

# Hamline University School of Law

## 2009 WEEKEND ORIENTATION

### **SATURDAY, August 8**

**8:30 am-9:20 am:** Registration (Law School Lobby)

**9:30 am-10:00 am** Welcome (Law School Room 103)

- Vice President David Stern
- Dean Don Lewis
- Leo Brisbois, '87, MSBA President

**10:10 am-10:45 am** Professionalism & the Character/Fitness Examination of the Bar

- **The Honorable Ray Krause**, Chief Administrative Law Judge, State of Minnesota; Member of the Board of Professional Responsibility and former Dean of Hamline Law School
- **Darrell Davis**, Assistant Dean for Students and Multicultural Affairs

**10:45 am-11:30 am** Building and Enhancing Your Professional Reputation

- **Nancy Lochner**, Director of Career Services

**11:45 am-1:00 pm** Lunch (Klas Center)

- Guest Speaker: **Frank Fernandez**, 05, Gov't Programs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN

**1:15 pm-4:05 pm** Legal Methods, Part #1 (Law School Room 103)

- **1:15-2:05: Legal Classifications & Learning the Language (Professor Tom Romero)** LO: To gain a basic introduction to how legal rules, jurisprudence, concepts, and values are categorized. To learn basic methodological differences in legal reasoning among these categories.
- **2:15-3:05: Introduction to Statutory Interpretation (Professor Cindy Jesson)** LO: Gain an understanding of the source of statutes and the role of courts in interpreting them.
- **3:15-4:05: Logic & Policy in Legal Reasoning (Professor Allen Blair)** LO: Achieve basic understanding of three approaches to legal reasoning -- syllogistic, analogical, and policy-driven--and brief practice in making and critiquing these types of arguments.

### **4:05-5:30 pm** *Optional Sessions*

This is your opportunity to learn about the campus offices that support you in your journey through Hamline. You are invited to visit offices around campus that you will interact with and/or attend the "Navigating the Law School" session.

**4:05 pm-4:35 pm** Navigating the Law School: Registration, Rules and Sundry Other Services (*optional*)  
Law School Room 103

- **Colleen Clish**, Assistant Registrar

**4:05 pm-5:30 pm** Visit Student Services Offices (*optional*)

- Financial Aid & Student Accounts - East Hall, Room 113
- Dining Services - Sorin Dining Hall
- Counseling & Health Services - Manor Hall Room
- Disability Services - Giddens Learning Center, 132W
- Information Technology Services - Bush Library Basement (demonstrate examination software to interested students)
- Safety & Security - Drew Hall
- Law School Bookstore - Law School lower level
- Law Library - Law School 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Law Admissions - tours available

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9** (Business Attire Encouraged)

**9:00 am-11:50 am** Legal Methods, Part #2 (Law School Room 103)

- **9:00-9:50:** Reading Like a Lawyer (**The Honorable James Morrow**)
- **10:00-10:50:** Case Briefing #1 (**Professor Jim Coben**) LO: Understand how to prepare a written case brief (a way to summarize cases to prepare for effective class participation)
- **11:00-11:50:** Case Briefing #2 (**Professor Steve Swanson**) LO: Get a brief introduction to the lawyering skill of case briefing and analysis and to law school teaching methodology.

**12:00 pm-1:15 pm** Lunch - Presentation on Student Assistance (Klas Center)

- **Darrell Davis**, Assistant Dean for Students and Multicultural Affairs
- **Barbara Kallusky**, Distribution & Explanation of Westlaw & Lexis/Nexis Passwords

**1:30 pm-4:20 pm** Legal Methods Part #3 (Law School Room 103)

- **1:30-2:20:** Case Briefing & Synthesis (**Professors Mary Trevor & Mary Dunnewold**)  
LO: Learn to synthesize a body of case law to construct a legal rule.
- **2:30-3:20:** Time Management & Organizing your Law School Life (**Nancy Lochner**, Director of Career Services)
- **3:30-4:20:** Introduction to the Academic Success Program (**Professor Alice Silkey**) LO: Understand the tools available through the Academic Success Program to help achieve academic excellence; understanding and reflecting on the importance of retaining ethical precepts, a sense of fairness, and a value framework throughout law school.

**4:20 pm-4:30 pm** Dean Lewis Administers Oath

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14**

**4:00 pm-6:00 pm** Picnic for New Students (Day & Weekend) & Their Families (Law School Patio)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**

**11:30 am-12:15 pm** Myers-Briggs Inventory administration or Q & A, (**Nancy Lochner**, Director of Career Services), Law School Room 103 LO: Identify your most successful approach to law school study, stress management, time management, job search, communication, career development, etc. (see explanation in packet)

**12:15 pm-1:00 pm** Student & Alumni Panel - "Surviving (and THRIVING) in Law School!" (*optional*), Law School Room 101

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16** (*this is in place of your LRW class*)

**9:00 am-9:50 am** Hamline Outside the Classroom (Law School Room 101)

- **Darrell Davis**, Assistant Dean for Students and Multicultural Affairs
- **Janine Laird**, Director & **Sara Schwebs**, '92, Staff Attorney; Minnesota Justice Foundation
- **Christopher Bates**, SBA President

**10:00 am-11:50 am** Legal Methods Part #4

- **10:00 am-10:50 am:** Cultural Competence Exercise (**Assistant Dean Darrell Davis**)
- **11:00 am-11:50 am:** Rule of Law and Separation of Powers (**Professor Carol Swanson**) LO: Achieve basic understanding of the source of legal rules and how case authority, statutes, and the constitution interact, the importance of rule articulation and the effect of the separation of powers doctrine on legal standards.

**12:00 pm-1:00 pm** Lunch meeting with your Faculty Advisor (rooms to be announced)

LO = Learning Outcome

