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### Zoom Farewell Celebration for Dean Carissa Vogel

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Dear Cardozo Community,

It is with deeply conflicting emotions that I write about a change in our senior leadership at the Law School. Dean Carissa Vogel will be leaving Cardozo on June 19 to join the faculty at the University of Iowa College of Law and assume the leadership of its law library. Though we are all sad to contemplate her departure, we are overjoyed at this uniquely wonderful opportunity as it will bring Dean Vogel closer to her family in Wisconsin and put her in charge of the second-largest academic law library in the country. Our loss will be Iowa's gain, and Dean Vogel leaves us a stronger, better institution than when she arrived in 2015. For her service and leadership, Dean Vogel was honored by the Faculty with the Monrad Paulsen Award at last week's Virtual Celebration of the Class of 2020.

Since March, Dean Vogel has been working closely with Professor Ingrid Mattson, the Law Library's Assistant Director for Instructional Services, who will be taking over as the Interim Director of the Law Library. Professor Mattson came to Cardozo in January 2019 from The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law Library. In the newly created Assistant Director for Instructional Services position at Cardozo, she worked to improve on and expand our legal research offerings, including recruiting a host of law librarians from various sectors to teach smaller, more interactive ALR classes. With several years of leadership experience in the American Association of Law Libraries and one of its regional counterparts in the Midwest, Professor Mattson has also found the time to co-author the revised edition of West Academic's *Principle of Legal Research* and publish

articles on license negotiation and new legal research platforms. We have every confidence that our Law Library will continue to thrive under her direction.

Though these are indeed uncertain times that make planning difficult, we intend to begin a search for Dean Vogel's permanent replacement in the coming academic year. Please join me in congratulating Dean Vogel and Professor Mattson in their new roles.

Like so many of you, I will miss Dean Vogel when she leaves. Dean Vogel came to Cardozo at the same time that I became Dean in the summer of 2015. I will always be grateful for her leadership, her insight and her contributions to the growth of Cardozo these past five years. Please join us at a [Zoom farewell celebration](#) for her on **Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 4 p.m.** where we hope to send her off in style and with all of our warm wishes.

You can also share your well wishes for Dean Vogel on our [collective greeting card](#).

Sincerely,

**Dean Melanie Leslie '91**

