



August 4, 2011

TO: ENTERING CLASS OF 2011
FR: DONNA CLAXTON DEMING, ASSOCIATE DEAN & FÉ LOPEZ, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LIFE
RE: SCHEDULE--AUGUST 18 AND AUGUST 19

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to Seattle University School of Law. Dean Mark Niles, the Faculty, and the Staff are delighted that you will be among the members of the 2011 Entering Class and we look forward to getting to know you and your classmates.

Orientation will take place on Thursday, August 18 and Friday, August 19. On Thursday, you should plan to arrive at 9am in order to pick up your orientation packet and final schedule. From 9am to 10am, we will hold a student services fair so that you can learn about opportunities outside of the classroom. You will also have time to purchase a parking pass, obtain a locker (a \$10.00 deposit is required to obtain a lock). A continental breakfast will be provided.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m., we have scheduled a variety of activities designed to ease your transition to the School of Law. Students will be offered an interactive workshop, facilitated by Ada Shen-Jaffe (Professor from Practice), Assistant Dean Shawn Lipton (Center for Professional Development), Diana Singleton (Director of the Access to Justice Institute), Anne Enquist and Lorraine Bannai (Professors of Legal Writing), John McKay (Professor from Practice) and student leaders. During this session, students can learn about and share helpful frameworks for lawyering and leading effectively in an increasingly diverse and global world while also building a community of colleagues and professionals.

In order to prepare for this workshop, please read “(Un)Examined Assumptions and (Un)Intended Messages: Teaching Students to Recognize Bias in Legal Analysis and Language” and the Seattle Times Article, “Seattle Murder Conviction Tossed Out for ‘Racist’ Comments”.

Three other sessions are planned for Thursday. One will be a panel of student leaders who will describe their experiences at the Law School both inside and outside the classroom. Another session entitled “A Social Justice Roadmap” will inform students about the many social justice opportunities that they may participate in the law school or in the community. The third session will be a panel of your 1L professors where you will get a glimpse of what to expect in the upcoming year and ask questions.

At 12:30, we will gather for lunch, joined by faculty and staff, in Champion Ballroom for a program that builds on the day’s themes of professionalism. Tim Ford, attorney with the Seattle firm, McDonald Hoague and Bayless, will describe his work on the case of the



fatal 2010 shooting of John T. Williams, a Native American woodcarver, by Seattle Police Officer Ian Birk. Mr. Ford represented the interests of the Williams family as they sought justice through the complex processes of the criminal and civil justice systems. The case raised many important questions about the power and the limits of committed advocacy.

On Friday, August 19, your day will begin with a Continental Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on the court level of Sullivan Hall. For those of you who did not purchase your laptop through the Law School, beginning at 8:30 a.m., our Technology Office staff will be available to assist you in setting up your laptops. You will also be able to obtain your campus card in the Court Level in the morning or at lunch. The formal program begins at 9:15 a.m. at which time members of the Legal Writing faculty will present an Introduction to Legal Learning Workshop. The workshop will help prepare you for beginning your legal education. **In preparation for this class, please read Chapters 1, 2 and 3 of The Legal Writing Handbook (available in the Seattle University Bookstore).**

Three additional sessions are also planned on Friday. Professor Laurel Oates, Director of our Legal Writing Program, will present on effective reading and note taking skills. You will also attend an Introduction to the Law Library and Westlaw at which time you will receive your Westlaw password. Finally, you will hear from Professor Paula Lustbader, Director of the Academic Resource Center, who will provide advice on excelling in law school. That afternoon, the Law School will host a burrito bar lunch on the patio of Sullivan Hall. We expect the program to be completed by 4:00 p.m.

First day class assignments, if available, are posted on the Law School's website, www.law.seattleu.edu. Also, for those of you interested in on-campus employment, on Monday, August 22 at noon in room 110, you will have an opportunity to learn about on-campus job opportunities. On Tuesday, August 23, you will have the opportunity to attend the student organization fair on the 1st floor of the law school. There, you will learn about the diverse student organizations at our law school.

I look forward to seeing you on the 18th. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

P.S. Fall entry students receiving financial aid must complete entrance counseling on-line at www.dl.ed.gov (Click on Entrance Counseling).