

2026



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 18th and Wednesday, August 19th following are in different colors:

Mandatory sessions are in blue and your attendance is required.

Optional sessions are in black and your attendance is not required, but highly encouraged.

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, Director of Student Life

TUESDAY 8.18

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Check-in, McDonough Atrium (Second Floor of McDonough Hall)

Check-in should be completed before your section's Welcome session.

5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Welcome for Section 7, McDonough 206

Dean Magill and senior colleagues will welcome the evening class to Georgetown Law and formally kick off your Orientation.

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

Peer Advisor Dinner, McDonough 206

Meet with your Peer Advisors, learn more about Georgetown Law, and ask them whatever is on your mind.

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

Myths and Realities of Law School, McDonough 206

Dean of Students Mitch Bailin will address some common myths—and the more reassuring realities—about the first year of law school. He'll be joined by Lisa Curtis, the Law Center's Director of Academic Success and Deputy Title IX Coordinator, as well as other campus partners. Together, they'll share tips and guidance for how to thrive and succeed in this exciting new chapter.

WEDNESDAY 8.19

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Introduction to the First-Year Experience, McDonough 206

Professor Jay Thomas will teach the first hour of your Civil Procedure course, then spend some time talking with you about why your professors teach what they do the way they do in the first year.

7:30 p.m.

Section 7 Social, McDonough Atrium

An informal opportunity to meet and connect with your fellow classmates. Make new friends and start building the networks that will support you throughout your law school journey!

THURSDAY 8.20

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Faculty Moot Reception, Scott K. Ginsburg Sport & Fitness Lobby

Before boarding the buses to the Hilltop campus for the President's and Dean's Welcome and faculty moot court, enjoy a light reception with your classmates across sections.

5:30 p.m.

Travel to Faculty Moot Court

Join us at Gaston Hall on Georgetown's Historic Main Campus (37th & O St. NW). We'll travel to the main campus by bus. Please meet outside McDonough Hall (2nd St NW) to board buses at 5:30 p.m.. Early arrivals can participate in an optional tour of the Hilltop campus.

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

President's and Dean's Welcome, Gaston Hall (3rd Floor of Healy Hall, 37th & O Sts. NW)

Immediately before the faculty moot court, Georgetown Law's Dean, M. Liz Magill and President Eduardo Peñalver, will welcome you to the university and the law school at the University's Hilltop campus, in the historic Georgetown neighborhood.

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Faculty Moot Court, Gaston Hall (3rd Floor of Healy Hall, 37th & O Sts. NW)

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 a case that will be heard by the Supreme Court this coming fall.