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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** First Year Students  
**FROM:** Dean Michael L. Coyne  
**DATE:** August 19, 2020 (Updated from August 13<sup>th</sup> memo)  
**RE:** Modified Class Schedule  
Fall 2020

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Welcome to Law School and for those returning, welcome back. The only thing we can be sure about in these difficult times, is that change is constant. Unfortunately based on the latest guidance we are receiving, for those students choosing to attend classes in-person at MSLAW, we must modify the class attendance schedule. This schedule change will be in effect until we are confident that all students can safely be in the classroom at the same time. Hopefully, that will be relatively soon.

For students who chose to attend classes at MSLAW, we have split the first year class into two sections alphabetically so that students whose last names start with the letters A-Kd will attend classes in-person on Mondays and then by Zoom at the same time remotely on Wednesdays with the remaining day of the weekly class delivered as anticipated. Students whose last names start with the letters Ke-Z will attend in-person classes on Wednesdays while attending remote classes by Zoom at the same scheduled time on Mondays. This schedule applies to Civil Procedure, Business Entities, Writing and Legal Reasoning, Writing and Legal Research, and Criminal Law with Professor Rodriguez on Mondays and Wednesdays only.

The first year of law school is challenging. Present circumstances make that journey from student to a successful advocate a bit more difficult to navigate but successful lawyers always embrace the circumstances in which they find themselves. Like the best of those who serve others, they improvise, adapt, and overcome. Time to move forward fiercely and make the most of this opportunity.