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Welcome to Pace Law School. We look forward to meeting you on Monday, August 20, 2012 during the mandatory Orientation Program. Orientation is designed to provide you with important information about Pace Law School, introduce you to key law school staff and students, provide the tools necessary for outlining and briefing your law school cases, and focus on one course exploring the structure and processes of the American Legal System.

In this package, you will find a schedule of the sessions and events during Orientation. Also enclosed is a letter from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs that explains how to register for and access the Westlaw database and the TWEN site within it.

Beginning Tuesday, August 21, 2012 you will participate in classes to prepare you for your courses during the fall semester. Included in these materials is a memorandum from your designated Orientation Professor regarding these classes and what you should do to prepare. Prior to arriving on campus, you should purchase *Whose Monet? An Introduction to the American Legal System* by John A. Humbach. This book is available from the Pace Law School Campus Store in Aloysia Hall or at [http://pacelaw.bncollege.com](http://pacelaw.bncollege.com) and at several on-line bookstores. If you decide to purchase *Whose Monet* through the Online Campus Store, you will need to note the course number for Orientation (901) and the section number (ORIENTATIO).

Included in your materials is the *Lucy v. Zehmer* case, a landmark decision of the Supreme Court of Virginia, which deals with issues of contract formation and enforceability. You will need to read this case prior to the session with Academic Success on Tuesday, August 21, 2011. Using *Lucy v. Zehmer* as an example, you will learn how to properly brief a case. In addition, you will learn how to best organize your materials in law school, how to manage your time, how to effectively prepare for classes and how to take notes – all tools that will help you succeed in your first semester. For guidelines on briefing and if you would like to begin preparing before you arrive on campus, please read “Welcome to Law School” on Academic Success’s blog here: [http://academicsupport.blogs.law.pace.edu/2010/08/10/welcometolawschool/](http://academicsupport.blogs.law.pace.edu/2010/08/10/welcometolawschool/)

The books that you will need will be available in the Campus Store. Please contact the store at (914) 422-4057 to make sure that your books are in stock before making a trip to campus.
All of the members of our community - faculty, staff and students - are here to help you make your transition into law school as smooth as possible. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of my staff. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Best,

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Dean for Students