
Subject: Thinking of you: A Message from Assistant Dean Acevedo
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From: ELS All Students Mailing List on behalf of Emory Law Dean
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Dear Students,

As we near the halfway point of our fall semester, I write to acknowledge and reflect on the multitude of disruptions and challenges this year presents us. We have weathered the impacts of Hurricane Helene, a storm that I know is continuing to affect some of your families more directly. We continue to experience the impacts of the chemical facility fire in Conyers. And we are collectively watching the escalation of global conflicts that come as we approach the final weeks of a contentious presidential election cycle. On campus, these issues and others increase the tension and anxiety that each of us feel, and they affect our daily interactions with each other. As a community, we must hold space for everyone to feel supported and valued during such times of heightened concern.

You are all part of Emory Law, and you each belong here. While we may not always agree with each other, we must continue to build our community on the principles of civility, respect, and trust. Our continued ability to discuss the issues that so often divide us while recognizing each other's humanity and dignity is indeed a hallmark of the practice of law.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to familiarize yourself with [Emory's Open Expression resources](#). While the university affirms freedom of thought, inquiry, speech, activism, and assembly under the limits of our Open Expression policy, please remember that the legal profession has its own exigencies based on character and fitness to be admitted to the practice of law. If you find yourself in a situation that affects your learning or welfare, or would like to discuss these unique requirements, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via [email](#).

Please also remember that Emory has [resources](#) to support you.

Best regards,

Assistant Dean Acevedo