Orientation 2012 Schedule

Full-Time and Part-Time J.D. Students  |  August 13-15, 2012

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Welcome to the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University. We are honored to have you here. And we, the faculty and the administration, are ready to guide you toward your goal of becoming a lawyer. This is a great profession. When you become a lawyer, you are charged with supporting the U.S. Constitution and the constitution of the state of your admission. This makes you a public servant, committed to upholding the rule of law and the Constitution’s great values of fairness and justice.

The next few days will be jam-packed with events through which we will introduce you to multiple aspects of law school life. We will also introduce you to some of the fundamental principles of law as a prelude to commencement of your classes. During this period and throughout your law school tenure, feel free to ask any questions you have of any or all of us. That is why we are here.

Over the next year you will be asked to work very hard. You must learn not only the law but, more importantly, how to analyze and apply it to solve the problems that will confront your clients. This is called “thinking like a lawyer.” Additionally, we will introduce you to other essential lawyering skills, such as effective legal research, persuasive and predictive writing, drafting of legal documents and oral advocacy. There will be a lot to do.

Despite that workload, I encourage you to be involved in our community. For some, working together in study groups will prove very useful. For others, involvement in student organizations will be a rewarding experience. We also provide you with many opportunities to engage with leading legal thinkers and practitioners through a variety of events geared toward your professional development and enrichment. Getting to know your fellow students and the other members of the Hofstra Law community can lead to important lifelong professional and personal relationships.

There is a lot to do, so let’s get started. Today begins your journey to a new professional world, and we are happy for the opportunity to accompany you.

With warm regards,

Eric Lane, Interim Dean and Eric J. Schmertz Distinguished Professor of Public Law and Public Service
Monday, August 13

8:30-9:30 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast ................................ Adams Playhouse Quad

9:30-10:30 a.m. Law School Welcome ................................................................. Adams Playhouse
Stuart Rabinowitz, Hofstra University President
Eric Lane, Interim Dean and Eric J. Schmertz Distinguished Professor of Public Law and Public Service
The Honorable David A. Paterson ’83

10:35 a.m.- noon  Academic Life at the Law School From the First-Year Professors’ Perspective ................................ Adams Playhouse
Miriam R. Albert, Professor of Skills and Faculty Advisor for the J.D./M.B.A. Program
J. Herbie DiFonzo, Professor of Law
Ronald J. Colombo, Professor of Law
Amy R. Stein, Professor of Legal Writing, Assistant Dean for Adjunct Instruction
and Coordinator of the Legal Writing Program

Noon-1 p.m.  Lunch With 2L and 3L Students ............................................. Adams Playhouse Quad

1-1:30 p.m.  Professionalism in Law School and Beyond ................................. Adams Playhouse
Jennifer A. Gundlach, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Experiential Education and Clinical Professor of Law

1:30-2:45 p.m. Introduction to Civil and Criminal Trial Systems.................... Adams Playhouse
J. Herbie DiFonzo, Professor of Law (Civil)
Barbara S. Barron, Professor of Skills, Director of the Trial Techniques Program,
Director of Student Advocacy Programs and Faculty Advisor to Moot Court Board (Criminal)

3-3:30 p.m.  Essential Law School Resources (IT/Library/OCS/OSA/OAR/FinAid) ................................ Adams Playhouse Quad

3:30-4 p.m.  The Basics of Statutory Interpretation ........................................... Adams Playhouse
Eric Lane, Interim Dean and Eric J. Schmertz Distinguished Professor of Public Law and Public Service

4-5 p.m.  To-Do List: Library Tours, Locker Assignments, Parking Permit,
Purchase Textbooks, Student ID Card, etc. .................................................. Campus

5-6 p.m.  International Student Orientation ..................................................... Law School, Room 206
All international students should be prepared to provide the necessary immigration documents at this time.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

9-10:45 a.m.  Classroom Learning: Reading and Briefing Cases ........................................... Law School
Section A: Shane Dizon, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law and Assistant Director of Academic Support .... Room 238
Section B: Mark A. Padin, Associate Professor of Academic Support ................................................ Room 230
Section C: Kevin McElroy, Assistant Professor of Legal Writing ...................................................... Room 308

