Conclusion to Review of Law School Finances
University Relations, Wednesday, December 21, 2022

The following communication is shared with members of the Seton Hall community:

As we reported to you in September, during a review of financial policies, procedures and compliance initiated by Seton Hall’s recently hired Chief Financial Officer, the University’s Division of Finance discovered irregular transactions within a law school administrative unit. In compliance with established University protocols, this discovery led to a further review of the law school conducted by the University and third-party auditors.

That independent review is now complete and has found the following:

• A small number of trusted, long-time employees of Seton Hall Law engaged in a series of schemes and improprieties designed to enrich themselves at the expense of the school community.
• Over the course of several years, these employees misappropriated funds of the school in excess of $975,000.
• The improper activities connected with these individuals have been uncovered and documented.

Furthermore:

• The law school independent review process is now complete, closing the formal analysis of the school’s finances.
• The appropriate government and higher education entities have been notified, and we will, of course, fully assist with any of their requests for assistance or additional information.
• Seton Hall is reviewing and implementing additional recommended financial safeguards and internal controls to reduce the likelihood of similar incidents to the greatest extent possible.

Seton Hall Law has long provided the state and national legal communities with well-trained attorneys, grounded in ethical principles that form the foundation of a Seton Hall education. Our graduates have found success at the highest levels of government, corporate and nonprofit work.

Seton Hall Law continues to provide a premier legal education led by dedicated faculty, staff and administrators who want the best for their students. Our alumni remain a bright example of all the good embodied by Seton Hall lawyers. And our students — both now and in the future — will seek the wisdom, experiences and opportunities that are hallmarks of Seton Hall Law.

The recently completed review process has been difficult for all involved — particularly the law school’s devoted and hardworking faculty, students, staff and administrators. We are grateful for their perseverance in the face of the challenges that accompanied this comprehensive review.

We congratulate Professor Boozang, who will be completing the spring 2023 semester as a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School’s Petrie-Flom Center, and we anticipate her return to the classroom at Seton Hall Law as early as summer 2023.

Under the direction of Interim Dean Kip Cornwell, the school will emerge stronger and fully prepared to move onward and upward in 2023. He will keep you apprised of our continued progress, particularly as we launch a national search for the next dean.

Sincerely,

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