

**IU MCKINNEY SCHOOL OF LAW
2025 NEW JD STUDENT ORIENTATION SCHEDULE**

Monday, 11 August: Giving Back & Community Building (optional) – casual attire

- **Volunteer at Gleaners Food Bank** during one of the following shifts:
 - 8:30 am – 11:30 am (30 spots available); or
 - 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm (30 spots available).

Registration required. Visit the [Gleaners website](#) to sign up!

Gleaners Food Bank is located at 3737 Waldemere Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46241.

- **Indy Scavenger Hunt** during one of the following times:
 - 9:30 am – 11:30 am; or
 - 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

Please meet in the law school Atrium. Registration required. - <https://law-mckinney-iu.12twenty.com/events/30006101286429>

- **Ice Cream Social and Tour of Inlow Hall**

Time: 4:30 pm

Location: Inlow Hall Courtyard

Registration required. - <https://law-mckinney-iu.12twenty.com/events/30006101286427>

Tuesday, 12 August: Day 1 (required) – business casual attire

- **Registration**
Time: 1:30 pm – 2:10 pm
Location: Student Lounge
- **Welcome from the Decanal Team: Dean Karen Bravo, Vice Dean Allison Martin, and Vice Dean Max Huffman**
Time: 2:15 pm – 2:30 pm
Location: Atrium
- **Welcome from the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs: Sonja Rice**
Time: 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm
Location: Atrium
- **Meet Your Team: Office of Student Affairs (OSA) and Experiential Learning**
Time: 2:45 pm – 3:40 pm (OSA)
3:40 pm – 3:50 pm (Experiential Learning)
Location: Atrium

In this session you will meet the OSA and Experiential Learning teams and learn how they support your law school journey.

OSA

- Sonja Rice, Assistant Dean JD '07
- Julie Davis, Director of Programming
- Monica Wright, Director of Academic Advising JD '21
- Sasha Fanny-Holston, Academic Advisor JD '19
- Katherine Lundblade, Student Services Coordinator
- Jenn Watson, Registrar

Experiential Learning

- Mary Morris, Director of Externships and Clinics Manager JD '21
- Ginger Mullis, Experiential Learning Specialist
- Danny Perdue, Administrative Assistant
- **Transition Time:** 3:50 pm – 4:00 pm
- **Begin with the End in Mind: Things I Wish I Knew**
Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Location: Courtroom (full-time students)
Classroom 300 (part-time hybrid students)

In this session IU McKinney alumni will discuss things they wish they knew when they were a law student including career vision, strategic planning to meet goals, balancing immediate and future objectives, networking, and mentorship.

Panelists for Part-Time Hybrid Students

- Scott Wilson, JD '20
- Brian Ayers, JD '22
- Chaka Coleman, JD '22
- Scott Oliver, JD '16

Moderator: Erin Engels, JD '99

Panelists for Full-Time Students

- Brittany Kelly, JD/MSW '16
- Jennifer Rozelle, JD '17
- Taylor Webster, JD '22
- Alex Van Gorp, JD '16

Moderator: Sonja Rice

- **Transition Time:** 5:00 pm – 5:15 pm
- **Community Building Event: Cookout**
Time: 5:15 pm – 6:30 pm
Location: Inlow Hall Courtyard

Join McKinney staff, student leaders, faculty, and alumni for dinner and yard games.

Menu: BBQ shredded chicken sliders, BBQ pulled pork sliders, portabello mushroom sliders, roasted redskin potatoes, seasonal fresh fruit salad, and brownies

Wednesday, 13 August: Day 2 (required) – business casual attire

- **Meet Your Team: Academic & Bar Success (ABS), Library & IT, Office of Professional Development (OPD)**
Time: 10:00 am – 11:40 am (25-minute rotating sessions with 10-minute transition breaks between sessions)
Location: Courtroom (ABS)
Atrium (Library/IT)
Classroom 300 (OPD)

Full-time Students Section A: Courtroom (ABS) 10:00 am – 10:25 am
Atrium (Library/IT) 10:35 am – 11:05 am
Classroom 300 (OPD) 11:15 am – 11:40 am

Full-Time Students Section B: Atrium (Library/IT) 10:00 am – 10:25 am
Classroom 300 (OPD) 10:35 am – 11:05 am
Courtroom (ABS) 11:15 am – 11:40 am

Part-Time Hybrid Students: Classroom 300 (OPD) 10:00 am – 10:25 am
 Courtroom (ABD) 10:35 am – 11:05 am
 Atrium (Library/Tech Team) 11:15 am – 11:40 am

Note: Full-time students will be notified of their section when they check-in at orientation.

In this session you will meet the ABS, Library, IT, and OPD teams and learn how they support your law school journey.

