Dedman Law has tremendous faculty and staff who have for years trained and supported the placement of our students in meaningful and impactful careers. Under Dean Nance's leadership, we are well-positioned to advance Dedman Law's well-earned reputation within the legal and business communities and to expand our impact in line with SMU's aspirations for even greater academic excellence.

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Congratulations and welcome, Dean Nance!

Sincerely,

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