

## Message to the Brooklyn Law School Community: Access to Library Resources and Facilities

March 19, 2020

As of 6 p.m. on Friday, March 20, the Brooklyn Law School Library Circulation Desk will be closed. Staff will continue to provide reference service and fulfill requests for materials in the library's physical collection. Library materials should be requested in advance and will either be supplied electronically or left with the officers at the desk in the lobby of 250 Joralemon.

Please see <http://guides.brooklaw.edu/remotearchive> for the Library's contact information.

Most textbook publishers are making their materials available online for free to students through the end of the semester. The latest information on this can also be found at <http://guides.brooklaw.edu/remotearchive>.

Study spaces in the Law School building at 250 Joralemon will remain available for student use on the following schedule:

- Mondays to Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- Fridays: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Although these spaces are available, **please make every effort to avoid coming to the building if you can.** We recognize that some students rely on our facilities for WiFi access or other resources, but if you do not have a genuine need, you should stay elsewhere. If you do come, make certain to adhere to recommended practices of social distancing and remain at least six feet from others. Further, guests from outside the Brooklyn Law School community are, for the time being, not permitted in the building unless they have a scheduled meeting with a faculty or staff member.

Students and staff will have access to our facilities at 111 Livingston Street between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays, when a public safety officer will be stationed in the 20th floor lobby. **However, students are strongly encouraged to meet with advisors, counselors, and other staff virtually or via phone.** In-person meetings at 111 Livingston will require an appointment. Current access status for 111 Livingston Street faculty members, senior staff, and Facilities and Operations personnel will not be affected.

We are aware that our students also have much else on their minds, including, in particular, our plans for grading this semester's courses. Please be aware that we are thinking seriously about this matter, which has been referred to a faculty committee and will ultimately be resolved by the full faculty. We are contemplating various grading options for this semester, as are most other law schools. We have received a great deal of student input; we are noting the decisions of other schools, and communicating with them; and we will ultimately make a decision that considers the needs and interests of all of our students. We will follow up with further details as soon as we can. In the meantime, many thanks for your patience.

Sincerely yours,

Dean Michael Cahill