

Dear Summer Students,

Welcome to the Kline School of Law! As you look ahead to this Summer, you should know that your schedule will consist not only of classes, but also some non-credited requirements and opportunities. This letter provides an explanation of the courses and sessions you will have over your first semester, and the second page provides the visual schedule. Students will be formally registered after deposit deadlines have passed.

Torts, Contracts, Criminal Law, and Legal Methods I: These are your initial required classes. [Accelerated JD \(“AJD”\)](#) students will take all four courses, and **Early Start** students will take only Contracts and Legal Methods I.

Professional Fundamentals: This required series is led by the Career Strategies Office. The intent of these workshops is to prepare you for entering practice both reflectively (self-awareness, strength-building, relationship development) and strategically (understanding practice areas, writing resumes, interviewing). [Accelerated JDs](#) will complete four weeks of Professional Fundamentals over the Summer and the remainder of the material in the Fall. **Early Start students** will not attend in the Summer, but will attend the series with other 1Ls in the Fall.

Academic Skills: This is a workshop series – not required, but highly recommended – that covers topics such as outlining, briefing a case, time management, and study methods.

Dean’s Scholars: These sessions are led by current students who performed well in the respective courses, with the same professor wherever possible. Depending on the professor’s instructions, these sessions may supplement the class meeting by answering questions or working through examples. These are also highly recommended sessions.

Programming Space: This space is set aside for events and workshops, which may be sponsored by Law School offices, committees, or student organizations. While most of this programming will be optional, some sessions are mandatory, and this will be communicated to you when the event is advertised. Events are communicated in our weekly newsletter/blog (“The Brief”), through institutional email, and/or through calendar invitations.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions about this schedule. I look forward to meeting you in May!



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