Dear Member of the Class of 2018,

As you embark on this exciting educational experience at SUNY Buffalo Law, I wish to extend you a warm welcome. As both a faculty member and dean, I feel personally vested in your success. I hope you will come to see SUNY Buffalo Law School as a friend and partner during the next three years when you begin to shape your identity as a lawyer and legal professional.

During Orientation and your first days of classes, things might feel a bit tumultuous. However, you will quickly gain insight about what to expect during your years at the Law School from current students, faculty, administration, and your alumni mentors. From student services to your first-year faculty, we will be there to help you thrive. I personally look forward to greeting you on Monday during your first day with us.

In addition to our outstanding faculty, we have an equally dedicated cadre of administrative personnel. I encourage you to reach out to our entire professional staff if you need information, resources, or any assistance throughout your time at SUNY Buffalo Law. You will always find a helping hand.

Again, welcome as you begin your journey at SUNY Buffalo Law. As of today you are one of us, and I wish you all the best at our Law School.

Warm regards,

Interim Dean James Gardner

Welcome to SUNY Buffalo Law School!
2015 First-Year Orientation Manual
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**SUNY Buffalo Law School**

The State University of New York

Class of 2018

Monday, August 24th, 2015

**The 1L Oath**

Today, as I enter the legal profession, I acknowledge the privileges bestowed upon me and the trust placed in me.

I accept the duties and responsibilities that accompany those privileges and that trust.

I pledge that I will be fair, honest, courteous and respectful to all people and commit myself to service with integrity and without prejudice.

I promise to carry out my duties as a law student and legal professional in a diligent, professional and ethical manner.

I promise further that I will conduct myself at all times in a way that reflects favorably upon me, my colleagues, my law school and my profession.

I commit to using my legal education and training in the pursuit of justice for all.

This pledge I take freely and upon my honor.

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Orientation Schedule - Section B (cont...)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 am -10:30 am  Legal Analysis, Writing & Research I, Section B1     108 O'Brian
9:00 am -10:30 am  Legal Analysis, Writing & Research I, Section B3     12 O'Brian
9:00 am - 10:30 am  Legal Profession – Section B4     106 O'Brian
11:00 am - 12:30 pm  Legal Analysis, Writing & Research I, Section B4     12 O'Brian
11:00 am - 12:30 pm  Legal Profession – Sections B1 & B3     106 O'Brian
12:30-1:00 pm  Lunch on Your Own
1:00 - 3:00 pm  IT / SIP / MS Word Presentation & Library Vendors & - All Section U     106 O'Brian
3:00 pm  Library Pizza Reception - All Sections U & B     Law Library - 2nd Fl

Join us for a pizza reception hosted by your law library and fuel up before the race. Get your ID stickers to access the law library student services. There will be raffles, games and much more!

6:30 pm  Law School's Running with the Bulls  3.5 mile Run/Walk     at Delaware Park
Starting promptly at 6:30 pm on Ring Road near the Nottingham Terrace/Meadow Road entrance. Proceeds to benefit our clinics. All new students participate for free. First 200 to register receive a souvenir t-shirt. Timing will be provided by Score This!!! and certified by USATF. Optional event - but great for runners and non-runners alike!

Details and registration: www.law.buffalo.edu/accepted/race.html

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 am -10:30 am  Legal Analysis, Writing & Research I, Section B1     108 O'Brian
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12:30-1:00 pm  Lunch on Your Own
1:00 - 2:30 pm  Time Management Session – All Section B     106 O'Brian

Time management is an extremely important tool to master - especially as you tackle law school. Associate Professor Christine Bartholomew's presentation is aimed to assist you early on in your law school career so you can prepare and juggle all the demands from classes to externships to moot courts and activities.

3:00 - 5:30 pm  Movie with Discussion to Follow - All Sections U & B     106 O'Brian
This is a mandatory program. All sections will view “To Kill a Mockingbird” and have open discussion following.

Atticus Finch has become a symbol of high morals and values. in recognition of Harper Lee’s new book, come join us as we revisit Atticus Finch in light of our current times.

