



# SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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Dear Friends,

Welcome back! I hope that Spring Break offered each of you the time and space to reflect, recharge, and refresh!

Just before the Law School's spring break, Santa Clara University introduced Julie H. Sullivan Ph.D. as its 30th president and welcomed her to the mission campus. Her appointment marks a glorious moment in our institution's illustrious 170-year history. An experienced leader and educator, Dr. Sullivan comes to Santa Clara from the University of St. Thomas, where she served as their president for the past nine years. As the first layperson and first female president at St. Thomas and now Santa Clara, Dr. Sullivan is committed to strengthening our vital Jesuit, Catholic mission, improving access to education, ensuring sustainability, dismantling racism, and building community. From my time at Loyola University Chicago, where she serves on their Board of Trustees, I know her to be an exceptional leader who brings a thoughtful strategic vision and deep empathy to all of her encounters. We're looking forward to her arrival, and to partnering with her as we advance the law school's strategic priorities in the years ahead.



On behalf of our entire law school and University community, I also want to express again our collective gratitude to Acting President, Lisa Kloppenberg who led our University brilliantly through tumultuous times with extraordinary wisdom and grace.

In the spirit of encouraging our community to gather socially and engage in thoughtful exchanges, I invite you to join us on March 29th for the 2022 Katharine & George Alexander Law Prize. Julia Olson, founder, Executive Director, and Chief Legal Counsel of Our Children's Trust, a non-profit public interest law firm that provides strategic, campaign-based legal services to youth from diverse backgrounds to secure their legal rights to a safe climate system, has been named the recipient of the award on account of her contributions to this important area of law and policy. Made possible by the generosity of Katharine and George Alexander, the Alexander Law Prize brings recognition to legal advocates who have used their careers to help alleviate injustice and inequity.

With warm regards and immense gratitude,

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