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PRE-DEPARTURE MATERIALS

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Arrival

Please plan to arrive in Geneva on Sunday, June 28. Rooms will be available for check-in during the early afternoon. Students arriving before Sunday should make their own housing arrangements unless they have already spoken to Tonya Jacobs about special circumstances. The hotel Grand-Pré has a free shuttle van from the airport that operates between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Call the hotel at the number listed on page 9 to request the van. The hotel front desk clerks speak sufficient English to understand if you say that you are at the airport and would like a ride to the hotel. The van pick-up area is just outside the terminal. The hotel is about 15 minutes from the airport. You can also get to the hotel via taxi (Attachment A). Please complete and return the Arrival/Departure form at the end of these materials (Attachment B).

Orientation and Registration

Orientation and registration will be conducted on Sunday, June 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the University of Geneva Law Faculty building - Uni-Mail, 40, boulevard du Pont d'Arve, CH-1211, Genève 4; <http://www.unige.ch/droit/infos/lieu.html>. If you know you will arrive after 6:00 p.m., kindly notify Tonya Jacobs. A group will depart the Hotel Grand-Pré promptly at 5:15 p.m. for the Law Faculty building, or see directions on the attached sheet (Attachment A) to go on your own. An informal reception will follow registration. There will also be a welcome dinner on Monday evening, June 29.

Course Materials

Materials, syllabi, and assignments will be distributed at registration. No special preparation is required before the program begins, although some courses may assign reading for the first day of class. Any first-day reading assignments will be distributed at orientation. You should expect to enroll in courses indicated on your application unless you have been notified of a change. Any course selection changes you wish to initiate should be directed to Tonya Jacobs immediately. Insofar as possible, we will try to honor your request.

Classes

Classes begin on Monday morning, June 29. The first class will be at 8:45 a.m. The last class will ordinarily begin at 2:35 p.m. Classes meet Monday through Friday. Classes will not be held on weekend days. Attendance is required at all classes. Please see Attachment A for directions to the Law Faculty, where classes and afternoon seminars will take place.

Course Schedule	
8:45 a.m.	International Criminal Law: Human Rights & Terrorism
9:55 a.m.	Introduction to American Law
11:05 a.m.	Comparative Federalism
12:15 p.m.	International Taxation
1:25 p.m.	Law & Corruption
2:35 p.m.	International Law on Trade & Environment

Exams and Departure

Final exams are written exams. Students may not use computers but must write final exams by hand. Exams will be given on Sunday afternoon-Tuesday morning, July 26-28. Try not to schedule your departure before 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28. Although Monday, July 27 is the official last night covered by the program, it will be possible for students to stay an extra day or two at the Hotel Grand- Pré. Any extra nights spent at the hotel must be paid (\$80) directly to the Institute (Duke) and not to the hotel. Duke-enrolled students will have extra nights added to their bursar's bill. Non-Duke students, please give exact amount to the on-site administrator, Jennifer Maher. **IMPORTANT:** All students must check out at the front desk of the hotel when they depart at the end of the Institute.

Exam Schedule			
	9:00 -11:00 a.m.	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 26	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	International Law on Trade & Environment	Introduction to American Law

	9:00 -11:00 a.m.	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 27	Int'l Criminal Law	Comp. Federalism	Law & Corruption
Tuesday, July 28	International Taxation	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Students whose first language is not English will be allowed one-third extra time, e.g., an extra 40 minutes for a two-hour exam. No extra time is allowed for the Introduction to American Law course. Translating dictionaries in book or electronic translator are allowed; however, students cannot access dictionaries contained in software on laptops during exams.

Extracurricular Activities

Several afternoons per week, speakers from a variety of organizations will give "afternoon seminars" – talks on topics related to international or comparative law. The afternoon seminars are part of the credits for course work required by the American Bar Association. Students will be expected to participate in all scheduled afternoon seminars. Some seminars will occur at the Law Faculty and be followed by an informal social hour with the speakers. Other seminars will be given as part of visits to international organizations. There will also be social events such as a guided tour of Geneva and a boat cruise. At registration, you will receive a full schedule of afternoon seminars and activities and other information about Geneva.

