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Dear Jie,

As you may know, John Broderick announced earlier this year that he would be stepping down as Dean of UNH Law to become Executive Director of the law school's Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership, and Public Policy. Following John's decision, I was honored to be asked by the University's Provost to serve a three-year term as Interim Dean. Nearing the end of my first semester in this new role, I want to take a moment to share with you some of the exceptional work that is driving forward an ambitious agenda at your law school.

We welcomed two new tenure-track patent scholars in August – Professors Nicholson Price and Roger Ford – who have added even more strength to our extraordinary Intellectual Property faculty and program. We look forward to further deepening our IP program this year with additional hires in the areas of copyright and trademark law. Our full integration with the University of New Hampshire is complete, and we already are exploring opportunities for research collaboration and program development with colleagues in Durham and Manchester.

For the first time in its history, the law school was rated among the top 100 law schools in the nation in 2014 by U.S. News and World Report, while again securing a top-ten ranking in Intellectual Property – the only school in the nation to have achieved such an assessment for the entire history of the IP rankings. We also were ranked fifth in the nation in experiential learning opportunities – reflecting the exceptional strength of our legal residency program – and third in the New England region in employment outcomes for our graduates, behind only Harvard and Yale.

We've had the pleasure of hosting several outstanding speakers this year. The Solicitor General of the United States, Donald Verilli, was our Commencement speaker, and the Chief Judge of New York, Jonathan Lippmann, joined him in receiving honorary degrees. In September, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor came to UNH Law to accept an honorary degree as well, and three former presidential chiefs of staff joined us last month for a Rudman Center conference exploring "The Presidency in Real Time." Scores of other exciting events and presentations have filled the law school's calendar this fall, with many more to follow in the spring.

These are just a few of the highlights of the last few months here at UNH Law; it is a time of optimism and great promise at your law school. I want to reiterate our commitment to all of you as alumni/ae, and to underscore your importance to the future of the school. We would love to see you on campus again. Please stay in touch.

Very best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jordan Budd".

Jordan Budd
Interim Dean