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Dear New McKinney JD Students-

Greetings! On behalf of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), I’d like to officially welcome you to the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (IU McKinney). We are thrilled that you have chosen to take the next step toward your future legal career with us!

Pre-arrival planning is critical to a successful start in law school. This letter contains important pre-semester information that will assist you in your transition to IU McKinney. Please read it carefully, keep it on hand, and feel free to contact your OSA team at osalaw@iupui.edu with any questions you may have.

**Orientation Overview**

Participation in orientation is **required** for all new students. Orientation begins on **Monday, 7 August** and ends on **Friday, 11 August**. Sessions on Monday, 7 August through Wednesday, 9 August are online via Canvas & Zoom and will be a combination of asynchronous and synchronous programming. Sessions on Thursday, 10 August and Friday, 11 August are **in-person** at IU McKinney from 2:00 PM-8:00 PM EST. IU McKinney is located at 530 West New York Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202 in Inlow Hall. Please visit the [Fall 2023 New Student Orientation](#) website for a detailed overview of the schedule and other important information.

Soon you will receive an invitation (via your IU email account) to access the Orientation Canvas site, where you will find daily modules for the asynchronous portion of orientation. There will also be one synchronous program on 7 – 9 August at 5:00 PM EST. Links for each program will be listed on the Canvas site. **You must activate your IU email account to receive this invitation and other important official school updates.**

**Family and Friends of Law Students Session – Tuesday, 8 August**

On Tuesday 8 August we encourage you, your family members, and guests to participate in the “Family and Friends of Law Students” session. During this session, family and friends will learn about the JD student experience and how to support you during law school. Staff, current McKinney students, and faculty members will be available to answer questions and share information about the various resources and support services available to McKinney students.
IU McKinney Service Day – Wednesday, 9 August (8:30-11:30 or 12:30-2:30)

The Office of Student Affairs, Office of Enrollment Management, and Student Bar Association will host the Eighth Annual Service Day on Wednesday, 9 August. Service Day brings together new JD students, staff, and faculty to support Gleaners Community Food Bank. While completely voluntary, we encourage you to participate by registering at 8th Annual IU McKinney Service Day. This is a great way to give back, create community, and support Gleaners in the fight against hunger. The registration deadline is Monday, 24 July. There will also be a virtual food drive for Gleaners during orientation week.

IU McKinney In-Person Day – Thursday, 10 August (2PM-8PM EST)

Orientation is in-person on Thursday, 10 August and will include lunch, registration, library tours and introduction to law school sessions. Students will have an opportunity to meet faculty, staff, current McKinney students, and alumni. Attendance is required.

IU McKinney Professionalism Day – Friday, 11 August (2PM-8PM EST)

Orientation will conclude on Friday, 11 August and will include the Call to the Profession Ceremony, a unique IU McKinney tradition. This ceremony includes the Oath of Professionalism which you and your fellow classmates will take together to mark the beginning of your legal career. Business attire is required for the Call to the Profession Ceremony. Attendance is required.

Preparing for Law School - Logistics

Registration: All incoming students take the same first-year curriculum. Students register themselves for classes, but the law school registrar, Ms. Anna Huffman will provide you with the information you need to do this, as well as additional information about your classes. Please be on the lookout for an email from her in the coming days.

Textbooks: Textbooks will be available for purchase at the Indiana University Bookstores – IUPUI located at 420 University Boulevard, Suite 155 in the IUPUI Campus Center or online. You are also welcome to search for your textbooks on Amazon or other bookstores, but please be sure you are purchasing the correct edition.

Financial Planning for Law Students: In the next few weeks you will receive information from Amanda Fishman, Assistant Director of Financial Aid. Ms. Fishman will be your main point of contact for all things related to financial aid (loans, scholarships, and financial literacy) while you are at McKinney.

Technology Requirement: All students must have appropriate technology to participate effectively in classes and exams. Please visit the law school technology requirement page for details about the computer specifications needed. As an IU student there are
discounts available to you. It will also be possible to request a Cost of Attendance increase through Ms. Fishman if you need to purchase a computer.

_Crimson Card:_ The Crimson Card is the official photo ID for students. It provides access to a variety of essential services including printing and access to the building. It is also an accepted form of payment for many services on and around the IUPUI campus. You can learn more about how to upload a photo to get a Crimson Card during orientation, please at the Crimson Card [website](http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/).

_Parking Passes:_ Students may purchase a parking pass from parking services. Permits will go on sale Tuesday, August 1st. For more information, please visit the parking services website.

_Future Communications:_ We will send information about other resources to help you connect with your IU McKinney law school community in the coming weeks. Please read all law school communications, note the deadlines, and follow the instructions.

Orientation and related activities at the start of the academic year will ease your transition into law school and provide an opportunity for you to start cultivating relationships with your classmates, faculty, staff, and alumni. We are excited to meet you and welcome you to the IU McKinney community. In the meantime, if you have any questions prior to orientation, please do not hesitate to contact us at osalaw@iupui.edu.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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