On weekdays when you are finished with class and afternoon seminars, try these activities:

- The bus/tram pass you will receive at the program will get you all around the canton to the French border, as well as let you ride across the lake on the "Mouettes," or water-taxi boats
- Bikes can be rented for free (a deposit is required, but is refunded in full when the bike is returned) at the Geneve Roule locations operated by the Red Cross
- Swimming beaches are inexpensive at Les Bains des Paquis and Geneve-Plage
- There are many free concerts in Geneva throughout the summer
- On Mondays, movie tickets are generally cheaper

Check with the Geneva interns for details and ideas about other activities for a student budget.

- FYI – cultural activities website: <http://www.ville-ge.ch/culture>; UN-related conferences and events: <http://www.unog.ch/News>; expatriates' social activities website: <http://www.glocals.com>

Weekends

Residential participants are, of course, free to leave the program site on weekend days. Participants leaving the Institute will be asked to provide their destination and a contact telephone number if possible. If you intend to travel outside of Switzerland (to Mont Blanc, for example), please be sure to check whether you will need a visa. (No visa is required for Americans to enter European countries.)

Ideas for weekend activities in Geneva:

- Enjoy the lake and its lakeside. Walk or bike along the right (hotel) side of the lake, from the Mont-Blanc bridge to the Jardin Botanique, going through a string of parks, each more beautiful than the one before. Along the way, have lunch at the restaurant on the Bain des Paquis and stop in the Museum of History of Science to appreciate the lifestyle of previous centuries and the beautiful antique scientific instruments. After the WTO building, follow a pedestrian tunnel to the Jardin Botanique, with its small zoo, Garden of the Senses, huge trees and beautiful flower beds. End by zigzagging across the lake from La Perle du Lac to Port Noir to Paquis to Eaux-Vives and back on the Mouettes (boats run until approximately 7:00 p.m.).
- Hike on the Mont du Saleve. Take the bus 8 all the way to Veyrier-Douane, walk across the border, and follow the signs to the cable car called "Téléferique" (unless you want to walk up the mountain). Your bus pass gets a half-price fare on the cable car ("aller & retour" for a round-trip – be forewarned that the hike down is quite challenging, as well). At the top of the mountain, you can walk along the level top, through woods and cow pastures. Enjoy the views of Geneva and the Mont Blanc massif, and watch paragliders jump off the mountain. Bring water and food or enjoy the mountaintop restaurants.
- Absorb culture in the Old Town. Explore the narrow streets of the Vielle Ville, admiring architecture from the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Baroque and Classical eras, window shopping in the antique shops and fancy boutiques, and having a drink at the outdoor cafes of the Bourg de Four square. Climb the tower of the Cathedral to admire the view, explore the museum under the Cathedral to learn about the Roman and early Christian origins of the city, and the Maison Tavel for the history of Geneva in the Middle Ages. Take in the collections of the Museum of Art and History. On Saturday, enjoy free concerts at the Cathedral – carillons at 5:00 p.m. and an organ concert at 6:00 p.m.
- Travel to Italy without leaving Geneva. Take a tram to Carrouges, a part of Geneva built by Italian immigrants. The low buildings and wide piazzas with churches give a completely different flavor from Geneva proper. Trendy restaurants, bars and shops abound. Try to catch the Saturday morning outdoor market.
- FYI – the Geneva transport plan: <http://www.tpg.ch>

Meals

For students residing at the Institute, breakfast will be provided at the hotel and a full lunch will be provided at the Law Faculty cafeteria on class days. Students will need to provide their own dinner (unless a dinner is arranged for all program participants such as the welcome and farewell dinners) and weekend (other than breakfast) meals.

Tips for stretching your food budget:

- Take advantage of the breakfast buffet at the hotel, as well as the fresh fruit available in the lobby
- Eat your main meal on weekdays at the University cafeteria, where your meal card buys a meat entree (or its fish or vegetarian equivalent), 2 vegetables, plus bread and dessert at the "Duke rate." Note: Some main dishes, such as steak, cost more, and you will be asked to pay the difference.
- Bread, cheese, fruit, etc. from the grocery store or farmer's market are good for an inexpensive supper.
- Though not cheap, the restaurant Chez Ma Cousine in the old town offers a good chicken-based meal.
- The quality and price of ethnic food varies, but some students eat cheaply at kabob stands or at ethnic restaurants in the Paquis section of Geneva. During the Fete de Geneve at the end of July, ethnic food stalls offer bargains.
- If you plan on re-using water bottles, hide them from the hotel cleaning staff!

