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## **March 17, 2020 – COVID-19 Update**

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## SAN FRANCISCO

March 17, 2020

Dear UC Hastings Community,

I write to you to share difficult news about Commencement.

Given the current COVID-19 situation, I have made the decision to officially postpone our May 11<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony to sometime in the Fall 2020 semester. I recognize the weight of this decision; it is a heartbreaking announcement to make.

Our graduates will have persevered, along with the rest of our students, our faculty, and our staff, through what may be long remembered as one of the most difficult semesters in the history of UC Hastings.

We will not let our graduates' achievements go by without celebration.

Therefore, although we are not having a traditional graduation ceremony in May so that friends and family can plan accordingly, we **will** plan to hold a commencement ceremony in the fall semester. And if, as we deeply hope, the situation with COVID-19 improves such that we can, even with very last-minute notice, throw a celebration on May 11<sup>th</sup>, you'd better believe we will host the best celebration that we can plan on our campus. And if we cannot, we will still find a way to celebrate our 2020 graduates, virtually or otherwise. We would not let our 3Ls go out into the legal profession without a proper send-off from their alma mater that recognizes and celebrates their accomplishments. Student Services will be in contact with graduating students directly with further details, including regalia refunds and logistics.

Reach out if you need support and lend a hand when you can. I have no doubt that we will get through this semester together, ending with an historic celebration for our graduating class.

Warm regards,  
David

Chancellor and Dean  
UC Hastings Law