

FLORIDA STATE LAW

Dear Incoming 1L:

We are looking forward to seeing you in August! I write to inform you of some important things that will be helpful in your transition to law school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks. -Nancy B.

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Mandatory 1L Orientation

Our mandatory 1L Orientation starts on Tuesday, August 18th and concludes on Friday, August 21st. The daily schedule will include a classroom component in the mornings and panels and/or small group activities each afternoon. You will receive more detailed information about Orientation next month.

There is a required text you will need to purchase and read prior to attending Orientation: Tracey E. George, Suzanna Sherry, [*What Every Law Student Really Needs to Know: An Introduction to the Study of Law*](#) (Aspen Publishers).

Price: \$29.92

ISBN: 9780735582361

Format: Paperback

To order the book directly from the publisher (and receive a 10% discount) go to www.aspenpublishers.com and enter code EH76 at checkout.

Begin Your Florida Bar Application NOW

All incoming law students are strongly encouraged to begin the Florida bar application process by going to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners website at <http://www.floridabarexam.org> and “Registering as a First Year Student.”

This is especially important for students who enter as nonresidents who intend to seek reclassification after their first year. You should begin your application now and prepare to submit it during Orientation.

Because the application is a lengthy one, we recommend that all students start the application process NOW – even before your first law school class. You will be required to provide detailed information on past jobs, residences, financial information, etc. **Please wait until Orientation on August 18th to electronically submit the application to the Board of Bar Examiners.**

By Registering in your first year of law school, you will begin the processing track for bar admission in Florida. More narrowly, registering now will also start the clearance process that is an eligibility requirement for becoming a Certified Legal Intern in our clinical and externship programs.

As an early student registrant, you will receive a significant savings on the application fees. The discounted filing fee is \$75 for students who file before January 15, 2010 – compared to \$500 for students who file after March 15th.

Review Your Law School Application Disclosures

The information you disclose on your law school application will be compared to the information contained in your bar application.

Because of the high ethical standards to which lawyers are held, the failure to disclose an act or event is often more significant, and often leads to more serious consequences, than the act or event itself. Failure to provide truthful answers on these applications may result in revocation of admission or disciplinary by the law school and/or denial of permission to practice law in the state in which you seek admission.

If there is any additional information you need to disclose to the law school at this time, or if you have any questions regarding information you have already provided, please contact me as soon as possible at nbenavid@law.fsu.edu.

Please also be aware that you have a *continuing* obligation to amend your law school application to disclose incidents or acts which occur from the time you submitted your law school application until your graduation from law school.

Recommended Summer Reading List

A number of students contact us each year inquiring about recommended reading they can do over the summer before they begin law school. For those of you who are interested in such a list, please see our Recommended Summer Reading List at http://www.law.fsu.edu/admitted_students/readinglist.pdf.