Dear St. Thomas Law Alumni,

I'm excited to share four updates as we approach our momentous 25th year as a law school:

1. This year's incoming class is the strongest in our history—academically excellent and mission driven. We continue to emphasize what makes St. Thomas Law distinctive: practical training, mentoring, and forming ethical professionals.

2. We are exploring timely and complex questions at the intersection of artificial intelligence and the law. Our new [Law, AI, and Evolving Technologies concentration](#), as well as the University's [Institute for AI for the Common Good](#), reflect our mission to engage with technological innovation ethically and humanely, rooted in a Catholic understanding of the common good and our focus on professional formation.

3. The University is now a fully [NCAA Division I institution](#). While this may seem like a development primarily for athletics, it signals something larger: a bold vision for the entire university, including the law school. Our move to D-I raises national institutional visibility, builds school pride, and deepens alumni engagement. This momentum supports our shared mission to be one of the most respected Catholic law schools in the country. I hope to see you soon at the new Anderson Arena, cheering on Tommie basketball or hockey. Roll Toms!

4. This year, we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the School of Law (2001–2026). This silver milestone invites reflection on how far we've come and renewed energy for where we're headed. You'll see this theme carried through our events this year, including the Christmas party, Gavel & Gown Gala, and other gatherings that bring the law school community together in gratitude and celebration.

Thank you for the many ways you support our mission through your work, your example, your service, and your generosity. We continue to be inspired by you.

In St. Thomas,

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