

2023



# JD Orientation

## SECTION 7

# Welcome to Georgetown Law

Dear 1Es,

Welcome to Georgetown Law! We are delighted you are here and cannot wait to meet you over the course of the coming days and weeks as you embark on your first law school semester.

The Office of the Dean of Students and the Office of Student Life have built a JD Orientation full of opportunities to learn more about each other, about Georgetown Law, and about Washington, DC. We hope that you will review this schedule and take advantage of its many offerings.

You'll notice in your schedule that events on Tuesday, August 22nd and Wednesday, August 23rd following are in different colors:

**Mandatory sessions are in blue** and your attendance is required.

Finally, there are a number of social, cultural, and wellness activities throughout the Orientation, such as campus tours, a Peer Advisor dinner, and our always highly-anticipated Faculty Moot Court. We hope you'll join us for as many of these as your schedule allows.

Once again, welcome to Georgetown and Hoya Saxa!

Mitch Bailin, Dean of Students  
Hannah Ward, Acting Director of Student Life

**TUESDAY 8.22**

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Check-in, McDonough Atrium**

5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

**Welcome for Section 7, McDonough 208**

*Faculty deans will welcome the Class of 2026's Section 7 to Georgetown Law and formally kick off your Orientation.*

6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m

**Section Dinner with Peer Advisors, McDonough Atrium**

*We hope you'll join us for dinner in order to meet your '23-'24 Peer Advisors, along with your section-mates, and get the inside scoop on Georgetown Law and 1L year!*

7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Welcome From Evening Program Director, Prof. Jeffrey Shulman, McDonough 205**

*Students have described the evening program as Professor Shulman's pride and joy. Prof. Shulman will welcome you to Georgetown Law and give some of his best advice*

7:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Myths and Realities of Law School, McDonough 208**

*Dean of Students Mitch Bailin will address some of the common myths and happier realities surrounding the first year of law school. He'll offer lots of tips about how to thrive and succeed in this exciting new adventure.*

**WEDNESDAY 8.23**

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Beyond the Briefs: Respectful Dialogue as a Core Competency in Legal Practice for Section 7, McDonough 208**

*Chief Diversity Officer Anjali Bindra Patel and upperclass students will discuss the significance of open-minded dialogue as a professional core competency and how law students can act as bridge builders across cultural, experiential, and ideological differences.*

6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

**Introduction to the First-Year Experience, McDonough 208**

*A faculty member teaching one of your section's Fall courses will teach the first hour of the course, then spend some time talking with you about why your professors teach what they do the way they do in the first year.*

**THURSDAY 8.24**

7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**President's and Dean's Welcome, Gaston Hall**

*Immediately before the faculty moot court, Georgetown University's longtime President, John B. DeGioia, and Georgetown Law's longtime Dean, William Treanor, will welcome you to the university and the law school at the University's Hilltop campus, in the historic Georgetown neighborhood.*

8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Faculty Moot Court, Gaston Hall**

*Always the highlight of the Orientation program, six 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 *United States v. Rahimi* a case that will be heard by the Supreme Court this coming fall. Gaston Hall [37th & O Sts. NW]*

**FRIDAY 8.25**

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Welcome Block Party & Reception, Eleanor Holmes Norton Green**

*And just like that, you're done with Orientation! Come celebrate the start of your Georgetown Law experience at the Welcome Block Party with students, faculty, and staff.*