Personal Safety

Geneva is considered a safe city, and Switzerland is known for its cleanliness and orderliness. Nevertheless, as in any country, students should take safety precautions, such as traveling in groups late at night and keeping photocopies of passports and other important documents in a safe place. Also note that intoxicated students are easy targets for pick pockets. Petty thieves operate in the city, including around the faculty of law building. Keep bags closed and under your surveillance at all times. Do not put them down next to you or hang them from the back of a chair at a restaurant, for example.

Phone

Phone calls from the hotel are extremely expensive, and students will be responsible for any charges incurred. Even for a phone card call, the hotel may charge a connection fee. Phone cards can be purchased in Geneva at newspaper and cigarette stands ("Tabacs"). To avoid the connection fee, you can call with a phone card from public phones. Also, check with your cell phone service provider to see if your phone will work in Switzerland and Europe. Even if it does, it may be less expensive to buy a Swiss number, which you can do in one of two ways: 1) If your US phone is not a "blocked" phone, you can purchase a sim card with a Swiss number; 2) If your phone is blocked, you can purchase a Swiss cell phone pre-paid, with no long term contract. Either of these can be bought at the large Migros shown on the map in the guidebook (the one on rue Dancet) at the "service clients" located in the basement of the Migros mall. Bring your passport.

Swiss phone numbers may be given in several variations, anticipating that you could be calling from outside or inside Switzerland. For example, calling the Hotel Grand-Pre from outside Switzerland, you would dial:

1. Whatever international access code is required. From US land lines, the code is 011;
 2. The Swiss country code, 41;
 3. The Geneva city code, 22; and
 4. The telephone number, 918-1111.
- Thus, 011-41-22-918-1111.

When calling from a Swiss phone, however, you would drop the international access and country codes and add a zero in front of the city code. Thus, 022-918-1111 from a Swiss phone.

Cell phone access codes and dialing instructions may vary; check with your carrier for instructions.

Laptops & Computer Access

The Law Faculty building is wireless, as is the hotel, though the hotel charges a substantial fee for use of the wireless network. Computer terminals are available in several locations in the Law Faculty building, which is open during weekdays. An Internet café is at the train station, about 10 minutes from the hotel. Computers may not be used for writing exams. This includes accessing software, such as an English dictionary. Student opinion is divided about bringing a laptop. The decision often comes down to whether you want to carry one around if you travel before or after the Institute.

Credit Cards and Cashing of Checks

In most stores and restaurants, a well-known credit card can be used. ATM machines are located in the law faculty building and other locations throughout the city. Travelers checks can be exchanged at most banks for a fee. Please do not plan to cash other checks in Switzerland. Any financial aid checks should be cashed BEFORE you leave your home country.

Weather and Clothing

The weather in Geneva can vary substantially over the course of a month. You should be prepared for cool, rainy weather, as well as hot, sunny weather. In recent years, hot weather has been more common. The Law Faculty building, though modern, is a "Green" building, un-airconditioned except for its library and one large classroom. The hotel is airconditioned.

Most days, students dress casually. Some visits to international organizations require slightly more formal dress (banning shorts, for example). For the welcome and farewell dinners, students enjoy dressing up: for women, a dress/skirt or pants with a nice top; for men, a jacket and tie and slacks. You may also want to bring clothing for outdoor activities, such as hiking, swimming or sports.

French Phrases for Travelers: The Basics

You'll find that many words in French are familiar. French, like Spanish, has Latin as its base, and many English words are also derived from Latin.

Many letters are pronounced the same in French as they are in English. A few exceptions are:

Ch is pronounced like sh in shut.

G, when before e, i, y is pronounced like g in manger.

G, when before a, o, u is pronounced like g in go.

H is always silent in French.

J is pronounced like s in pleasure.

Qu is pronounced like k in kiss.

The French r is rolled slightly.

