Dear Penn State Law Students,

Penn State Law is committed to supporting students during the COVID-19 crisis. In order to try to help our students facing emergency financial issues, we have created the Penn State Law COVID-19 Student Support Fund that complements the university’s Student Emergency Fund. These links provide applications to both funds.

Penn State Law students are eligible for the university Student Emergency Fund and have received assistance from it, but sometimes have emergency financial needs that go beyond what it can support. The Penn State Law COVID-19 Student Support Fund is intended to provide that additional assistance.

Students can apply immediately to the Penn State Law COVID-19 Student Support Fund and application review will begin today. The application process involves confirming that (1) they are a currently enrolled student in a full-time degree program at Penn State Law and (2) they have hardship due to emergency, accident, illness, or other unforeseen events that they have not been fully able to address through the Penn State Student Emergency Fund, student aid, or other university sources. Students will generally be asked to provide supporting documents. Typically, Penn State Law will give a maximum of $1000 to allow more students to be helped.

I also want to encourage those in our community who can afford to do so to donate and am very grateful to the faculty, staff, alumni, and students – including those contributing to our first 3L class gift – who have already done so. These donations, together with the one from AccessLex, allow us to assist more students in need. I personally have joined the university’s leadership in voluntarily giving 10% of my salary this academic year to the Penn State Law COVID-19 Student Support Fund, School of International Affairs COVID-19 Student Support Fund, and university Student Emergency Assistance Student Emergency Fund and Employee Special Assistance Fund. To give to the Penn State Law COVID-19 Student Support Fund, select the Future Fund and indicate in your comments that your gift is for COVID-19 student support.

In addition to these emergency funds, the Penn State Law SBA will be assisting students who are facing food-insecurity during COVID. Your SBA president, Kelsi Robinson, will provide information about these resources in an email to follow. Other resources for food assistance if you are on or near campus include the Lion’s Pantry and YMCA Emergency Food Program.

We are here to support you as a community. Please reach out to me or any member of the faculty and staff if you need assistance.

Warmly,

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