SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
AUGUST 14 – 18, 2017
J.D. Class of 2020, LL.M. Class of 2018, Transfer Students

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

11:30 – 1:00  **Registration & optional Dineen Hall tours**  
*David M. Levy Atrium*

11:30 – 1:00  **Library Welcome Reception**  
*Law Library*
Library staff invites students to stop by for a reception, tour, and to pick up their passwords for Lexis-Nexis, Westlaw, and Bloomberg Law research services.

1:00 – 1:30  **Welcome to Syracuse University College of Law**  
*Gray Ceremonial Courtroom*
Kelly K. Curtis, Associate Dean of Students & Teaching Professor
Nicholas L. Wallace, Assistant Dean for Enrollment Management

1:30 – 3:30  **Peer Welcome & Professional Headshots**  
*Various Locations*
Students split into small groups for a peer welcome and have the opportunity to get a professional portrait photograph taken. Please refer to your orientation packet for your meeting location.

2:30 – 3:30  **Presentation for Families & Supporters and Dineen Hall Tours**  
*Gray Ceremonial Courtroom*
While new students attend their peer welcome, family members and supporters may take this opportunity to hear Associate Dean of Students Kelly C. Curtis give a presentation that details what law students can expect as they embark upon the law school experience. Dineen Hall tours to follow, led by the Office of Admissions.

4:00 – 5:30  **Opening Convocation**  
*Gray Ceremonial Courtroom*
Craig M. Boise, Dean and Professor of Law
Frank Ryan, Partner, DLA Piper

5:30 – 6:30  **Building Connections: Opening Reception**  
*David M. Levy Atrium*
The College of Law invites new students and their families to gather for refreshments and connect with College of Law alumni, faculty, staff, and students.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 – 9:30    **Alumni Welcome**  
Gray Ceremonial Courtroom  
Sophie Dagenais, Assistant Dean for Advancement & External Affairs  
Colleen Gibbons L’17

9:45 – 10:30   **Explore the Profession: Attorney Panel Breakout I**  
Various Locations  
Alumni will offer students advice for success in law school and the legal profession. Please refer to your orientation packet for your meeting location.

10:45 – 11:30  **Explore the Profession: Attorney Panel Breakout II**  
Various Locations  
Alumni will offer students advice for success in law school and the legal profession. Please refer to your orientation packet for your meeting location.

11:30 – 1:00   **Lunch With Student Mentors**  
Various Locations  
Student mentors direct students to various lunch locations; check with your student mentor to sign up for a location and time in advance.

11:35 – 12:05  **Computer Set-up and Q&A (optional)**  
Dineen Hall Room XX  
Ian Brown, Systems Administrator  
Anita DiSalvo, Computer Consultant  
Students have an opportunity to speak with members of the Office of Information Technology (IT) related to computer set-up, printer access, and mobile device connectivity.

12:20 – 12:50  **Computer Set-up and Q&A (optional)**  
Dineen Hall Room XX  
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11:30 – 1:00   **Textbook Distribution (optional)**  
Bruckman Conference 222  
Pre-purchased books are available for pick up. Students who did not reserve books ahead of time can go to the bookstore to purchase their books, located in the Schine Student Center, 303 University Place.

1:00 – 1:45    **Law School Essentials – Session I**  
Various Locations  
The first of three break-out session tailored to offer students need-to-know information and advice for law school. Please refer to your orientation packet for your sessions schedule.

2:00 – 2:45    **Law School Essentials – Session II**  
Various Locations  
The second of three break-out session tailored to offer students need-to-know information and advice for law school. Please refer to your orientation packet for your sessions schedule.
3:00 – 3:45  **Law School Essentials – Session III**  Various Locations
*The third of three break-out session tailored to offer students need-to-know information and advice for law school. Please refer to your orientation packet for your sessions schedule.*

4:00 – 5:30  **College of Law Community Picnic & Organization Fair**  Dineen Landing (outside Irving Avenue entrance)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16**

9:00 – 10:15  **Alumni Cross-Cultural Lawyering Panel**  Gray Ceremonial Courtroom
*College of Law alumni share their stories and advice for working in a diverse global legal workforce.*

10:30 – 12:00  **Community Dialogue**  Various Locations
*Students have the opportunity to get to know one another and explore the differences and biases that can divide and discuss strategies to unite. Please refer to your orientation packet for your meeting location.*

12:00 – 1:30  **Lunch With Student Mentors**  Various Locations
*Student mentors direct students to various lunch locations; check with your student mentor to sign up for a location and time in advance.*

12:15 – 12:45  **Computer Set-up and Q&A (optional)**  Dineen Hall Room
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1:30 – 3:00  **Introduction to the Study of Law**  Gray Ceremonial Courtroom
Courtney Abbott Hill L’09, Associate Director for Academic & Bar Support Programs
*Students will learn about the case method of law study, as well as how to prepare for class and brief cases.*
3:15 – 4:15  **Mock Class I**  
Various Locations  
Student mentors will guide new students through a mock class discussion of an assigned case (see orientation packet). Students should have read the case in advance and should anticipate being called upon to answer questions about the material.

4:15 – 5:00  **Student mentors Drop-in & Q&A** (optional)  
Various Locations  
Student mentors will be available in the Atrium to answer student Questions about case briefing, note taking, and class planning in advance of the mock class session on Thursday morning.

**TONIGHT:** Read and prepare a case brief for the assigned case, provided in your orientation materials, in preparation for the Mock Class session on Thursday morning.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17**

9:00 – 10:00  **Mock Class II**  
Various Locations  
College of Law professors will guide new students through a class discussion of an assigned case (see orientation packet). Students should have read the case in advance and should anticipate being called upon to answer questions about the material. Please refer to your orientation packet for your class location.

10:15 – 10:45  **Class Debrief & Q&A with Student Mentors**  
Various Locations  
Students and student mentors will debrief on the mock class experience, and student mentors will offer advice for class preparation and for taking notes in class. Please refer to your orientation packet for your meeting location.

11:00 – 12:15  **Lunch with Faculty & Professional College of Law Staff**  
Various Locations  
Students enjoy lunch with members of the College of Law faculty and professional staff. Please refer to your orientation packet for your meeting location.

12:30 – 1:00  **Issues of Concern to the Profession**  
Gray Ceremonial Courtroom  
Samantha Kasmarek, Associate Director of Career Services  
Paul Curtin, NYSBA Outreach Coordinator  
Hon. John C. Rowley, Tompkins County Court Judge

1:15 – 2:00  **Small groups with student mentors**  
Various Locations  
Student mentors share their tips for managing workload and finding balance as a law student. Please refer to your orientation packet for your meeting location.

*Optional for LL.M. students

5:45 – 8:00  **Optional social activity @ 5 Wits, Destiny USA Mall**  
9090 Destiny USA Dr., Syracuse  
Sign up and pay your $10 cash in the Office of Admissions, Suite 100, by noon on Tuesday, August 15
FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

8:30  Syracuse & Service: A Welcome from ACR Health  Gray Ceremonial Courtroom
Service partner ACR Health talks about their work in the community and kicks off the annual new student service project.

8:45  Board Buses  Dineen Hall Landing
Students board buses for transportation to service project.

9:00 – 12:00  Service to the Community
College of Law students, faculty, and staff participate in a Syracuse City clean-up project in partnership with ACR Health.

12:00 – 1:30  Brown bag lunch & project reflection  Various Locations
Students return to the College of Law for reflection on the service project and for a discussion about opportunities to give back as law students and lawyers. Please refer to your orientation packet for your meeting location.