Orientation Schedule - Section B (cont...)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 (cont...)

9:00 am -10:30 am  Legal Analysis, Writing & Research I, Section B1     108 O'Brian
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11:00 am - 12:30 pm  Legal Analysis, Writing & Research I, Section B4     12 O'Brian
11:00 am - 12:30 pm  Legal Profession – Sections B1 & B3     106 O'Brian
12:30-1:00 pm  Lunch on Your Own
1:00-2:30 pm  Community Action Simulation - All Section B     Rm 145 Student Union

The Community Action Simulation is a unique tool designed to give you the opportunity to learn about the day-to-day realities of life with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress. It is not a game - but rather a learning experience designed to give participants a chance to look at poverty from a variety of different angles. For some, this experience may be very familiar and for others this could be something brand new; in either case, come prepared to participate in this activity with your heart and your mind.

3:00 - 4:30 pm  Administrative Presentation - All Section B     108 O'Brian

Hear from your Student Bar Association regarding getting involved in the law school community, as well as, key administrative personnel from areas such as CSO (Career Service Office), Financial Aid, and LAWIR (research and writing). They will share with you what to expect and much more.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 - ALL SECTIONS - Professional attire required. Attendance is mandatory.

8:30 am  Legal Profession - All Sections

Court Trip - Downtown Buffalo. Transportation on Your Own.
Maps will be provided in Legal Profession class
Ceremonial Court Room
92 Franklin St.

Each section will travel to City Court, Family Court, Surrogate’s Court, Supreme and County Courts. You will meet judges from each court, see an arraignment at City Court, learn about intake and visitations at Family Court as well as other proceedings.

After Court Visits
12:45 - 3:00 pm  Lunch compliments of the Law School     Webb Building at Pearl Street Grill - 76 Pearl Street (near courts)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 - Fun with Your Student Bar Association (SBA) ....

Join Your SBA to Celebrate the Arts at the 13th Annual Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts.

Located in Buffalo’s eclectic Elmwood Village. This is a fun event for all ages to browse, shop and enjoy the arts. http://eafa.techriver.net

Buses will transport any interested new law students from Flint Village at 2pm.
If you can't make the buses, join us for a Happy Hour Reception at the Thirsty Buffalo, 555 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14222 with 2ls and 3ls from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. First beer is on your SBA! *

*(Your student activities fees at work for you.)
MONDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00-12 noon Legal Profession – ALL Sections U & B 106 O’Brian

12 noon Mini Tabling Day for Student Organizations Lobby O’Brian

All student organizations will also be tabling Sept 15 & 16th in the Lobby. This is to give you a taste of how your student activity fees enhance your education here at the Law School.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – REQUIRED PICTURE DAY - Professional attire required.

9:00 am - 10:30 am Legal Analysis, Writing & Research I, Section B1 108 O’Brian
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9:00 am - 10:30 am Legal Profession – Section B4 106 O’Brian
11:00 am - 12:30 pm Legal Analysis, Writing & Research I, Section B4 12 O’Brian
11:00 am - 12:30 pm Legal Profession – Sections B1 & B3 106 O’Brian
12:30-1:00 pm Lunch on Your Own

Pictures - Professional Attire. Pictures are required of all students.

1:00 - 1:30 pm Professional Picture Taken - Section B1 524A O’Brian
1:30 - 2:00 pm Professional Picture Taken - Section B3 524A O’Brian
2:00 - 2:30 pm Professional Picture Taken - Section B4 524A O’Brian

5:30-7:30 pm Welcome Reception for New Students Center for Tomorrow

Hosted by the SUNY Buffalo Law Alumni Association.† Meet practitioners, judges, faculty and staff.

Enjoy a “Buffalo Thanksgiving Feast” with heavy appetizers and lite dinner fare as well as wine, beer and soft drinks. Professional attire a must, and don’t forget your business cards and lanyards that you received first day of Orientation.

†To become a student member of the Law Alumni Association, visit www.law.buffalo.edu/Alumni

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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11:00 am - 12:30 pm Legal Profession – Sections B1 & B3 106 O’Brian
12:30 pm Lunch on Us ... Lobby

Grab a box lunch in the lobby and come back to Rm 106 for the Closing Session.

