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DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF
SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL,

It was no ordinary summer. The location of Suffolk Law School put it square in the middle of activities during the Democratic National Convention (DNC) held July 26 through July 30. Sargent Hall was the site of several events including a Homeland Security Panel Discussion with panelists General Wesley Clark and Congressman Marty Meehan, MPA '81, JD '86. The Adams Gallery, located on the first floor, just recently extended through September 30 an editorial art exhibit titled "Campaigns, Conventions and Cartoons." The exhibit showcases the work of America's best political cartoonists, including a number of Pulitzer Prize winners. Its run coincided with the DNC week and attracted the many guests and visitors in Boston.

Another special event this summer was a dinner hosted by the admissions office in June for pre-law advisors who were in Boston for their national conference. These advisors are the individuals to whom undergraduate students look for advice about law schools, so it was a wonderful opportunity to educate them about Suffolk Law School and the advantages of attending law school in Boston. More than 250 undergraduate faculty members and administrators from all over the country saw the school and heard my update of the exciting things happening at the law school—a small price to pay for a classic New England dinner of clam chowder, lobster and corn on the cob.

ADMISSIONS

The dinner for pre-law advisors was part of our multifaceted strategy to extend the reputation of the Law School and to expand and diversify the applicant pool for admissions. We have unveiled a redesigned Web site (which we hope you have visited at www.law.suffolk.edu), in addition to a new CD-ROM for admissions recruiting, increased national and international travel to colleges and admissions forums, more open houses for prospective students, and more one-on-one follow up with admitted students to increase our yield.

There are clear signs that these strategies are working. For the incoming class, we received more than 3,200 applications, a 6 percent increase over last year and nearly

double the number of 6 years ago. We received applications from individuals in 49 states (if you know someone from Alaska who might want to apply, please let me know!), 48 foreign countries and 525 undergraduate colleges and universities. The emerging national reputation of the Law School is reflected in the fact that a majority of the applications came from individuals outside New England.

The entering class this fall has the strongest academic credentials, as measured by the LSAT and undergraduate GPA, of any in more than 10 years. Fifty percent of the enrolled students are women, 17 percent are students of color and 5 percent are international students.

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

When these outstanding students in the Class of 2007 (full-time) and Class of 2008 (part-time) arrived in late August, they were joined by an excellent group of new faculty members. Their professional accomplishments, diverse backgrounds and academic interests fulfill our aspirations for providing students with the very best teachers, mentors and role models. This success in faculty recruitment is another affirmation of the growing reputation of the Law School.

Let me introduce you, briefly, to our newest faculty appointments:

Frank Rudy Cooper joins the faculty from Villanova University School of Law, where he has taught for the last four years. He is a graduate of Amherst College and Duke University School of Law, clerked for a federal district court, practiced law in Boston with the firm of Brown, Rudnick, and has published several articles on issues of criminal justice and racial profiling. He is teaching courses in criminal law, criminal procedure, and intersections of race and law.

Christopher Gibson received his undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago, his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Master of Public Policy degree from the Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University. He comes to Suffolk from the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson, where he was a partner in its London office. He previously worked for several international organizations, including the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, where he was Head of the Electronic Commerce Law Section in the Office of Legal and Organization Affairs. He is teaching courses in international business transactions, Internet law and international dispute resolution.

Franco GoBourne has been practicing as an Assistant Attorney General in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. He previously served as a public defender and as an assistant district attorney. Prior to law school, he served in the US Army

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The Annual Alumni Awards Dinner will be held this year on November 14, 2005 at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. This event is a great opportunity for alumni to gather and share in the achievements of our graduates. This year we will be honoring Suffolk University Trustee, **Gerard F. Doherty JD '60**, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Vermont, **the Honorable Paul L. Reiber, III, JD '74**.

