

Dear Mr. Sauer:

The Syracuse College of Law Student Bar Association, as the representative of the student body, urges you to work with us to reach a fair and reasonable compromise on the redesign of the West Zone parking permit. Parking Services failed to give adequate notice of the reorganization of the West Zone parking permit that has led to an unreasonable and potentially dangerous situation for the students here at the College of Law. Specifically, we have the following grievances:

First, there is concern over the safety of students in the two lots, regarding both personal and vehicle safety. Not only are the new West lots farther away from the law school, but the Fine Lot is poorly lit and shares a border with a dark wooded area in the back. Many students will not leave until well after dark, especially when Daylight Savings Time begins. The combination of distance and the lack of reasonable lighting, places the students at risk.

Second, the two lots are physically inadequate; there is neither enough room for the law students' vehicles nor are the lots sufficiently maintained. On September 4, 2012, both lots were full causing students to waste time searching for a spot or to create their own parking areas. In addition, the Fine lot lacks both painted lines and reasonable areas to turn around thus making it very difficult for students to negotiate the lots. We are also concerned that the sloped and poorly paved Fine lot will cause many issues in the winter, such as physical injury to students.

Lastly, Parking Services failed to communicate these changes prior to selling the permits. Students purchases the West Zone parking permit under the misconception that they would be able to parking in all three lots as in previous years. The failure of Parking Services to communicate the changes to students regarding the West Zone parking permit has created a misleading situation.

Although the new construction makes this situation more difficult, all we ask is for a compromise. There are many empty spaces in the new Stadium lot, creating even more frustration for the students. Please work with us to ensure that all sides – faculty, staff and students – have reasonable areas to park their cars to get to classes and work each day. We ask that you reopen Stadium Lot to Law and Graduate Students. In addition, we ask that you properly pave, mark, and light both Fine and Standart Lots.

Sincerely,

Kevin Sunderland,
President of the Student Bar Association