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Closing Session - Perspective on the First Year - All Sections U & B 106 O’Brian

Moderated by Associate Professor S. Todd Brown, join members of the SUNY Buffalo Law faculty as they offer words of wisdom before your first day of classes.

All additional classes begin, Thursday, September 3.

No classes, Monday, September 7 - Labor Day.

Fall Break is Thursday, October 1 & 2 - but if you are in Buffalo, be sure to join us for Network The Nation - a one-on-one networking opportunity with our alums from around the country.
First-Year Checklist

Orientation is not just one day or one week. It lasts all year! Throughout the yearlong introduction to law school, you will experience many milestones and accomplishments; mastering the art of outlining, submission of your first brief, first-year oral arguments, and so much more.

A close-knit, active legal community also means that there will be several events and activities competing for your time and attention in addition to your school work. To assist you in maximizing all that the Law School and the Legal Community of Western New York has to offer, we suggest you consider the following: attend a variety of events in your first year, but wait to join any club or journal until spring semester; and attend one or more Career Services sponsored program.

Fall Semester:

_____ Attend one social club meeting of my choice
_____ Attend two CSO sponsored programs in addition to any required sessions, such as Network the Nation on Friday, October 2.
_____ Attend at least one SBA-sponsored social program
_____ Attend the Tabling Day Event on September 10 & 11, sponsored by SBA, and pick-up information about the various student-run clubs and organizations at the Law School
_____ Meet all of my professors - outside of class
_____ STAY CURRENT WITH MY buffalo.edu EMAIL AND “SIP MESSAGES” FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS AND FACULTY IN THE LAW SCHOOL

January:

_____ Attend the CSO programs to prepare you for the mentoring program as well as your professional development as an attorney

Spring Semester:

_____ Attend the Tabling Day Event for 1Ls
_____ If I am doing well in my classes, join one organization this semester
_____ Sign up with a Law School mentor program of your choice
_____ Meet all of my professors - outside of class
_____ STAY CURRENT WITH MY buffalo.edu EMAIL AND “SIP MESSAGES” FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS AND FACULTY IN THE LAW SCHOOL

First-Year Professors & Courses - Fall 2015

Legal Profession - Students will learn about issues facing law students and attorneys as they try to meet their obligation to “maintain the highest standards of ethical conduct.” Legal Profession is a course that begins with five sessions in the Introduction to Law weeks and extends through the January Bridge period. The course will also meet weekly during the semester, and three days a week for the last two weeks in January. These sessions are also mandatory. You must attend all sessions during the semester, including all five sessions during the Introduction to Law weeks.

Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (LAWR) - This course introduces the essential skills of legal analysis and writing. It is structured around several progressively more difficult cases for which students prepare client letters and predictive office memoranda that explain the relevant primary authorities and apply the law to the facts. As they address these projects, students learn to identify rules, standards and policies, to use deductive and analogical reasoning, and to read and interpret judicial opinions and statutes. Instructors closely supervise the preparation of course documents and provide detailed instruction in citation form and the conventions of legal writing.
First-Year Professors & Courses - Fall 2015

Civil Procedure examines the law and practice of pre-trial procedure in the courts of the United States—pleadings, motions, discovery and summary judgment—together with an introduction to evidence, remedies, subject matter and personal jurisdiction, and complex litigation. Value and policy choices implicit in the American civil adversary system and corresponding personal, professional, and ethical dilemmas will be emphasized.

Professor Susan V. Mangold
Office Rm 614 O'Brian Hall
Section B

Torts is a basic introduction to the tort law system, covering such topics as causation in fact, negligence, proximate cause, emotional harm, comparative fault, assumption of risk, intentional harms, and strict liability. Attention will be given to the role of tort law in its broader social context and to proposals for "reform" of the tort law system.