The Law School's 3rd annual alumni luncheon series will celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Academic Concentrations Program. We will acknowledge Suffolk Law School alumni who practice in each of the concentration areas: Civil Litigation, Financial Services, Health and Biomedical Law, Intellectual Property, and International Law. Our first luncheon, held on September 20, celebrated the achievements of our graduates in the Financial Services concentration, including **William F. Galvin, JD '75**, secretary of the Commonwealth; **Mario Diorio-Dwyer, JD '83**, executive vice president and chief regulatory officer, MFS Investment Management; and **Joseph R. Fleming, JD '83**, partner and co-chair, Financial Services Group, Dechert LLP. On October 19, we will host our Intellectual Property luncheon, where we will present **Jason Honeyman, JD '85**, managing partner and chair, Mechanical Practice Group, Wolf, Greenfield and Sacks, P.C. with our Intellectual Property Concentration award. On November 9, we will celebrate the accomplishments of **Halim Moris, JD '97**, Greater Boston Legal Services Immigration Unit, at our International Law Concentration luncheon.

As I am preparing this letter, the news is filled with stories about the confirmation hearings for US Supreme Court nominee John Roberts. In one of our most popular events, we offer alumni the opportunity to become members of the Bar of the US Supreme Court, with a swearing-in ceremony to be held at the Court on Monday, May 1, 2006. We host receptions the evening before and the day of the court session, for our alumni participants and families, as well as other Washington, DC, area alumni. I encourage you to visit the Law School Web site for the most current information at www.law.suffolk.edu/offices/alumni/calendar.cfm.

We look forward to our upcoming reunion weekend, June 2-4, 2006. For graduates of classes ending in a '1' or a '6', please join your classmates to celebrate the anniversary of your graduation. Plans are under way for an activities-filled weekend with classmates and families, including an evening with the Boston Pops, walking tours of Boston, Duck Tours, and more. To join your class reunion committee, please contact Diane Frankel Schoenfeld, director of alumni relations, at 617.305.1904 or via email at diane.schoenfeld@suffolk.edu. For more information on upcoming reunions, please visit www.law.suffolk.edu/offices/alumni.

The class of 1981, whose members will be celebrating their 25th reunion, has already been meeting to discuss reunion plans. In addition to organizing to assure a good turnout of friends at the reunion, they have decided to create an endowed scholarship fund in memory of those classmates who have passed away. This follows the lead of the Class of 1969, which was the first to endow a student scholarship fund, in honor of their 35th law school reunion.

We are increasing the number and variety of social, cultural and professional development events, which offer alumni the opportunity to create and renew professional and personal connections.

The 100th birthday will showcase the Suffolk community as it brings old and new friends together.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS 1906-2006

Looking even further into the future, we are very excited about the plans for celebrating the Centennial of the founding of the Law School and the University. Gleason Archer started teaching the first class of students in September 1906, and we will have a year-long series of celebratory events during the 2006-2007 academic year. The official ceremony launching the celebration will be a Centennial Convocation and a birthday celebration in September 2006. The 100th birthday will showcase the Suffolk community as it brings old and new friends together. Visit the Suffolk Centennial Web site for additional information on further festivities at www.suffolk.edu/centennial.

In addition to these types of events for alumni, I want to be sure you are aware of significant changes in the staffing and focus of our Career Development Office, which can be a valuable resource in your career development and enhancement. In light of changes in the legal profession, most lawyers will be working in a variety of legal and alternative positions with different employers over the course of their careers. The Law School's Career Development Office (CDO) is responding to these changes with enhanced alumni services and programs. Please look at the CDO Web site at www.law.suffolk.edu/offices/career for easy access to information such as job listings, workshops, programming, and career-related publications.

A major resource for our students and graduates is our Alumni Career Network, a listing of successful Suffolk Law graduates by practice area. Consider volunteering to serve as an alumni resource person on one of Suffolk's Career Enhancement Boards and speak with law students and graduates about your own career and practice areas. Please contact Director David James at 617.573.8093 or Associate Director Mary Karen Rogers at 617.573.8148 for further information about CDO programs and services.

I wish you the very best for the fall, and hope that I will see you at the Law School and at alumni events during the year!

Very truly yours,



Robert H. Smith
Dean and Professor of Law