Welcome to Hofstra Law School. I look forward to meeting you during orientation week! Our first class will be held on **Wednesday, August 20** 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. Purchase the following books:
   
   - Neumann, *Legal Reasoning and Legal Writing* (7th ed.);
   - Sloan, *Basic Legal Research* (5th ed.);
   - *The Bluebook, A Uniform System of Citation* (19th ed.); and
   - *Interactive Citation Workbook for the Bluebook* (2014 ed.).

3. Read the “Course Overview and Guidelines” posted on TWEN. Bring a copy to class with you on the 20th.

4. Read chapters 1 - 3 in *Legal Reasoning and Legal Writing* and prepare Exercise II on page 33. Please also prepare a brief of the *Costanza* case on pp. 35-37, using the case briefing template posted on TWEN.

Please allow yourself more time than you think you will 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!