Welcome to Hofstra Law School. I look forward to meeting you during orientation week! Our first class will be held on Friday, August 16 from 1:30-3:30. Prior to our first class, please:

1. Register for this class on TWEN. I will use TWEN to communicate important messages and to post and collect assignments. Registration is mandatory.

2. Read the Course Overview and Guidelines posted on TWEN.

3. Purchase the following books:
   - Neumann, *Legal Reasoning and Legal Writing* (6th ed.);
   - Sloan, *Basic Legal Research* (4th ed.);
   - *The Bluebook, A Uniform System of Citation* (19th ed.); and
   - *Interactive Citation Workbook for the Bluebook* (2011 ed.).

4. Read chapters 1 - 4 in *Legal Reasoning and Legal Writing* and prepare Exercise II on page 34. Please also prepare a brief of the Costanza case on pp. 43-44, using the categories described in chapter 4.

Submit both assignments using the assignment drop box on TWEN. Please note that the TWEN drop box locks automatically at the due date and time. For these two assignments, the drop box will lock at the start of our first class, 1:30 on Aug. 16. If you miss the deadline, TWEN will prevent you from submitting the assignment. Please allow yourself more time than you think you’ll need to complete your assignments, as they are likely to take longer than you expect. Also, bring copies of your assignments to class, as we will be discussing them.

I’ll see you in a few weeks! Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer!