

To: Incoming Students  
From: Mitch Bailin, Dean of Students  
Subject: Welcome to Georgetown Law!

Dear Rising 1Ls,

Welcome to Georgetown Law! Dean Cornblatt and the Admissions team have been singing your praises all spring, and I am just delighted that you are joining our community this fall.

I am writing to introduce myself as well as to give you a sense of what to expect this summer as you look forward to the start of school. Think of my office and team - the Office of the Dean of Students (known on campus as “ODOS”) - as a portal to the law school. We are a good place to turn to with questions or concerns, large or small, both this summer and beyond. ODOS is home to the Student Life, Residence Life, Sport and Fitness, Accessibility Services, and Academic Success offices, and our whole team is eager to meet you all on campus during Orientation this August.

Here’s a snapshot of what’s to come:

### **Orientation Week 2023: August 21-25**

ODOS organizes the Orientation Week activities for the entering J.D. class, which will include everything from tours around DC with faculty to casual meals with upperclass mentors to your first law school class. **Please note that the mandatory portion of Orientation for J.D. students in the full-time program runs from Wednesday, August 23 through Friday, August 25.** However, most students plan to arrive in DC a few days early if they don’t already reside here, as there will be a range of voluntary-participation activities on August 21 and 22 that will help you get settled and meet your classmates, from campus tours to meet & greet gatherings. We will keep you posted on all of this in the coming 4-6 weeks.

### **Peer Advisors**

Starting in July, you can expect to receive messages from your Peer Advisor, an upperclass student who is here to be a resource, tour guide, and mentor as you acclimate to DC and Georgetown. They will be available during Orientation and throughout the fall semester to support you and your transition into 1L year. We know you may already have some questions about moving to DC and getting ready for the 1L year. If you’d like to connect with a Peer Advisor before July, please reach out via our Peer Advisor Hotline by emailing [laworientation@georgetown.edu](mailto:laworientation@georgetown.edu).

### **Looking Ahead to the 1L Experience**

There is lots of advice out there about how to approach law school and in particular your 1L year, so much so that it can sometimes be difficult to sort through it all and apply it to your own experience here at Georgetown. Our ODOS team, along with a variety of campus partners, will help you create the best possible law school experience for YOU, based on your own personal and professional goals. Be assured there’s nothing you need to be doing now to prepare for 1L classes! For now, enjoy your summer. There

will be plenty to learn and read and do throughout the year, so take this time to relax and get excited about the exciting adventure you are about to begin. If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to us anytime at [lawdeanofstudents@georgetown.edu](mailto:lawdeanofstudents@georgetown.edu).

We will be back in your inboxes in a few weeks with details on Orientation Week programs, Peer Advisors, and much more. Until then, Hoya Saxa and welcome to Georgetown!

Warm wishes,

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