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To all students in the course, *Special Education Law* (Course Code: Law 2950):

Welcome to the course, *Special Education Law*, for the Fall, 2017 semester.

My name is Dr. George Giuliani and I am full-time faculty member at Hofstra University in the School of Education and the former Director of the Graduate School Programs in Special Education.

I am very much looking forward to meeting with all of you on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 8:10 a.m. for our first class meeting in Koppleman Hall, Room 0014. I believe that you will truly enjoy this course, as it is a field of study that is very interesting.

At our first class meeting, I will begin by taking time to go over the syllabus, discuss the importance of this course and how the course will be run on a weekly basis. Then, we will begin the lecture material for the course.

All of my lectures will be accompanied with PowerPoint presentations. I will give you the PowerPoint handouts for each lecture. Therefore, I recommend that you get a binder to hold these PowerPoint handouts.

There are two required books to purchase for this course. The first book is:

Guersney, T.F. and Klare, K. (2008). *Special education law* (3rd edition). Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press

Assigned readings for the first class meeting from this book are:

- Page xxxvii: Note on Abbreviations
- Chapter 1: An Historical Overview
- Appendix 1: Note to Nonlawyers

The other required book for the course is:

Giuliani, G. (2012). *The comprehensive guide to special education law: Answering over 400 frequently asked questions about the legal rights of children with special needs & their parents*. Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

The assigned reading from this book for the first class meeting is:

- Chapter 1: Overview of Special Education Law

Note: You do not need to bring your books to class unless I inform you to do so for a given date.

I will give you all the materials you need for the class [The syllabus, all PowerPoints (and PDFs of the PowerPoints) and assigned readings (other than what is in the textbooks)]. However, you can also access them on HOFSTRA BLACKBOARD (see below)

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If you have any questions prior to the onset of the course, please email me at george.a.giuliani@hofstra.edu or call me at my office at Hofstra at 516-463-5143 or at home at 631-427-6455.

Again, I look forward to meeting you on Tuesday, 8/22/17, at 8:10 a.m. in Koppleman Hall, Room 0014.

Note: Please do your very best not to be late for the first class, as I will start on time, and it's very important that you know right from the beginning the expectations of the course and what the semester entails.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

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