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President Biondi and Vice President Patankar:

I resign my deanship at Saint Louis University School of Law, effective immediately. For the present, I will remain a tenured full professor on the law school faculty as is my contractual right.

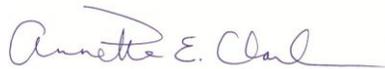
I no longer have confidence in either of your abilities to lead this institution or in your commitment to the well-being of the School of Law. Some of the more egregious actions that you, President Biondi, have taken are that:

- You transferred over \$800,000 from the law school building fund to the President's Opportunity Fund on the final day of Sandy Johnson's interim deanship without her knowledge and counter to her understanding of your agreement regarding how her compensation and that summer's research stipends would be funded, and without notice to me as I took over the deanship;
- You acquired the building downtown and deemed it to be the new law school building without adequate investigation of its suitability and without any notice or consultation with the law school leadership;
- You refused to meet with the ABA/AALS reaccreditation site team;
- You forbade the law school to fund summer research stipends out of the operating budget after the faculty and I followed the process the vice president assured me you had approved; and
- You unilaterally transferred \$260,000 from the law school annual fund for summer research stipends to your own discretionary fund in contravention of your express

agreement to my colleagues and to me that the 2012 summer research stipends would be funded from the law school operating budget

Through these and many other acts I could list, you have failed to make good on your assurances to me when I accepted the deanship that you would fully support the law school and our efforts to enhance its program of legal education, national reputation and rankings. From the beginning of my deanship, you have evinced hostility toward the law school and its faculty and have treated me dismissively and with disrespect, issuing orders and edicts that allowed me virtually no opportunity to exercise the very discretion, judgment and experience for which you and the faculty enthusiastically hired me. You have not consulted me on important matters involving the law school's interests, you have failed to honor commitments that I had assured the faculty you would keep, and you have accused me of being uncooperative and not being a team player when I have objected to these actions.

It is the ultimate irony that a Jesuit university would operate so far outside the bounds of common decency, collegiality, professionalism and integrity. I simply cannot be part of, and I assure you I will not be complicit with, an administration that can't be trusted to act honestly and in the best interests of its faculty, staff and students. I therefore resign my deanship in the School of Law.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Annette E. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Annette E. Clark