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TO: Second and Third Year Students

FROM: Dean Hood

This will not be an easy leave-taking for me. You, and my daily work here, have been the dominant realities in my life for two years.

Professor Hopkins has resigned from the law faculty. With him will go much esteem and regard. His valuable contributions to the School and its development have been many and varied. We wish him every future success.

Professor Hopkins has asked that I forward the attached memorandum, which I am pleased to do.

Attachment: Professor Hopkin's memorandum

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But I have accomplished much of what I undertook to do when I joined this faculty; specifically, I have taken an active part in designing, staffing, and putting into operation a basic program of instruction that incorporates most of the best ideas in traditional and contemporary American thinking about legal education. Moreover, I am persuaded that the controversies which presently swirl in and around the School -- especially those that involve me and my approach to legal education -- can best be resolved in my absence. Finally, I feel strongly the need to seek a setting for my work that is more appropriate to my particular professional objectives.

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ALOHA!