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Dear Incoming Duke Law Student:

Greetings from the Office of Student Affairs, and congratulations on your decision to attend Duke Law School! We look forward to your arrival on Monday, August 17 for orientation, "LEAD Week 2009," and to getting to know you during the course of your education. We have an exciting line-up planned for LEAD Week, which is based on the Duke Blueprint and features nationally acclaimed speakers, dynamic alumni and professors, and other activities planned by our cadre of student LEAD Fellows and facilitators. All activities during LEAD Week are mandatory unless otherwise noted, and we promise that you will not be disappointed!

This year, LEAD Week has gone "green," in that we are now posting all materials related to orientation on the LEAD Week website:

<http://www.law.duke.edu/students/orientation>

The LEAD Week website is your primary source for everything you need to know about orientation. It includes the LEAD Week schedule, pre-LEAD Week assignments, information about parking, Duke Cards, and disability accommodation requests, and a campus map. Below, we would like to highlight some information you might find most pertinent:

LEAD Week Schedule and Assignments: The LEAD Week schedule is posted online at: <http://www.law.duke.edu/students/orientation>. As the schedule reflects, orientation programming spans the entire week. However, time has been designated to allow you to purchase your books and explore Durham. You have two LEAD Week assignments that you should complete before your arrival. You should read the hypotheticals for the "Where Do You Draw the Line?" which are posted at <http://www.law.duke.edu/students/pdf/lead/draw-the-line.pdf> for the exercise planned for the first day of orientation. In addition, you will need to read Professor Doriane Coleman's primer on "How to Read a Case" before her session on Thursday, August 20 of LEAD Week. Look for an e-mail from us in the coming weeks containing a link to that assignment.

LEAD Groups: You will be placed in a LEAD group and assigned an upper-class LEAD Fellow during orientation. You will participate in activities with this group throughout LEAD Week, and your LEAD Fellow will continue to act as an advisor and plan social programming for your group throughout your first year. To read about the interesting backgrounds of your 25 LEAD Fellows, see <http://www.law.duke.edu/students/lead/bios>.

Computers: We strongly recommend that you own a laptop computer that satisfies Duke Law School's technical specifications-namely, a computer that runs an appropriate version of Windows and has a DVD player. Equally important, students who wish to take their exams on computers must use exam software that operates only on Windows-based PCs-either a native Windows PC or a MacBook with Leopard and Windows installed through BootCamp. Students without such computers will be required to handwrite

their exams. For more information about our specifications and pre-LEAD Week online laptop configuration, please see the memo from Assistant Dean for Academic Technologies Wayne Miller, at <http://www.law.duke.edu/students/pdf/lead/actech.pdf>, which addresses all pre-arrival computer questions.

DukeCard: This card is your primary form of campus identification and will provide access to University facilities and function as a debit card for on-campus purchases and off-campus food delivery. Please complete the Duke Card form, which can be found at <http://www.law.duke.edu/students/pdf/lead/duke-card.pdf>, and submit the required passport photograph to the DukeCard office before August 1; cards will be delivered to the Law School and available on Monday, August 17. Please be advised that this photograph will be used for Duke Law School's online student directory.

Health Insurance: All Duke students are required to have medical insurance, either through the Duke-sponsored plan or a comparable U.S. medical insurance plan. For more information, please visit: <http://healthydevil.studentaffairs.duke.edu/insurance/>.

Tuition Refund Insurance: Duke Law School offers an elective tuition refund plan through A.W.G. Dewar, Inc. If you enroll in the plan, you will be covered for tuition losses due to illness or injury (documented by a physician) that results in your withdrawal from law school. Without tuition insurance, if you are forced to withdraw from law school due to illness or injury after the sixth week of the semester you would receive zero refund of the tuition you paid for that term, even if you plan to reenroll at a later date. (Students who withdraw prior to the sixth week may be eligible for partial refunds of tuition.) This plan offers 100% refund of tuition, except for withdrawal due to a psychological condition which is refunded at a 60% rate. The cost for the insurance is \$100 per semester. Since the cost of tuition is substantial - and because it is impossible to predict an unexpected illness or injury - we strongly encourage you to consider protecting your investment by purchasing this insurance. Please note that you must purchase the insurance for the fall semester before August 24, 2009. For detailed information on coverage and enrollment instructions, please visit the Dewar Tuition Refund Plan website at <http://www.collegerefund.com>.

Mentors: You soon will receive an e-mail from the Duke Bar Association with a link to a web form that will allow the DBA to match you with an upper-class mentor. We encourage you to participate in this worthwhile program and are confident your mentor will make your transition to Duke Law School a smooth one.

Attire for Orientation: Attire is generally casual, except for Monday's daytime programming which is business casual. On Tuesday, be prepared to roll up your sleeves as you get out into the Durham community and participate in various community service projects as part of "Dedicated to Durham."

Fall Courses: This fall you will be assigned to one of several "small sections" and will take three of the six required first-year courses, plus Legal Analysis, Research and Writing (LARW). You will have two LARW classes during LEAD Week, but your other classes begin on Monday, August 24. You can find your

schedule on ACES in early August; booklists will be available at <http://www.law.duke.edu/curriculum/booklist>.

Parking: Parking passes should be purchased online no later than **July 31**. If you purchase your permit before this date, it will be mailed to you before your arrival on campus. In order to purchase your permit, please visit the following website:

http://www.parking.duke.edu/parking/permits/students/graduate_students.php

As an incoming 1L, your parking lot selection is the Green Zone. If you have questions about parking, please contact the Parking Office at (919) 684-PARK. Special parking for the first two days of LEAD Week will be arranged for you – we will be in touch soon with that information.

Be prepared for an action-packed LEAD Week! We look forward to introducing you to the Duke Law School community, and wish you a safe journey to Durham.

Sincerely,

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