ABS

- Erin Engels, Director JD '99
- Jim Fahnbulleh, Associate Director JD '20
- Danny Perdue, Administrative Assistant

IT

- Darius Price, IT Leader
- Jason Yavor, Technology Coordinator
- Andrew Bell, Web Developer
- Eric Brandenburg, Web Administrator
- Richard Tran, IT User Support Tech

OPD

- Karely Clayton, Assistant Dean
- Olivia Cooley, Senior Associate Director and Career Coach
- Shushan Baumann, Associate Director and Career Coach
- Amanda Brett, Administrative Specialist

Library

- Miriam Murphy, Director and Senior Lecturer in Law JD '85
 - Joe Lawson, Associate Director and Senior Lecturer in Law JD '07
 - Lee Little, Research & Instruction Librarian and Lecturer in Law JD '16
 - Ryan Overdorf, Research and Instruction Librarian & Lecturer in Law
 - Tamara Rogers, Research and Instruction Librarian & Lecturer in Law JD '04
 - Larissa Sullivant, Head of Collection Services & Lecturer in Law
- **Lunch with IU McKinney Alumni**
Host: Jayme Little, Assistant Dean of Alumni Relations
Time: 11:45 am – 1:15 pm
Location: Atrium

Menu: pizza, wings, breadsticks, and salad

- **Meet Your Team: Financial Aid and Well-Being Resources**

Time: 1:15 pm – 1:45 pm

Location: Atrium

In this session you will meet your financial aid, scholarship, and well-being team members and learn how they support your law school journey.

Financial Aid

- Michael Finnell, Assistant Director of Student Financial Services
- Amber Morgan-Walker, Associate Director of Institutional Reporting and Scholarship Administration

Well-Being Resources

- Julie Davis, OSA
- Nicole Burts, Clinical Case Manager at Indiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program JD '17

- **Transition Time:** 1:45 pm – 2:00 pm

- **Before, During, and After: How to Prepare for Law School Classes**

Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm (recognizing this is a long session, we'll bring you snacks for fuel at 3:30!)

Location: Courtroom (full-time students)
Classroom 300 (part-time hybrid students)

This session is designed to help you prepare for law school classes. Your presenters include Erin Engels and Jima Fahnbulleh, Professor Frank Sullivan, and students from the Dean's Tutorial Society (DTS). Topics will include:

- *Before Class: Reading, case briefing, and notetaking*
- *During Class: Socratic method*
- *After Class: Class debrief, outlining, and DTS panel*

- **Q&A Tabling with Student-Facing Offices (optional)**

Time: 5:00 – 5:30 pm

Location: Atrium

Have a question that hasn't been answered yet? Stop by on your way out for answers.

Thursday, 14 August: Day 3 (required) – business attire

- **Professionalism as a Student**

Time: 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Location: Courtroom (full-time students)
Classroom 300 (part-time hybrid students)

In this session the importance of professionalism as a student will be discussed with a panel of McKinney alumni and law school staff.

Panelists for Part-Time Hybrid Students

- Emily Shrock, JD '12
- Sonja Rice

Panelists for Full-Time Students

- Sarah Marr, JD' 08
- Erin Engels

- **Transition Time/Snack:** 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm
- **Meet Your McKinney Faculty**
Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Location: Courtroom (full-time students)
Classroom 300 (part-time hybrid students)

In this session you will get to know members of the IU McKinney law faculty.

Panelists for Full-Time Students

- Professor Mark Stuaan
- Professor Sarah Parks
- Professor Florence Roisman
- Professor Jennifer Mitchell
- Professor Frank Emmert
- Professor Katherine Twomey
- Professor Stephanie Hoffer

Moderator: Erin Engels

Panelists for Part-Time Hybrid Students

- Professor Jim Dimitri
- Professor Frank Sullivan
- Professor Cynthia Adams
- Professor Jessica Schnelker
- Professor Aila Hoss
- Professor Zach Cormier

Moderator: Jima Fahnbulleh

- **What to Expect During Law School: Ask Us Anything (Student Edition)**

Time: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Location: Courtroom (full-time students)
Classroom 300 (part-time hybrid students)

This session is your chance to ask current McKinney students questions about law school. No staff will be present.

- **What to Expect During Law School (Friends and Family Edition)**

Time: 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Location: Classroom 259 and webinar <https://iu.zoom.us/j/85089432308>

This session is for your friends and family to learn more about what your law school journey will look like and how they can best support you. While space constraints limit this to 1 adult per student for the in-person option, we will also offer it online via a webinar.

Panelists

- Erin Engels, Academic and Bar Success JD '99
- Jim Fahnbulleh, Academic and Bar Success '20

- **Transition Time:** 5:30 pm – 5:45 pm

- **Call to the Profession**

Time: 5:45 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Atrium and webinar <https://iu.zoom.us/j/84513566411>

We will end the week with our Call to the Profession Ceremony. The ceremony includes the Oath of Professionalism which you and your fellow classmates will take together to mark the beginning of your legal career. We'll enjoy a celebratory champagne/non-alcoholic sparkling beverage toast after hearing remarks from members of the law school community. You may invite 1 adult guest to attend this.

Speakers

- Max Huffman, Vice Dean of the IU McKinney School of Law
- Karen Bravo, Dean of the IU McKinney School of Law
- The Honorable Melissa May, Presiding Judge
Indiana Court of Appeals for the Fourth District

Please [RSVP](#) and choose your beverage!