Welcome to the Accounting for Lawyers course. I am confident that you will conclude that your decision to take this course was a good one, and will yield numerous benefits regardless of the area of law in which you choose to specialize.

As you are aware, this course is a three (3) credit course that will satisfy one (1) credit of the Skills Requirement. Our first class meets on Wednesday, August 24th at 6:10 pm in Room 205.

The information we will cover in the course will serve you well as accounting issues touch on many different areas of the law. We begin with a discussion of what the terms financial statements encompasses, and how financial information is recorded and reported in the financial statements. We will then learn the journal entries utilized by corporations to record its transactions and events.

The required text for the course is:

Herwitz & Barrett, Accounting for Lawyers (4th edition, Unabridged Version)

A note on a Recommended Study Guide:

In the past, many students have asked me to suggest a Study Guide for the course. Below is the name of a study guide I recommend, but do not require, for the course:

Daniel Lipsky and Daniel Lipton, A Student’s Guide to Accounting For Lawyers (3rd edition). The publisher is LexisNexis.

For the first class read the Preface, pages v-xviii; and 1-28. In addition, review Problem 1.1A, which we will walk through and complete in class.

I will hand out a syllabus on the first day of class. Feel free to e-mail me at areiss920@gmail.com if you have any questions.