In French-speaking countries, it's considered good manners to greet a shopkeeper when entering a store and to thank them when leaving. It's also polite to greet the hotel front desk personnel and the hostess in the breakfast room (or any restaurant) when you arrive. Use the following:

Bonjour (bawnzhoor) – Good morning, Good day, Good afternoon
Bonsoir (bawnsswahr) – Good evening
S'il vous plait (seel voo pleh) – Please
Merci (mehrsee) – Thanks
Au revoir (ov rerwahr) – Good bye
Bon journée (bawn zhoornay) – Have a nice day

At a Restaurant:

La carte (cart) – the menu (in France, "menu" refers to a pre-set chef's menu.)
Le verre (vehr) – glass
Le couteau (kootoe) – knife
La serviette (sehrvyeht) – napkin
La cuiller (kweeyay) – spoon
La forchette (forshette) – fork

Beverages:

Une biere (byehr) – beer
Du vin (dew van) - wine
De l'eau (der low) – water
Du café (kahfay) – coffee
Du café au lait (kahfay o lay) – coffee with half warm milk
Du thé (tay) – tea

Food:

Du fromage (frommazh) – cheese
Du poisson (pwahssawng) – fish
Du poulet (poolay) - chicken
De la viande (vyahngd) – meat
Des legumes (laygewm) – vegetables
Des fruits de mer (frwee der mehr) – seafood
Du pain (pan) – bread
De la salade (sahlahd) – salad

Note: Tartare is uncooked meat, ground very fine and often served with a raw egg.
Cheval is horse meat, considered a delicacy and sometimes served at the University cafeteria.

Condiments:

Du beurre (byuhr) – butter
Du sel (sell) – salt
Du poivre (pwahvr) – pepper
Du sucre (sewkr) – sugar
Du vinaigre (veenehgr) - vinegar
Du citron (seetrawng) – lemon

Reading the Signs - French phrases you may see posted in Geneva

Defense de Fumer – No Smoking
Entrée – Entrance
Sortie – Exit
Renseignements – Information
Arret – Stop (as in bus stop or stop sign)
Soldes - Sales (as in stores with price reductions)
Tirez - Pull
Poussez – Push
Hommes - Gentlemen
Dames – Ladies
Attention – Caution

Laundry and Cleaning

There are no laundry facilities at the hotel, although there are dry cleaners and laundry facilities in the area. Bringing detergent to handwash your clothes and a clothes line to string up in the shower can save some laundromat time and money. The hotel has an iron, but it is in great demand. Rooms will be cleaned every day. Fresh bed linens, towels, and bath soap will be supplied every two days.

Student I.D. Cards

It may prove useful to purchase an International Student I.D. card. Cards can be obtained at most American universities or by writing to CIEE, CISS Dept., 205 E. 42nd St., New York, New York, 10017. I.D. cards are sometimes useful, for example, for reduced museum entry and for inter-country flight discounts, but check to be sure that the discounts will be useful to you.

Program Site

Students and some faculty will reside at the Hotel Grand-Pré – <http://www.grandpre.ch>. Rooms have hair dryers, but they are not very powerful. Bringing extra hangers (especially skirt hangers) may be useful. Rooms do not have clocks. Although the front desk will make wake-up calls, you might also want to bring an alarm clock. Any electric appliance you bring will need to operate on 230 V/50 Hz and have an adaptor plug to fit Swiss electrical outlets.

All classes will take place at the University of Geneva Law Faculty, about a 20-minute bus ride from the hotel.

Keeping the Peace

In the unlikely event that any student creates a disturbance that interferes with other students' or guests' residence at the Institute, the student will receive a warning. If the disturbance continues or is repeated, the student will be asked to find alternative housing. No refunds will be given in such cases.

Mailing Address and Phone Number

Hotel Grand-Pré
35 rue du Grand-Pré
1202 Geneva
Switzerland
Tel. +41-22-918-1111
Fax. +41-22-734-7691

calling from a U.S. phone, dial 011-41-22-918-1111;
calling from a Swiss phone, dial 022-918-1111

Photographs and E-Mail Addresses

At your earliest convenience, please mail Tonya Jacobs a passport-size photograph if you did not include one with your application. The Institute will use the photograph for a handbook to be distributed at orientation and for class lists requested by faculty members. Also, if you have not already done so, please give Tonya Jacobs the e-mail address you will use at the Institute so that an e-mail distribution list can be created.

