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Memorandum

To: Members of the Class of 2012
Re: Welcome to Duke

On behalf of Duke Law School Information Services (DLSIS), I write to welcome you to Duke, and to introduce you to the services offered by the Law Library and the Academic Technologies Department. Duke Law is nationally recognized for its outstanding library and information technology programs, its excellent staff, and services tailored to meet your research and study needs.

In 2007-2008, the law library underwent full renovations, resulting in an entirely new light-filled library, boasting a variety of spaces for individual and collaborative study, and providing ready access to library, media and technology services, as well as to the library's excellent collections of print resources.

This fall, you will begin making active use of the library and its resources in the Legal Analysis, Research and Writing course. As you begin research for your writing assignments, and throughout the year, I urge you to make use of the skills of the Library's Reference Services Department. Several of the reference librarians have law practice experience, and all are trained and experienced in law, library science, and the latest approaches to research and information retrieval. They will serve as your legal research instructors and are ready, in and out of class, to help you make effective use of print and electronic resources for your research.

Duke is well-known nationally for its leadership in developing productive applications of media and information technology in legal education. Web-based course sites are established for all courses. Video and other media applications are used heavily throughout the curriculum. The law school relies heavily on e-mail and its world wide web site for communications within the community. To support your own use of computing, we provide training and ongoing support through the Academic Technologies Department.

The Library and Academic Technologies staffs are always interested in your comments and suggestions about our services and support for student research and study. If there are matters for which I can be of assistance, please contact me via phone or e-mail, or drop by my office (Room 3216 in the Law Library).

Have a great year!