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From the Dean

Dear Friends,

We have completed another extraordinary academic year at the OU College of Law. This issue of *Sooner Lawyer* features a wide range of positive news and developments that continue to propel OU Law as one of the nation's great public law schools.

In May, it was officially announced that OU Law ranked second in the nation for moot court programs. This newest ranking, by the Blakely Advocacy Institute, reflects a remarkable achievement in competition programs by our students, faculty and alumni. This marks the fifth consecutive year OU Law has

been named a top 20 moot court program in the country. We are exceedingly proud of this accomplishment and hope you will take time to learn about how you, our alumni and friends, have contributed to the program's success. Read more, beginning on page 2.

We added another exceptional class to our Order of the Owl Hall of Fame this year. Many of you joined us to induct three remarkable individuals who have devoted their lives to service. We were honored to welcome Judge David B. Lewis ('83), Ms. Judy Hamilton Morse ('79) and Justice Steven W. Taylor ('74) to the Order of the Owl Class of 2017. Turn to page 10 to learn more about each of them and their many accomplishments.

This spring we also celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2017. Record-setting in many ways, this was the first OU Law class to complete three years in the Digital Initiative program. Our first digital class is also the first of its kind in the nation, and is better equipped to enter the legal profession with a technological proficiency unattainable at any other law school in the country. You can read more about our first digital class on page 38 and see photos from their convocation ceremony on pages 40-41.

These stories are just a sample of the many exciting things happening at our college. The OU Law Updates section (beginning on page 26) chronicles a range of events and news, sharing how our students, faculty and alumni are making an important difference in the legal community and the world at large.

We are so fortunate to have such a strong and engaged OU Law community. Thank you for the role you play in making OU Law one of our nation's great public law schools.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

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