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  Meet Your Small Section 1L Professors ...... Law School, Breslin Hall - Various Locations
Section A1 & A3: Kennisha A. Austin, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law ........................................ Room 308
Section A2: Jennifer A. Gundlach, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Experiential Education and Clinical Professor of Law ................................................ Breslin 100
Section B1: Daniel J. H. Greenwood, Professor of Law ........................................................................ Room 230
Section B2: Katrina Fischer Kuh, Associate Professor of Law ............................................................... Room 242
Section B3: Vern R. Walker, Professor of Law and Director of the Research Laboratory for Law, Logic and Technology .................................................. Room 205
Section C1: Ronald J. Colombo, Professor of Law .............................................................................. Room 238
Section C2: Susan H. Joffe, Associate Professor of Legal Writing ...................................................... Room 103
Section C3: Judd Sneirson, Visiting Associate Professor of Law ......................................................... Room 206

12:15-1:15 p.m.  Lunch With Your Professors ................................................................. Adams Playhouse Quad

1:30-4 p.m.  Legal Analysis, Writing & Research (1st class)  .. Law School, Breslin Hall - Various Locations
Section A1: Frank Gulino, Associate Professor of Legal Writing, Director of Student Advocacy Programs and Faculty Advisor to Moot Court Board ................................................ Room 308
Section A2: Juli Campagna, Associate Professor of Legal Writing and Assistant Faculty Director of International Programs ................................................. Breslin 100
Section A3: Kevin McElroy, Assistant Professor of Legal Writing ...................................................... Breslin 105
Section B1: Amy R. Stein, Professor of Legal Writing, Assistant Dean for Adjunct Instruction and Coordinator of the Legal Writing Program ......................... Room 230
Section B2: Susan H. Joffe, Associate Professor of Legal Writing ...................................................... Room 242
Section B3: Allison Caffarone, Visiting Assistant Professor of Legal Writing ........................................ Room 205
Section C1: Karen Weiss, Visiting Assistant Professor of Legal Writing ........................................... Room 238
Section C2: Anibal Rosario Lebron, Visiting Assistant Professor of Legal Writing ................................. Breslin 103
Section C3: J. Scott Colesanti, Associate Professor of Legal Writing .................................................. Room 206

4-5 p.m.  To-Do List: Library Tours, Locker Assignments, Parking Permit, Purchase Textbooks, Student ID Card, etc .............................................................. Campus

7-8:30 p.m.  Social Event: “Comedians at Law” (Co-Sponsored by SBA) ........................ Hofstra USA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

9:30-10 a.m.  To-Do List: Library Tours, Locker Assignments, Parking Permit, Purchase Textbooks, Student ID Card, etc .......................................................... Campus

10:30-11:45 a.m.  The Law School Experience from the Students’ Perspective .......... Adams Playhouse
Lisa Monticciolo, Associate Dean for Students and Administration
Samantha Hankins, Associate Director of Student Affairs
Ashley Sauerhof, Student Bar Association President

Noon-2 p.m.  First-Year Welcome Barbecue and Organization Fair (Co-Sponsored by SBA) ........... Adams Playhouse Quad
Student Organizations, Journals, Hofstra University Departments & Activities, and local Bar Associations
To-Do List

Bookmark Useful Links
Visit and bookmark law.hofstra.edu/CurrentStudents for useful resources and follow @HofLawStudents on Twitter for announcements, activities and events.

Information Systems Support Desk Hours
Location: Student Lounge, Law School
Monday, August 13 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tuesday, August 14 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Wednesday, August 15 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Thursday, August 16 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday, August 17 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Bring your laptop to the Student Lounge during IS support desk hours and an IS administrator will walk you through the log-in process of our wireless internet system.

Law Library Tours
Walking Tours:
Location: Front Desk, Law Library
Monday, August 13 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 14 4:10 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 15 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m.

Web Resources:
Location: Lower Level Computer Lab, Law Library
Wednesday, August 15 2 p.m.

 Locker Assignments
If you would like a locker at the school, during the first two weeks of the semester, follow the posted instructions in the locker room on the lower level (Room 011). Students are required to provide their own locks and store things in the lockers at their own risk. You may keep your locker from semester to semester until you graduate, but you must sign it out during the first two weeks of every semester. To acquire a new locker space after the first two weeks of classes, you may sign one out with the Operations Coordinator for Facilities in Room 307.

