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Dear Incoming Students,

Greetings from the Office of Student Affairs, and congratulations on your decision to attend Duke Law School! We look forward to your arrival at the Law School for Summer Orientation and getting to know you over the course of your time at Duke.

Included in this packet is a copy of the Duke Blueprint, a document that helps define the Law School community and serves as the foundation for all Duke Law School activities, both in and out of the classroom. Your 2009 Summer Orientation will provide you with a taste of the Blueprint-oriented programming you can expect over the next three years. Orientation begins on Thursday, May 28, at 9 a.m. with registration and breakfast on the third floor of the Law School. For more details see the enclosed program and visit the Summer Orientation page: <http://www.law.duke.edu/students/orientationsummer09>

This mailing contains all you need to know to prepare for your arrival at Duke, including information regarding disability accommodations, a memo from academic technologies, a campus map, and other helpful information for new students. I hope you will read all of this information carefully, but below are a few areas of note:

Computers: We strongly recommend that you own a laptop computer that satisfies Duke Law School's technical specifications—namely, a computer that runs a Windows operating system and contains a DVD player. One of your two summer classes, Contracts with Professor John Weistart, will rely on a unique, multi-media DVD rather than a traditional textbook. This DVD runs only on Windows, and students without such a laptop computer will find themselves at a disadvantage in this class. More information is included in the enclosed memo from Assistant Dean for Academic Technologies Wayne Miller, to whom any pre-arrival computer questions can be addressed (feel free also to contact the help desk with your questions at helpdesk@law.duke.edu or 919-613-7072). Laptop configuration will take place during Orientation.

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/dukesmipfaq.html>

Summer Courses, Books and Exams: Summer law classes begin on Monday, June 1, with Contracts taught by Professor John Weistart from 10:20 to 11:45 a.m. (Monday - Friday) and Civil Procedure taught by Professor Tom Metzloff from 1:30 to 2:55 p.m. (Monday - Friday). Both classes will be taught in Law School Room 4042. Your final exams are scheduled for Monday, July 27 and Friday, July 31. When you arrive at the Law School for Summer Orientation, you may purchase your DVD "textbook" for Contracts. The cost for the DVD is

\$65; please bring cash or a checkbook on Thursday or Friday of Orientation to make the purchase. The textbook for your Civil Procedure class is Civil Procedure: Cases & Problems (3rd Edition 2009) by Ides & May. [ISBN 978-0-7355-7964-4.] You may also purchase the "rules supplement" associated with the book or another compilation of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure if you can find a copy on-line that is less expensive. You can get a sneak peek of Professor Weistart and some other esteemed Duke faculty members at the following website: <http://www.law.duke.edu/curriculum/courses/advice/faculty>.

Parking: Law students may park for free during Orientation (May 28-29) in the Chemistry Lot, located behind the Gross Chemistry building across Towerview Drive from the Law School (see enclosed map). Starting on June 1, you must display a parking permit, or you will be ticketed; you will have time during Orientation to purchase your permit. You will receive a parking permit for the chemistry lot for the summer ONLY. You will receive a new permit for the green lot in the fall.

DukeCard: This identification card will allow you access to university buildings and parking lots and also can serve as a debit card for campus purchases if you create a "flex" spending account. You must present photo identification (driver's license or passport) to obtain a DukeCard, so please bring your identification to Orientation. For more information, visit: <http://dukecard.duke.edu/>

Attire: During the month of June, daytime high temperatures in Durham typically reach the mid-80s or higher. Please wear comfortable shoes for Thursday afternoon's campus tour. Summer Orientation attire is casual.

Be prepared for an action-packed Orientation! I look forward to introducing you to the Duke Law School community and wish you a safe journey to Durham. If you have any questions in the meantime, simply send us a message at student_affairs@law.duke.edu.

Sincerely,



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