Payments

Unless you have made special arrangements, please pay all outstanding fees as soon as possible. Students owing fees will not be allowed to attend classes. Duke students should pay fees when billed by the University. Students on financial aid will have funds disbursed ten days prior to the start of the Institute. Questions about bills should be addressed to Tonya Jacobs.

Cancellation

Should you find that you are unable to attend the program (or must arrive late), please notify Tonya Jacobs by phone or by e-mail at once.

Outstanding Fees

The balance of outstanding charges must be paid before the start of the Institute. Checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable in U.S. dollars to "Duke University - Duke-Geneva Institute." If you are unsure about the amount you still owe, please contact Tonya Jacobs at jacobs@law.duke.edu.

ATTACHMENT A

1. **Hôtel Grand-Pré phone and fax numbers:**

+41/(0)22-918-1111 (tel)

+41/(0)22-734-7691 (fax)

2. **French instructions for taxi drivers:**

(A) From airport to hotel:

Je voudrais aller à l'Hôtel Grand-Pré, s'il-vous-plaît, au 35 rue du Grand-Pré. L'hôtel se trouve juste avant la Rue Antoine Carteret.

(B) From hotel to Law Faculty:

Je voudrais aller à Uni-Mail, s'il-vous-plaît, au 40 boulevard du Pont d'Arve. Le bâtiment se trouve just au coin du boulevard Carl-Vogt et du boulevard du Pont d'Arve.

Note: Only in exceptional cases will taxi drivers not know where the Hôtel Grand-Pré and Uni-Mail (the Law Faculty building) are located.

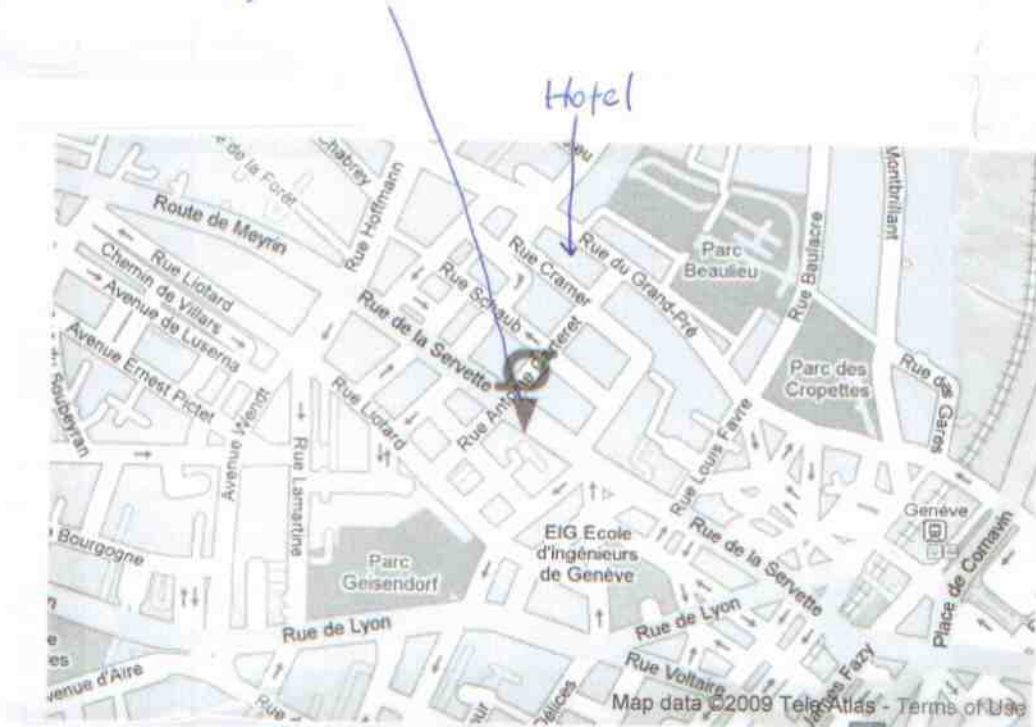
A free shuttle from the airport to the hotel is available between 7:00 am and 9:00 pm. Dial 41-22-918-1111 or 022-918-1111 to request this service. A driver will arrive in a van labeled "Hotel Grand-Pre" in about 15 minutes.