Professor David Engel
Office Rm 415 O'Brian Hall
Section B3, B4

Professor Charles Ewing
Office Rm 723
Section B1

Constitutional Law will teach you about the allocation of governmental power under, and the limitations on that power established by, the Constitution of the United States. The course will focus on judicial interpretation of the Constitution, the scope and division of federal power, the relationship between the federal government and the states, issues concerning the extent of state authority, and the rights of individuals guaranteed by the due process and equal protection clauses of the Constitution.

Professor George Kannar
Office Rm 708 O'Brian Hall
Section B

Criminal Law will introduce you to substantive criminal law, emphasizing the purposes, sources and limits of criminal law, the elements of criminal conduct, criminal responsibility, justification and excuse, criminal combinations, and the application of general principles to specific crimes. Introduction to selected aspects of the criminal justice system essential to an understanding of substantive criminal law.

Associate Professor Michael Boucai
Office Rm 413 O'Brian Hall
Section U1

Vice Dean and Professor Luis Chiesa
Office Rm 315 O'Brian Hall
Section U2, U3, U4

Contracts will provide an introduction to the general scope and purpose of the legal protection accorded contracts: interpretation, formation, warranties, covenants, conditions, breach and remedies. Emphasis will be placed on the way that these scraps of doctrine get translated into, or avoided by, formal contract documents used in contemporary commercial practice.

Associate Professor S. Todd Brown
Office Rm 712 O'Brian Hall
Section U

Property examines the legal arrangements with which American society controls valuable resources. It is designed both to provide a critical understanding of important features of modern society and to serve as background for advanced courses dealing with land transactions and financing, environmental regulation, public land development, corporations, intellectual property, wealth transfers, and taxation.

Professor Rebecca French
Office Rm 529 O'Brian Hall
Section U4

Professor Robert J. Steinfeld
Office Rm 725 O'Brian Hall
Section U1, U2, U3

For a full listing of all the Law School Faculty, visit our web site: law.buffalo.edu and click on the faculty/staff tab.

In the Spring 2016, Sections B will take Property, Contracts and Criminal Law. Sections U will take Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure and Torts.
Welcome ... from SBA

Dear Class of 2018,

On behalf of SBA, we would like to congratulate you on your acceptance and welcome you to SUNY Buffalo Law School.

SBA is an elected body entrusted with representing student interests at SUNY Buffalo Law School. We serve as a line of communication between students and administration, working together to provide you with the best education, as well as the most enjoyable three years, possible. SBA also functions as an umbrella organization for all other student clubs, academic journals, and moot courts in the law school and assists these groups by allocating financial assistance.

In addition, SBA has its own line of social and educational events. Our goal is to strive to facilitate an annual job forum, several speaker series, and other programming throughout the school year. In addition, SBA hosts a number of can’t-miss social events such as the Welcome Back Barbeque, “Munchin’ Mondays” (free breakfast and coffee each Monday at 8am), Barrister’s Ball (law school prom), and Decompression (our end of the year wrap-up party).

Some of you may already be interested in playing a leadership role in the SUNY Buffalo Law community. During your first semester, the Class of 2018 will elect their own representatives to be part of SBA. You will receive more information on elections during Orientation.

On behalf of SBA,

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Michelle Santiago ’16
SBA Vice President
michellestgo@buffalo.edu

Leah Bernhardi ’17
SBA Treasurer
leahbern@buffalo.edu

Sara-Jo Scime ’17
SBA Parliamentarian
sarascim@buffalo.edu

A bit about your SBA E-Board.....

President: Nicholas D’Angelo ’17
My name is Nicholas D’Angelo, I am 22 years old and a life-long Western New Yorker. I completed my Associates Degree at Niagara County Community College and Bachelors Degree at SUNY Buffalo State in Criminal Justice. I am now in my second year (2L) at SUNY Buffalo Law School. During my 1L year I took the initiative to revive and reinvent the Buffalo Sports and Entertainment Law Society (BSELS) and am currently the President of that organization. Since the group’s inception in mid semester, we have the largest active membership of any group at approximately forty members.

Contrary to popular belief, “beginning” law school does not mean it is “the end” of your life away from school. I cannot stress enough the importance of finding time for family, friends, significant others, sports or hobbies while in law school. I would not have been able to get through my first year if it was not for my fiancé Nicoletto, my four-year-old son Cameron, sports and running. I currently have a year-round law clerk position at Feuerstein & Smith, LLP in downtown Buffalo.

