

WELCOME FROM ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Dear Future Colleague:

Welcome! I'd like to introduce you to the Academic Success Office, which exists to help you achieve your personal best in law school.

The Academic Success Office serves all law students, whatever their class rank or incoming indicators. I help you identify and overcome barriers to your academic success — whether those barriers are law-specific (such as effectively analyzing a fact situation in writing), broadly academic (such as effectively reading difficult material), or personal (such as setting priorities when emergencies interfere with law school).

Throughout the year, I offer “Courting Success” workshops in skills and strategies vital to your academic success. Every week, you can get hands-on assistance when you bring your briefs, outlines, and practice problems to the “Success Forum,” and I am happy to meet one-on-one as well. The Academic Success Office contains hundreds of volumes of general and subject-specific study aids you can check out. Later in your law school career, you can take advantage of other services including academic advising and bar exam support. In addition, Academic Success sponsors special activities such as daily meditations and outside speakers.

What can you do this summer to prepare yourself for law school? Lots!

- Prepare yourself mentally — strengthen your ability to ask for and accept help and to welcome constructive criticism.
- Sharpen your reading skills — every week, critically read a difficult (non-law) book, summarize each chapter in two sentences, and write down two difficult questions you have after reading the chapter. This pays huge dividends.
- Learn about law school — pick a book from the suggested reading list to learn how to be a successful law student.
- Get your finances in order — create a budget to help you make every penny count and to reduce your debt load.
- Practice time management — develop good habits of exercise, sleep, family/friend time, and personal time so you can maintain a good balance in law school.

Please feel free to contact me with your questions this summer. I look forward to meeting you at or before Orientation.

Sincerely,



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