The Law Faculty building is on the corner of Boulevard Carl-Vogt and Boulevard du Pont d'Arve.

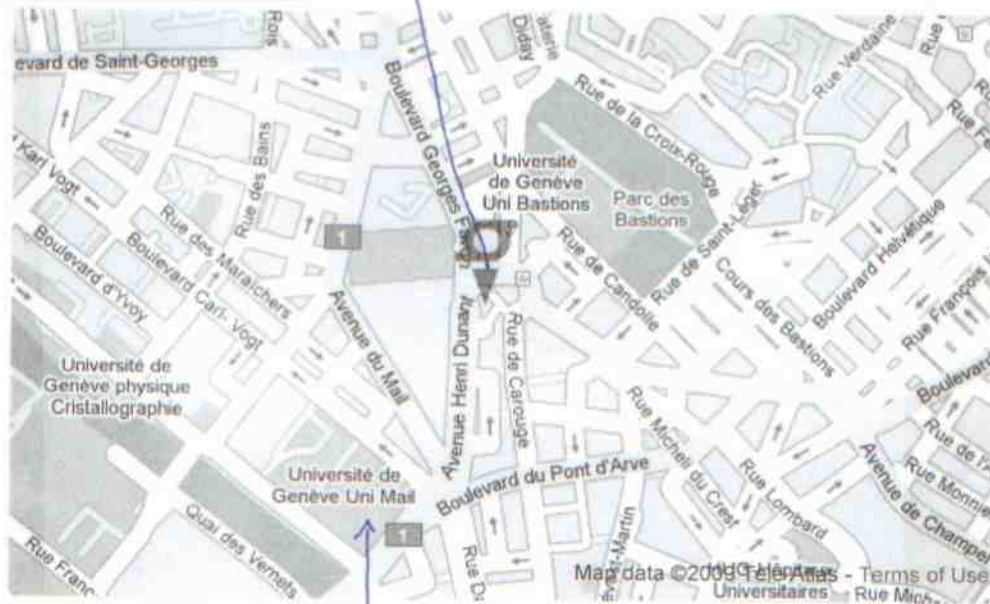
B. Some walking; direct route

Poterie stop, Tram 14



When coming out of the hotel, turn right and walk up to Rue Antoine Carteret. Turn right and go two blocks to Rue de la Servette. Cross to tram stop *Poterie* in mid-street. Take **Tram #14** in the direction of *Bachet-de-Pesay*.

Plainpalais stop, Tram 14



Law faculty building

Exit at Plainpalais stop. Walk back in the direction from which the tram came, cross to Plainpalais Park. Turn left, walk to the triangular tip of the park, turn right, cross two streets in quick succession. The Law Faculty building will be on the right.

4. Bus instructions from Law Faculty to hotel (about 20 minutes):

Take **Tram #15** in the direction of *Nations*. Get off at *Cornavin* (the railway station).

At *Cornavin*, take **bus no. 8** in the direction of *OMS* or *Appia*. Get off at *Cannonière*. Walk to the hotel (less than a block away).

Or walk to *Plainpalais* stop; take **Tram #14** in direction of *Avanchet*; exit at *Poterie* and walk 2.5 blocks to the hotel.

ATTACHMENT B

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE AS SOON AS YOUR PLANS ARE MADE AND SEND THE BALANCE OF YOUR PAYMENT IMMEDIATELY. THANK YOU.

Return to: Duke-Geneva Institute in Transnational Law
Duke University School of Law
Box 90375
Durham, NC 27708
USA

NAME: _____

DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL:

DATE OF DEPARTURE:

_____ I intend to take final exams, and will depart on or before July 28, 2009

_____ I intend to take final exams, but will be in Geneva a few extra days. I will, therefore, depart on _____

_____ I will need housing at the Hotel Grand-Pre for these days

_____ I have made other housing arrangements for these days

_____ I do not intend to take final exams, and will depart on _____

SUMMER ADDRESS: If your address has changed from that listed on the original application, please indicate an address (and date effective) at which you can be reached for any last-minute mailings that may be necessary.

Address change:

Effective date:

Telephone number:

Fax number and/or e-mail: