Greetings from the Office of the Dean

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DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS:  

As we reflect on 2013, we look back with a sense of accomplishment — and look forward with great anticipation, as we welcome a new dean to the IU Maurer School of Law.

Many of you already know that Austen L. Parrish joined us as Dean and James H. Rudy Professor of Law on January 1, 2014. I have known Austen for several years, first as a fellow researcher in shared areas of interest and later as a colleague in administration. He is a gifted administrator and an outstanding scholar, and was a strong and effective leader at Southwestern Law School. His energy, creativity and dedication to improving legal education are exactly what we were looking for in our next dean. Please join me in welcoming him to our School, and in extending my thanks to the very capable search committee who recommended his appointment to Provost Lauren Robel.

As always, the success of the Law School — in the past and going forward — depends on your generous support, and we are very grateful for it. For the year ended June 30, 2013, your gifts to the Law School totaled $1,776,000, compared with $2,953,000, a 28 percent increase. Gifts to the Law School’s annual fund, the Fund for Excellence, grew 13 percent over 2012, from $1,050,000 to $1,384,416, and the average Fund for Excellence gift increased 30 percent over last year.

Your gifts to the Law School support a variety of programs, but the most important of all is the funding that goes to scholarships. Annual tuition is now more than $29,000 per year (nearly $48,000 for out-of-state students), and we are committed to providing scholarship support for as many students as possible. Thanks to your generosity, 93 percent of our students receive some form of scholarship assistance. In the past five years, annual scholarship grants have grown from $6.7 million to more than $34 million this year.

Just as important to our success has been your ongoing investment of time and expertise in helping our students become more proficient professionals. Nearly 1,080 friends of the school volunteered their time in 2013, serving as moot court judges, acting as mentors and speaking to first-year students about career options. You will find a complete listing of all donors and volunteers to the Law School in this issue of ergo.

It has been a privilege to serve as your interim dean during the past two years. This opportunity gave me the pleasure of meeting so many alumni and friends of the school whom I wouldn’t have met otherwise. I am deeply grateful for your support, and look forward to returning to full-time teaching and research under Dean Parrish’s capable leadership.

WITH BEST REGARDS.

HANNAH L. BUXBAUM  
INTERIM DEAN AND JOHN H. SCHILLER CHAIR IN LEGAL ETHICS

A CONTINUING TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

Austen Parrish’s appointment as dean continues a tradition of excellence that dates back to the school’s founding in 1842. Here is a list of his predecessors:

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