As President of SBA I congratulate you on starting this new, exciting, and life-changing experience. As your peer I am invested in your success because at SUNY Buffalo we are invested in the success of one another. I encourage each and every one of you to reach out to Michelle, Leah, Sara or myself if you have any questions, concerns, need advice, or would just like to talk. I am always available via email, Facebook, or phone, and I look forward to meeting each and every one of you during the upcoming year!

Vice President: Michelle Santiago ’16
My name is Michelle Santiago and I am from Bronx, New York. I was born in New York City, raised in Dominican Republic, and came back to the city for college. I completed my Bachelors in International Studies with a double minor in French and Spanish at the City University of New York City College and am now pursuing a JD in Financial Transactions.

When I am not studying – or worrying about law school assignments – I am heavily involved in extracurricular activities with diverse clubs at SUNY Buffalo. I am the current Treasurer for both Latin America Law Students Association (LALSA) and the International Law Students Association (ILSA), the secretary for Frederick Douglass Moot Court, and currently Vice President of the Student Bar Association (SBA). My participation in these clubs has made my journey through law school much smoother. I encourage you all to pursue involvement in these organizations. Welcome 1L’s, and I hope to see and meet you all.

Treasurer: Leah Bernhardi ’17
Hi friends! My name is Leah Bernhardi and I am a native Buffalonian. I am currently a 2L studying environmental law. My undergraduate degree is in environmental science and I have a Master’s in Sustainability Management (feel free to ask me what this even means). Apparently I love learning, because I just had to go to law school after all that!

As most people quickly learn about me, my dog is the coolest and I spend my free time with him. Sometimes I do other things like tap dance, travel, and spend time with my family and friends. I encourage you to make time for things like these that make you happy! On campus I’m also involved with the Holistic Law Group and I will be joining Law Review this fall.

I’ve had many people ask about my first year of law school and if I have any advice; I tell them to be as involved as you can outside the classroom. In my experience, all the little experiences throughout the day · meeting new people, attending panels, discussing different ideas, etc. · add up to a lot. It pays to make the most of your time here! That said, make sure you still balance your life with activities outside of law school. School is definitely the priority, but not the whole world. Keep yourself grounded in the real world and the perspective will help keep you sane.

Parliamentarian: Sara Jo Scime ’17
I am a born and bred Buffalonian from Clarence Center, New York. I graduated from the University at Buffalo with a BA in History and English, and now am pursuing a dual degree (JD/MA) in Criminal Law/Elder Law, and History. In my first year of law school, I was a 1L director for the Student Bar Association (SBA), member of the Board of Directors of SUB Board, Inc., 1L Admissions Ambassador, and a student volunteer at Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled, and Disadvantaged of WNY, Inc. As a 2L, I now serve as the Parliamentarian of SBA, the Co-Editor-In-Chief of The Opinion, and the Secretary of OUTLaw.

When I’m not in school or at work I love being outside. Whether its kayaking, hiking, camping, or rock climbing, I’m there. I’m also a huge music junkie, peanut-butter lover, and Netflix addict. The thing I love most though is chatting, so if you ever have any questions, ideas, comments, etc. about law school, Buffalo, or life in general, I’m your girl! Congratulations again on your admissions to SUNY Buffalo Law School and I look forward to meeting/speaking with you all soon!

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Office of Accessibility & Special Needs Services

It is the policy of the SUNY Buffalo Law School to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act to provide equal enjoyment and full participation to otherwise qualified persons with disabilities.

The SUNY Buffalo Law School provides reasonable academic accommodations necessary to afford equal educational opportunity to qualified students with professionally verified disabilities. Law students with disabilities who require reasonable academic accommodations should contact the Vice Dean for Student Affairs, Melinda R. Saran, 314 O’Brian Hall, saran@buffalo.edu, 645-6223. Documentation of your disability, including pertinent evaluation data from an appropriate professional (medical doctor or psychologist) is necessary to receive academic accommodations.

