July 8, 2019

Dear New Law Students:

On behalf of the Office of Student Affairs, welcome to Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law! You are joining a talented and diverse community, and we are excited that you have chosen IU McKinney School of Law for your legal education. Here, we are one community with unlimited opportunities!

Orientation details:
New Student Orientation for JD students begins on Friday, August 16, 2019 and ends on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law (located in Inlow Hall at 530 West New York Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202). Participation in orientation is required for all new students. Please visit the orientation website for a detailed overview of the New Student Orientation Schedule and other important information at https://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/students/orientation.

Check-in for Full-Time Day Division students begins at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, August 16, 2019, and check-in for Part-Time Evening Division students begins the same day at 3:30 p.m. Orientation, for both the day and evening divisions, will conclude on Saturday, August 17, 2019 with the Call to the Profession ceremony, followed by a reception. The Call to the Profession is a ceremony where you and your new colleagues begin your law career by taking an Oath of Professionalism. You may bring up to two guests to the Call to the Profession ceremony and Welcome Reception. While business casual attire is appropriate for all sessions on Friday, business attire is required for the Call to the Profession ceremony on Saturday.

On Saturday, August 17, 2019, we will host a special optional session for your family members and guests called “Family and Friends of Law Students.” During this session, family and friends will learn about the student experience and how to support students during law school. Also, faculty, staff, and students will be available to answer questions and share information about various resources and support services available to students.

IU McKinney Service Day:
The Office of Student Affairs, Office of Enrollment Management, and Student Bar Association will host our Fourth Annual Service Day on Thursday, August 15, 2019 from 10:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. What a great way to meet some of your new classmates, student leaders, and professors in an informal setting while serving the Indianapolis community. Please register by July 26. Register here: https://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/machform/view.php?id=179805

Preparing for Law School (Books, upcoming programs & additional information):
Books: For your convenience, you may purchase books at the IUPUI Barnes & Noble Bookstore located at 420 University Boulevard, Suite 155, in the Campus Center. Note: Please do not buy textbooks until you have been assigned to a section and received your class schedule (which occurs no later than mid-late July).

Financial planning for law students: In the next few weeks, you will receive information from the law school financial aid liaison inviting you to participate in AccesLex, a series of financial modules to help you manage financial responsibilities while in law school.

Future communication: You received information from the law school about registration. We will send information about other resources to help you connect with your McKinney law school community. Please read all school communication, note the deadlines, and please follow the instructions. Your law school experience begins now.

We believe your participation in 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. If you have any questions prior to orientation, please do not hesitate to contact me at chasthom@iupui.edu. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the IU McKinney community.

Sincerely,

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