

To: Incoming Students
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Dear 1Ls and 1Es,

We hope you are as excited as we are to kick off JD Orientation this week. I am writing with a few notes and updates.

Section Orientation Schedules and Reading Assignments for Friday

Your Section Orientation schedules have been updated on our website [here](#). Please note: The two substantive changes include updates to the Introduction to the First Year Classroom for Sections 4 and 5 on Friday August 21, as well as the Public and Private Sector 101 sessions for all sections on Friday, August 21.

We are attaching a document with links to each section's short reading assignment for your Introduction to the First-Year Classroom session (this Wednesday evening Aug. 19 for Section 7, this Friday morning Aug. 21 for Sections 1-5). These may also be posted by your professor on Canvas, but we wanted to be sure that everyone has them. If your assignment requires access to a casebook you do not have yet, please check with the E.B. Williams Law Library where you can likely find it on reserve.

Welcome Breakfasts on Tuesday morning

We want to also extend an invitation to you all to attend one or more of our affinity Welcome Breakfasts on Tuesday, August 18th. The breakfasts are a wonderful opportunity to meet with several of our faculty and other community members around shared backgrounds! No RSVP required.

- Military-Affiliated Breakfast: Faculty Lounge, McDonough 520
- First-Generation College Student Breakfast: Gewirz 12
- Interfaith Breakfast: McDonough 113/Chapel hallway

Faculty Moot Court Program - Thursday evening

We are excited to welcome you to the Faculty Moot Court program this Thursday evening, August 20 on the Hilltop Campus.

We always choose a high profile case that will be argued at the Supreme Court in the coming October term, and this year is no exception. The faculty will be presenting *Viramontes v. Cook County*, one of the most closely watched cases of the term. While you can read about the case in news and legal media, the professors who will participate in the Moot have written a short summary of the case for you. We encourage you to take a few minutes to read through it in advance of the program, as it will make the moot easier to follow. It also may spark questions you wish to ask the justices and advocates in the Q&A session at the close of the program. The case summary is attached to this email.

Buses will be available to transport students from the Law Center campus to the Hilltop campus. They will leave promptly at 5:30 p.m. from the McDonough Hall bus loop. Additionally, due to construction on the Hilltop campus, the drop-off location on the Hilltop campus has been adjusted to an area that may require a short uphill walk to Gaston Hall. If you will need disability-related accommodations, please don't hesitate to email lawdeanofstudents@georgetown.edu by Wednesday, August 19 by 5:00 p.m.

Freedom 250 Grand Prix and Getting to Campus

Finally, you have seen the Law Center's messages about the upcoming road closures around DC and near campus for the Freedom 250 Grand Prix. We want to assure you the Law campus will be fully open during orientation, and all of the scheduled programs from Tuesday through Friday this week will occur as scheduled. Please allow for plenty of additional travel time as you prepare to make your way to campus.

We look forward to seeing you all through the week!

Warm wishes,

Mitch Bailin
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