



### THE CUSTOMARY YALE HOLIDAY CARD . . .

As it always does in this season, the U.S. Postal Service has brought us the customary attractive, interesting, and law-related greeting card signed by Mike Widener, Rare Book Librarian at Yale's Goldman Library. Also customary is the enlightening more-than-a-mere-caption note on the back of the card. The front is above. The note is below. We reproduce both with the customary thanks to Mike and his library.

This woodcut is the first of 45 images adorning a collection of Cicero's philosophical works published in Venice in 1518: *Tullius de officijs, de amicitia, de senectute, nec non Paradoxa eiusdem*. Marcus Tullius Cicero (106 BC – 43 BC), statesman, lawyer, and philosopher, is considered one of ancient Rome's greatest orators. The impact of his writings on European prose and political thought is hard to overestimate. The woodcut decorates the first page of *De Officiis* (On Duties), which takes the form of a letter to Cicero's son. It is probably meant to depict Cicero, adorned with a laurel wreath, presenting the work to his son. Thanks to William S. Cotter (W.S. Cotter Rare Books) for his help in interpreting this image.

We look forward to sharing Widener's work with you again, around this time next year.

... AND ANOTHER CARD FROM  
THE ABA AND MERCEDES-BENZ

Like last year's post, this year's also brought us greetings from that partnership of giants, the American Bar Association and Mercedes-Benz. This year's ABA/M-B greeting card has several features in common with last year's. For example:

First, the card does not, as best we can tell, have anything to do with law, other than the ABA's presence.

Second, the card does enthuse about topics other than law – money, power, innovation, and technology, for example – though without going into much detail other than to associate all of them with the star of the card: the 2020 GLC SUV.

Third, the card has nothing to say about one topic often dealt with in modern automotive marketing materials: fuel efficiency. So, to help any readers who also are being urged by the ABA and Mercedes-Benz to buy or lease a 2020 GLC SUV, we reproduce on the next two pages excerpts from the ABA/M-B greeting card and the corresponding federal government estimates of the fuel efficiency of 2020 GLC SUVs. *See* U.S. Dep't of Energy and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *2020 GLC Class*, [www.fuel-economy.gov/Feg/bymodel/2020\\_Mercedes-Benz\\_GLC-Class.shtml](http://www.fuel-economy.gov/Feg/bymodel/2020_Mercedes-Benz_GLC-Class.shtml); *c.f.*, *e.g.*, *ABA House of Delegates Resolution 105* (Aug. 2013), [www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/office\\_president/2013\\_hod\\_annual\\_meeting\\_105.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/office_president/2013_hod_annual_meeting_105.authcheckdam.pdf); Chris Reiter and Oliver Sachgau, *Daimler Fined \$960 Million to Settle Rigged Diesel-Car Probe*, Bloomberg (Sept. 24, 2019), [www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-09-24/daimler-fined-960-million-to-settle-rigged-diesel-car-probe](http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-09-24/daimler-fined-960-million-to-settle-rigged-diesel-car-probe); *U.S. v. Daimler AG* (Feb. 16, 2010), 3 Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Reporter: Cases & Enforcement Actions § 33:14 (2d ed. Oct. 2019 update).

*Editors' note:* The two pages after the ABA/M-B and DOE/EPA excerpts are filled with the annotation for our Justice Byron R. White bobblehead doll. We found the type too small to read with ease when we reduced the annotation to fit on one page.