Dear Class of 2018,

I’ve heard that you’ve paid your tuition deposit. I am happy to be among those welcoming you to Boston College Law School and just want to let you know what happens next in your journey towards classes this fall.

Orientation starts Thursday morning, August 20. It is mandatory and preparation for classes which will start on Monday, August 24. Orientation activities will continue throughout the first month. You can expect to be in classes five days per week. Classes will start at 8:30 a.m. and continue to about 2:45 p.m. In the spring term when you will have an elective class, the latter may meet earlier or later on two weekdays depending on which elective you take.

We shall register you for your classes by Friday, August 7. You will be able to view your tentative schedule on line at that time (information regarding on-line services will be sent separately.) You will be assigned to one of three first year sections in the fall and will take the same classes with your section mates throughout the first year except for the spring elective. In addition, your larger section will be split into two Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing (LRR&W)) sections. Book lists will be available in mid-August. We strongly recommend that you do not unseal the book packages prior to Orientation, as section assignments are not final until then and we may need to move you from one section to another. The bookstore will not accept returns on unsealed books. Section assignments will be final the afternoon of Friday, August 21. Note: Students may use only a laptop for exams and no other electronic device. You should bear this in mind if considering e-versions of textbooks and related reading materials.

Finally, we don’t expect you to prepare readings for law school other than those that will bring you here with a fresh and open mind to the world you are about to encounter. Spend the summer reading for pleasure – perhaps books on the history of this region if you are new to New England. Spend time with friends and family – they will become even more important to you in the months to come.

We’ll be in touch and see you in August.

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