Students requiring accommodations outside the Law School should contact the University’s Office of Accessibility Services which is located at 25 Capen Hall, North Campus and can be reached at (716) 645-2608, 645-2616 (TDD), and 645-3116 (fax).

Communication in the Law School

The SUNY Buffalo Law School, thanks to student feedback, has devised improved methods of communication to our student body. We hope you have all gotten a chance to log on and read messages over the summer on SIP (our Student Informational Portal) that have been posted for your class specifically. If you have not, don’t worry, during your IT & MS Word Training Session, you will receive more information and can ask questions about SIP. This is where administration, faculty and student groups will disseminate information to the entire law student population. Announcements, timely information about events, speakers, student activities, as well as career information, will all be posted on SIP (you will also receive weekly e-mail digests of new postings).

On the first floor of O’Brian in the lobby area are two plasma-screen monitors that are mounted on the walls – one for administrative and faculty posting, and the other for student organization posting. Take advantage of the QR (Quick Reference) codes to transfer any messages on the digital screens to your smart phone.

Start now and follow us on social media. Visit the home page www.law.buffalo.edu for the links.
Things To Do Right Away ...  

UB Card

The University at Buffalo requires that every student obtain a student identification card - more commonly called a UB Card. Your UB Card is your ticket to a variety of services throughout campus, like access to the Law Student Lounge located on the first floor of O'Brian Hall or the private law student study space on the 7th floor of the Law Library. Dining plans, Dining Dollars and Campus Cash are all accessed using your UB Card. For more information: www.myubcard.com/ubcard

Most importantly – it is the only way that you will be identified as a law student. The UB Card can be obtained for $20 by visiting:

Student Union, Room 228, North Campus
Phone: 716-645-6344
Mon. – Thurs. 9 am – 4 pm  Fri. 9 am – 2 pm

New: Mobile ID Card can be used in most UB Snackin' vending machines.

UB Rules & Regulations Affirmation

The State University of New York and UB requires all students to acknowledge receipt of and affirm the UB Rules and Regulations before they are permitted to register for classes. This can be easily and quickly completed by logging into the HUB Student Center via MyUB (UBIT name and password required). You may complete the affirmation now or you may do it during course registration. All students who have not completed the on-line form will have a RUL Hold barring future registration from courses. The Hold may be immediately lifted by completing the form.

To save time and frustration during course registration, we advise that you complete the form immediately.

To review the UB Rules and Regulations: www.student-affairs.buffalo.edu/judicial/rulereg.php

Law School General Academic Requirements & Policies

All student at SUNY Buffalo Law School are subject to the requirements and policies as stated in the General Academic Requirements & Policies (GARP) handbook. As a 1L , please review the information carefully as you will sign an acknowledgement form during your Legal Profession Class the first week of Orientation. A copy of the policies can be found on the web under Policies & Procedures.

Purchasing Fall Semester Textbooks

The Law Library has compiled a list of textbooks for your first semester courses with links to online retailers. They may be worth checking into as they may offer significantly lower prices than traditional sources. The list is organized by class section and is available at: http://lawlib.buffalo.libguides.com/1ltextbooks. The guide will be updated continually as course materials are finalized.

A University-run, full-service bookstore is also available on campus, selling law school textbooks and class materials including school supplies. Fall semester books are available online: www.buffalo.bkstr.com for details and hours.

Questions? Where to Go & Whom to See...

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LOCKERS

Beginning Thursday, 9/10 for first-year students
Starting at 3:30 pm 1st Floor Lobby of O’Brian Hall

Due to morning classes for some sections, sign up will take place between the hours of 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm starting on Thursday, 9/10 on the first floor of O'Brian Hall at the desk area of the lobby. Additional hours: including Friday, 9/11 from 9:00 am to 12noon and the following week from 9:30 am and 2:00 pm in Rm 314.

You will need to appear in person with official picture ID (UB Card preferred).

Lockers are assigned on a first-come/first-served basis. The Law School is not responsible for items stolen from lockers. Please make sure your locker is in working order. Any questions or repair requests can be made in Rm 314. Thank you!