

WHAT TO DO BEFORE ORIENTATION 2009

- **Fill out the FAFSA and other loan paperwork as soon as possible.** If you have questions about the loan process, check with Connie Allman (callman@mail.barry.edu) or Jean Walker (jmwalker@mail.barry.edu) for more information. Not only is the Federal Stafford Loan (\$20,500 annually) available, but so are private loans. If you intend to borrow money for law school, time is of the essence. You can link to these loans via our website at www.barry.edu/law and click on Financial Aid.
- **Attend mandatory orientation.** Orientation begins **Monday, August 17, 2009** for the Evening Division and **Tuesday, August 18, 2009** for the Day Division and will run through **Thursday, August 20, 2009**. Full Time day students will attend the orientation program during the *day*, and Part Time and Full Time Evening Division students will attend an *evening orientation*. There will be free time during the week for students to buy books, set up laptops, and prepare for the first day of class (yes, there are assignments!). The orientation agenda is posted for each division.
- **Return registration materials.** Remember for first year students (1Ls) the class schedule is designed by the Registrar. Students do not have any input until the second year in order to ensure that all first year course requirements are met. You can be assured that Full Time day students will have classes generally Monday through Friday anywhere between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Part Time evening students will be offered classes during the Monday to Thursday evening timeframe between 5:45 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- **Class schedules.** Class schedules will be in your student mailbox starting August 6, 2009. Once you know who your professors are, then you can visit the bookstore.
- **Laptop set up.** Set up your laptop with our IT department in the Law Library the week of or the week prior to Orientation during regular business hours. Once your laptop is set up, you will have access to the internal website where you can click on your professor's name and download his or her syllabus for the upcoming semester.
- **Send official transcripts from every institution you ever attended, whether or not you received a degree.** Students who fail to meet this requirement will be able to register but will not be able to attend classes in the fall. Don't get started on the wrong foot. Certified transcripts must come directly from the Registrar at your prior institution to the Admissions Office at Barry University School of Law, Attention Kim Rupert, 6441 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida, 32807. The transcript must reflect if a degree was granted from the institution and the date the degree was conferred or it is not acceptable. If you are graduating in May, it may take several weeks for the degree to show up on the transcript so keep that in mind. We understand this delay; the transcript just needs to be in before the first day of class on August 25.
- **Secure housing and transportation.** If you would like a list of apartments recommended by current Barry Law students, just email Sheri Lagomarsino at slagomarsino@mail.barry.edu. The admissions office has a Facebook page for the Entering Class so please check it out. Be sure we have your most current email address. (More info on this below.) The message board allows students to get to know one another prior to orientation. In the past, social gatherings have been arranged by students (not school-sponsored) and potential room mates have found one another. 1Ls can also share other valuable information including apartment hunting experiences.
- **Other Issues:** Health insurance is not included in the tuition. Financial Aid will add health insurance to the personal/miscellaneous component of your loan budget. Barry University has an in-house insurance plan through our Miami (main) campus. You can email the Director of Health, Eileen Hineline at ehineline@mail.barry.edu for more information on that plan. Some law students also get coverage through the American Bar Association plan: <https://www.uhcsr.com/ABA/>. Either plan you choose, you can borrow the money as noted above.
- **Keep us informed and up to date on your change of mailing address or email address.** Don't miss out on valuable information. Orientation information is sent via email and registration is sent via US mail. Email Kim Rupert at krupert@mail.barry.edu to update your records.
- **If your plans for law school change between now and orientation, please contact us so we can make your seat available to someone on the waiting list.**