Welcome to law school. I hope you will find the experience stimulating, rigorous, and rewarding. Your first Orientation class is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, at 9:00 a.m.

The first six classes of the semester (August 21-23) will help you to develop a broad understanding of the shape and the processes of the American legal system – an understanding critical to your ability to learn all of your law school subjects. The text for those introductory classes is Professor John Humbach’s WHOSE MONET? AN INTRODUCTION TO THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM. The text is available in paperback from the Pace Law School Campus Store in Aloysia Hall (http://pacelaw.bncollege.com) and at several on-line bookstores. Please read all of WHOSE MONET? prior to orientation week. In this initial reading of the material, please focus on the following themes: 1) the roles of lawyers in the legal process; 2) the basic structure of the legal system; 3) the place of the courts in our governmental structure; 4) the way lawyers work with legal sources; and 5) the principal steps in the lawsuits that produce court opinions. The purpose of this initial reading of the text is to gain an overall understanding. You do not need to outline the material, and you will not be tested on it.

Your orientation packet contains instructions on how to access your Pace Law School email account and how to get up to speed on TWEN. Be sure to register on my Torts TWEN site with your Pace e-mail account and any other e-mail that you check regularly. Your full orientation syllabus and further materials will be posted on TWEN, and I will send emails to the class via TWEN. During orientation week, you will be re-reading and working with WHOSE MONET? If you have read the full text before arriving at law school, the assignments for the six class sessions should not take you more than approximately two hours per session. (If you have not done that initial reading before arriving at law school, you probably will not have sufficient time to prepare for and participate in class.)

I am looking forward to meeting you. Enjoy the rest of your summer!