibilities as other Board members, and will serve on a selected committee within the Board.

3L Doug Parvis, who is the 2013-2014 SBA President, was surprised and honored that he would be the first student representative on the Board.

“It’s a big responsibility to represent not only myself, but the entire student body of the law school,” said Parvis recently in an email. And even though he is barred from participating in executive sessions of the Board, he has already given the Board the benefit of the student’s point of view in many discussions.

Board Chair Christine Edwards ’83, who received the suggestion from longtime Board member Chief Judge Robert M. Bell (ret.), fully supports student representation on the Board.

“Our Board of Visitors is committed to diversity, and one way to achieve diversity of thought and perspective was to invite a student representative to join our Board,” said Edwards, in a recent email. “We hope the student representative will speak to the Board of both challenges and opportunities important to our student population, and will speak up if we are not paying enough attention to those priorities.”

The term for subsequent student representatives will begin at the Board’s fall retreat, but Parvis likes the fact that he’s started the job early.

“I have learned that the Board is comprised of a diverse group of men and women, judges and lawyers, business people, entrepreneurs and politicians,” observed Parvis. “I have also learned just how much the Board cares about UM Carey Law’s students, and the remarkable amount of time that is spent discussing student issues.”