



## Appalachian School of Law

### Statement on COVID-19 – Novel Coronavirus

March 14, 2020

Dear ASL Students, Faculty, and Staff:

Thank you all for your participation in Saturday classes today. The classes were successful and helped us to complete critical class time. Thank you also to Dr. Crumpton and nurse Conor Turner for taking temperatures at the door today. That program will continue through at least Wednesday.

To limit exposure and protect the health of the ASL community, we are continuing to cancel upcoming events that would bring persons from other geographic areas to our campus. The presentations by Senator Tim Kaine and Brewster Rawls are both cancelled. Additionally, the mandatory event attendance policy is suspended for the remainder of the semester. 1L and 2L students who attended the designated events after the policy was adopted may apply their attendance towards the fall 2020 requirement. The policy is waived for graduating 3L students.

At this juncture and after reviewing the actions taken by other institutions, ASL has determined that the hybrid online/in-person teaching methodology that will begin March 23 will continue through April 8. No later than April 5, the ASL administration will notify students of the status of classes and exams after April 8. After April 8 we may return to in-person classes or continue to use the hybrid system depending on circumstances, which are difficult to predict at this time. Additionally, in light of this decision, the Barrister's Ball, which was previously cancelled, will be reconsidered for another date if conditions permit.

Later this weekend a modified schedule for Monday through Wednesday's classes will be distributed. Please be aware that class times and locations may be changed. Courses that are not on the modified schedule will not meet next week. Attendance for classes on the modified schedule is mandatory unless you contact the Associate Dean's office in advance with adequate justification for a waiver. All classes are cancelled for Thursday and Friday of next week.

All facilities at ASL will remain open and accessible to students. Faculty and staff will continue to work full-time.

**Please remember the following important information as you prepare for classes next week:**

- ***If you are experiencing symptoms consistent with respiratory illness (fever, cough, sore throat, stuffy nose, shortness of breath, etc.) you should not come to campus.***

- Beginning Saturday, 3/14, students, faculty, staff, and visitors arriving on campus will have their temperature checked upon arrival on campus each day at the main entrance to the Lion's Lounge. Students, faculty, staff, and visitors with temperatures above 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater will be asked to return home. You must have your temperature checked before accessing any campus buildings.
- All members of the ASL community are reminded to practice enhanced health hygiene and social distancing in all interactions and to follow the recommendations of the Virginia Department of Health available at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/surveillance-and-investigation/novel-coronavirus/>

Thank you,

Justice (ret.) Elizabeth A. McClanahan  
Dean and CEO