Parking Permit Distribution
Location: Mack Public Safety and Information Center (corner of Hempstead Turnpike and California Avenue)
Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Note: You must drive your car to the Mack Public Safety and Information Center as Center personnel must place the sticker on your car. Please have your Hofstra ID card available.

Purchase Textbooks
Location: University Bookstore, Mack Student Center, North Campus
Monday, August 13 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Tuesday, August 14 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Wednesday, August 15 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Thursday, August 16 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday, August 17 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, August 18 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, August 19 Closed

Student ID Card (Hofstra Card)
Location: Room 104, Mack Student Center, North Campus
Be sure to bring a photo ID, such as a valid driver’s license or passport.
Monday - Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday Closed
Sunday Closed

Submit Immunization Record Form
Location: Health and Wellness Center, Republic Hall, North Campus | 516-463-6745

Submit Official Undergraduate Transcript
Arrange for your undergraduate institution to send your official transcript directly to the Law School’s Office of Enrollment Management (if you haven’t already done so). If the Law School does not have it on file by September 15, 2012, you will be withdrawn from class.
Department Resources

Office of Academic Records
Room 114 | LawOar@hofstra.edu | 516-463-5917

The Office of Academic Records serves as the repository of all student records. We are available to assist you with:

- Registration Information
- Dropping/Adding Courses
- Transcript Requests
- Graduation Requirements

Note: You are required to notify OAR promptly of any changes of address, phone number, or email address.

Academic Success Program
Room 223 | LawMap@hofstra.edu | 516-463-6568

The Academic Success Program helps students reach their full academic potential by providing resources to aid in the development of the analytical and organizational skills that are essential to your success in law school. Services we offer include:

- First Year Skills Workshops
- Supplemental Bar Prep Course
- Counseling on improving or maintaining academic performance

Office of Global Initiatives
Room 307 | InternationalPrograms@hofstra.edu | 516-563-4547

The Office of Global Initiatives coordinates Hofstra Law’s international programs and organizes multicultural programming for the Law School community. We are here to answer your questions about:

- Study Abroad Programs
- Exchange Programs
- The Global Legal Practice Externship Program

Information Systems
Room 221 | LawHelp@hofstra.edu | 516-463-4192

Here at the Hofstra Law’s Information Systems department, we work hard to facilitate your computer service needs, and are eager to answer all your IT questions. Stop by our office for help with your computer problems. The services we provide include:

- Software Support
- Virus/Adware Removal
- Wireless Network Troubleshooting
- Exam Software Troubleshooting

Office of Career Services
Room 250 | LawCareer@hofstra.edu | 516-463-5871

The Office of Career Services is here to teach you skills and provide you with services that will facilitate your career and professional development. Our goal is to make your job search as easy and successful as possible. Our services include:

- Career Counseling
- Resume/Cover Letter Review
- Career Fairs
- Mock Interviews
- Organizing On-Campus Interviews
- Job Listings
- Networking Events
- Professional Development Workshops

Law Library
Room 100 | LawLib@hofstra.edu | 516-463-5898

The Law Library is an integral part of the Law School. The Library’s primary goal is to support the curriculum and research needs of the faculty and students of the School of Law. The Law Library has many resources to help your research and study needs including:

- Help Locating Materials
- Computer Facilities
- Study Rooms

Office of Student Affairs
Room 203 | LawStudentAffairs@hofstra.edu | 516-463-5771

The Office of Student Affairs is dedicated to providing students with the assistance, support and guidance they need to thrive in the demanding law school environment. We address quality-of-life issues affecting students including:

- Academic Advising
- Personal Counseling
- Disability Services
- Supporting Student Organizations & Journals

Office of Financial Aid
Joan Axinn Hall | LawFinAid@hofstra.edu | 516-463-5929

The goal of our office is to assist and counsel each student in obtaining the funding needed to bridge the difference between the student’s own resources and the cost of attending law school. The Office of Financial Aid is here to help you with money matters such as:

- Budgeting for Law School
- Understanding Your Financial Aid Package
- Paying for Winter/Summer Session
- Planning for Post-Graduation Repayment
Please refer to the map on the back of the orientation schedule to find buildings outside the Law School.