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**Re: Letter from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education,
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To: Sabrina Conza <sabrina.conza@thefire.org>

Dear Sabrina,

Thank you for your inquiry. Legal education requires asking difficult questions and asking them often. I believe that our community and our nation need more conversation about important issues, not less. I have repeatedly described Iowa Law's diversity of faculty viewpoints to be one of the College of Law's greatest strengths. Law Schools are also guided by ABA Accreditation Standards. Pursuant to [ABA Accreditation Standard 206](#), it is incumbent on me, as a dean, to encourage people to engage diverse people and views. Despite the headline, I did not mandate a "pledge," but simply encouraged faculty introspection as to this question. While faculty are not required to respond, the question has contributed to healthy discussion.

Thank you for reaching out.

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