

Dear NSU Law Community:

In the midst of a stressful pandemic and economic hardship, our nation has been rocked by the heart-wrenching images and death of George Floyd. The College of Law recognizes that this spring has been a difficult one for our entire NSU community, as all of our lives have taken turns that were unimaginable just months ago. But we also recognize that we have not all been challenged in the same ways. The coronavirus pandemic, with its disproportionate impact on the health and economic status of communities of color, has revealed, once again, the deep disparities that continue to exist. And the recent acts of violence demonstrate, once again, the racism and injustice that persist in our society on the local and national levels.

As Dr. Hanbury, President of NSU shared, “NSU has a distinctive tradition of diversity in its student body, faculty, and staff for more than 50 years. Despite these credentials, it remains a work in progress to ensure continuous improvement. I understand that the university has not yet achieved all of its goals but will continue to strive to do so with your voice and engagement.”

The NSU Law faculty joins with our students in leading initiatives that turn those beliefs into action, and we urge all members of our community to be part of the solution. You have already received information about the NSU BLSA justice walkathon (5k) on June 12, 2020 at 6pm and how to give your support, and we urge you to do so. In the coming days, our faculty, staff, and students will be circulating information about further engagement—additional resources, writing opportunities, townhalls, community panels and more. Now, more than ever, our community engagement and learning must be in the forefront to work together. You can find information about all our initiatives at:

<https://www.law.nova.edu/current-students/nsulawstandsinunity.html>

NSU Law stands in unity in denouncing racism, prejudice, and police brutality. I hope you will stay safe and know that everyone at NSU Law is here to support our entire community during these difficult times.

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