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## Orientation Week Information and Updates

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Dear Rising 1Ls,

We in the Office of the Dean of Students (ODOS) and the entire Georgetown Law faculty and staff are looking forward to your arrival at the end of August! I'm writing today to introduce you in more detail to the first-year J.D. orientation program scheduled for the week of August 23, 2021.

### **Orientation Schedule**

The J.D. Orientation program is intended to introduce you to Georgetown Law, your classmates, the faculty and the legal profession. Orientation Week includes registration and other mandatory section sessions, as well as optional social events, wellness activities, campus tours and faculty presentations.

The Orientation schedule can be found on the J.D. Orientation website, [here](#). We don't anticipate significant additional changes to the schedule, but of course we are mindful of changing circumstances with the pandemic and evolving public health requirements. We will

of course write to you again if we need to make any changes to the schedules, either for the whole entering class or particular sections.

Note that you all will officially register on **Wednesday, August 25th, by section in McDonough Hall, Room 205 on the following schedule:**

- Section 1 – 10:00 am to 11:00 am
- Section 2 – 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Section 3 – 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
- Section 4 – 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
- Section 5 – 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm

At your section registration designated time, you will also be provided with a physical copy of your section's complete Orientation schedule, which will direct you to your additional mandatory section events throughout the week, including Introduction to the First-Year Classroom Experience and Student Life at Georgetown.

### **Faculty Talks**

I'm delighted to announce that a number of faculty will be giving informal talks on a variety of hot button legal topics on Tuesday, August 24 and Friday, August 26. These are optional and you can simply drop in, with attendance limited only by the number of seats in the room. We have scheduled four of these already, and will be adding more in coming days, so check the Orientation website regularly over the next few weeks to see the complete list and the time slots.

In my last email to you, I had also noted we would be scheduling some faculty-led service projects and tours of historic and cultural sites during Orientation week. Unfortunately, the pandemic has impacted access to most of the sites and volunteer organizations we have traditionally visited during orientation, including many of the Smithsonian museums. We are hoping to reschedule these tours and service opportunities for later in the school year as locations reopen to larger groups of visitors and volunteers.

### **JD Careers**

In addition to ODOS, there are many other offices on campus that will play a central role in Orientation and your Georgetown experience. Our two dedicated Career and Professional Development offices (the Office of Career Strategy and the Office of Public Interest and Community Service) will actively engage with you right from the start. Watch for an email from JD Careers with information to help you get started on your career journey.

### **Additional Orientation Events – Don't Miss These!**

**Welcome Assembly with Dean William M. Treanor:** Dean William M. Treanor will personally welcome the incoming J.D. class in two groups:

- **Wednesday, August 25th** for **Sections 1, 3, and 7** at **5:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, August 25th** for **Sections 2, 4, and 5** at **6:00 p.m.**

**Faculty Moot Court:** Thursday, August 26 at 8:00 pm (Hart Auditorium): Always the highlight of the Orientation program, seven of our distinguished professors, who collectively have argued and briefed scores of cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, will present a “moot court,” or mock argument of *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Corlett*, a case that will be heard by the Supreme Court this coming Fall.

**Peer Advisors:** Peer Advisors are upperclass students who serve as mentors to you throughout orientation week and beyond. You will meet your Peer Advisor at an informal dinner before the faculty moot court on Thursday, August 26. Please note that they will be contacting you at your Georgetown e-mail address this summer. If you haven't heard from your Peer Advisor, please email [laworientation@georgetown.edu](mailto:laworientation@georgetown.edu).

**Practice Law. Practice Well.:** In coming days, we will share more with you about Georgetown Law's innovative Practice Law. Practice Well program. The program is animated by a core insight about modern legal practice: Focusing on your personal well-being, not just learning to think and write like a lawyer, is a critical foundation to thriving in law school and legal practice.

As a fun introduction to PLPW during Orientation, you will have a chance to try out a number of different well-being activities led by our faculty and staff, from yoga to meditation to fitness classes in our world-class fitness center, to reflective discussions with our faculty about how to make the most of your first year. These are also great opportunities to get to know each other, staff and faculty in informal settings. For more information, visit the Orientation website.

### **Other Important Information**

**Meals during Orientation:** If you have any allergies or dietary restrictions, please fill out [this form](#) by August 16 at 12pm EST. If we receive your request by then, we should be able to accommodate your meal request.

**COVID Testing on Arrival:** Speaking of well-being, all University community members,

regardless of vaccination status, will need to take an [arrival covid-19 test](#) to begin participation on campus. You must take your arrival test no earlier than 48 hours in advance of beginning campus participation and no later than 24 hours after beginning campus participation.

Please review [this checklist](#) for campus access as well as this [list of FAQs](#) if you have any questions or have issues signing up with One Medical. As a reminder, you do not need to pay to register with One Medical.

**Accessing University Buildings: Mobile GOcard:** To enjoy all of what Orientation week offers, you of course need to get into the buildings! To access university buildings, you will need to register for a mobile GOcard credential using these [instructions](#). This allows for contactless building entry.

That's a lot of information, but hopefully useful to you as you prepare for Orientation week and the start of school. We in ODOS have heard so much about you from Dean Cornblatt, and now we can't wait to meet you in August! In the meanwhile, continue to think of us in ODOS as your portal to Georgetown Law. Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail us at [laworientation@georgetown.edu](mailto:laworientation@georgetown.edu) or 202-662-9292 with any questions or concerns.

Warm wishes,  
Mitch Bailin  
Associate Vice President and Dean of Students

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*If you require an accommodation to fully access Orientation, please contact the Director of Disability Services by email ([disabilityservices@georgetown.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@georgetown.edu)) or by phone at (202) 662-4042 before Tuesday, August 10, 2021. A good faith effort will be made to fulfill requests made after the aforementioned date. If you are unsure if you require an accommodation, or want to learn more about their services, you may contact the Director of Disability Services at the number above or by visiting [the Disability Services website](#).*

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 Meet the Peer Advisors

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