Dear Student,

Welcome to Loyola University Chicago School of Law! As the Director of Academic Success and Bar Programs, I’m so happy to welcome you to our community. It is my goal to make sure you are supported academically while in law school, and always in a position to do your best.

The Academic Success and Bar Programs provide various resources, such as tutors in all of your first year courses, workshops on outlining, taking exams, and support for the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam and Bar Exam.

Aside from these formal programs, I’m here as a resource for you individually. I have an open door policy for all students and I am always ready to listen.

As you prepare to begin your first year of law school, you might be wondering if there is anything you can do over the summer. The good news is that I’m here with answers!

Let me introduce you to CALI, the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI.org). This fantastic resource provides free online lessons for law students in all courses from 1L-3L. These will hopefully become useful to you throughout your time as a law student. There are some lessons that will be required as part of orientation and will be due by **August 21**.

**Required Lessons for Orientation:**

* [Analysis 1: Thinking Like A Lawyer](https://aces2ds.lsac.org/EmailAnalytics.aspx?sLsCode=XIAzjZ3ndgg%3D&recipientemail=##EMAIL_TO_USE##&iReportsubjectCode=mdQiK0vuvds%3D&iEmailTracking=J2BAGV7WYoc%3D&dia=##IAPPLICANT##&emailSentEvent=link&emailSentEventDetail=https://www.cali.org/lessonlink/18027/LSS04/6639/jq)
* [Excavating Facts From Cases](https://aces2ds.lsac.org/EmailAnalytics.aspx?sLsCode=XIAzjZ3ndgg%3D&recipientemail=##EMAIL_TO_USE##&iReportsubjectCode=mdQiK0vuvds%3D&iEmailTracking=J2BAGV7WYoc%3D&dia=##IAPPLICANT##&emailSentEvent=link&emailSentEventDetail=https://www.cali.org/lessonlink/18132/LSS16/6639/jq)
* [Case Briefing](https://aces2ds.lsac.org/EmailAnalytics.aspx?sLsCode=XIAzjZ3ndgg%3D&recipientemail=##EMAIL_TO_USE##&iReportsubjectCode=mdQiK0vuvds%3D&iEmailTracking=J2BAGV7WYoc%3D&dia=##IAPPLICANT##&emailSentEvent=link&emailSentEventDetail=https://www.cali.org/lessonlink/18028/LSS13/6639/jq)
* [Time Management](https://aces2ds.lsac.org/EmailAnalytics.aspx?sLsCode=XIAzjZ3ndgg%3D&recipientemail=##EMAIL_TO_USE##&iReportsubjectCode=mdQiK0vuvds%3D&iEmailTracking=J2BAGV7WYoc%3D&dia=##IAPPLICANT##&emailSentEvent=link&emailSentEventDetail=https://www.cali.org/lessonlink/18183/LSS09/6639/jq)
* [Grit, Growth, and Why it Matters](https://aces2ds.lsac.org/EmailAnalytics.aspx?sLsCode=XIAzjZ3ndgg%3D&recipientemail=##EMAIL_TO_USE##&iReportsubjectCode=mdQiK0vuvds%3D&iEmailTracking=J2BAGV7WYoc%3D&dia=##IAPPLICANT##&emailSentEvent=link&emailSentEventDetail=https://www.cali.org/lesson/18485#About%20this%20lesson)

In addition, although not required, there are some CALI lessons I recommend that you can do over the summer or the first few weeks of law school.

**Recommended Lessons:**

* [Common Law Basics: What Faculty May Assume You Know](https://aces2ds.lsac.org/EmailAnalytics.aspx?sLsCode=XIAzjZ3ndgg%3D&recipientemail=##EMAIL_TO_USE##&iReportsubjectCode=mdQiK0vuvds%3D&iEmailTracking=J2BAGV7WYoc%3D&dia=##IAPPLICANT##&emailSentEvent=link&emailSentEventDetail=https://www.cali.org/lessonlink/18224/LSS20/6639/jq)
* [Mindfulness, which will help with law school stress, as well as learning](https://aces2ds.lsac.org/EmailAnalytics.aspx?sLsCode=XIAzjZ3ndgg%3D&recipientemail=##EMAIL_TO_USE##&iReportsubjectCode=mdQiK0vuvds%3D&iEmailTracking=J2BAGV7WYoc%3D&dia=##IAPPLICANT##&emailSentEvent=link&emailSentEventDetail=https://www.cali.org/lessonlink/18209/LSS31/6639/jq)
* [Metacognition](https://aces2ds.lsac.org/EmailAnalytics.aspx?sLsCode=XIAzjZ3ndgg%3D&recipientemail=##EMAIL_TO_USE##&iReportsubjectCode=mdQiK0vuvds%3D&iEmailTracking=J2BAGV7WYoc%3D&dia=##IAPPLICANT##&emailSentEvent=link&emailSentEventDetail=https://www.cali.org/lessonlink/18099/LSS03/6639/jq)
* [Words matter when dealing with the law](https://aces2ds.lsac.org/EmailAnalytics.aspx?sLsCode=XIAzjZ3ndgg%3D&recipientemail=##EMAIL_TO_USE##&iReportsubjectCode=mdQiK0vuvds%3D&iEmailTracking=J2BAGV7WYoc%3D&dia=##IAPPLICANT##&emailSentEvent=link&emailSentEventDetail=https://www.cali.org/lessonlink/18158/LSS22/6639/jq)

To start any of these CALI lessons, you should first register an account with [CALI](https://aces2ds.lsac.org/EmailAnalytics.aspx?sLsCode=XIAzjZ3ndgg%3D&recipientemail=##EMAIL_TO_USE##&iReportsubjectCode=mdQiK0vuvds%3D&iEmailTracking=J2BAGV7WYoc%3D&dia=##IAPPLICANT##&emailSentEvent=link&emailSentEventDetail=https://www.cali.org/courses/6639). Use **[redacted authorization code – use your own!]** to register and set your password. You will need to use the links provided in this email to access each lesson directly.

Finally, if you are looking for something else to read, to potentially help guide you through your first year, I recommend two books. They are both relatively quick reads.

* [Nancy Rapoport's Law School Survival Manual](https://aces2ds.lsac.org/EmailAnalytics.aspx?sLsCode=XIAzjZ3ndgg%3D&recipientemail=##EMAIL_TO_USE##&iReportsubjectCode=mdQiK0vuvds%3D&iEmailTracking=J2BAGV7WYoc%3D&dia=##IAPPLICANT##&emailSentEvent=link&emailSentEventDetail=https://www.amazon.com/School-Survival-Manual-Nancy-Rapoport/dp/0735594902)
* [Andrew Ferguson's The Law of Law School](https://aces2ds.lsac.org/EmailAnalytics.aspx?sLsCode=XIAzjZ3ndgg%3D&recipientemail=##EMAIL_TO_USE##&iReportsubjectCode=mdQiK0vuvds%3D&iEmailTracking=J2BAGV7WYoc%3D&dia=##IAPPLICANT##&emailSentEvent=link&emailSentEventDetail=https://nyupress.org/9781479801626/the-law-of-law-school/)

I look forward to meeting all of you during orientation, and working with you throughout your time at Loyola. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

Kind Regards,

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