

INCLUSION, CIVILITY, INTELLECTUAL RIGOR, AND JUSTICE

INCLUSION

We strive to create an environment where persons of differing backgrounds are welcomed, where different perspectives are respectfully voiced and respectfully heard, and where every individual is valued and included.

CIVILITY

We treat people with unconditional respect and an assumption of good faith, giving meaningful consideration to the ideas, beliefs, and feelings of others as a matter of professionalism and self-discipline.

INTELLECTUAL RIGOR

We challenge ourselves and others to critically examine facts and ideas meticulously and from diverse perspectives.

JUSTICE

We strive to attain equal justice under law, and to assure that justice benefits everyone across our society.

****Special note: As detailed in the explanation provided in the July 10 notes, this statement is designed and intended for use primarily at the upcoming orientation, to give our new 1L students a way to understand what we expect of them in our community. It should not be understood as an official statement of the faculty, and it is not a public mission statement for the Law School. Planning for the larger strategic process on these issues, including discussion of a permanent credo or set of principles, will soon begin, and that process may yield decisions that keep this statement, modify it, or use something else entirely.****