

Dear First-Year Law Day Student:

Congratulations once again on your acceptance and, on behalf of all of us at St. Mary's University School of Law, we extend to you a very warm welcome as a member of the Class of 2013. I am writing at this time to give you information on what you need to do, resources which may assist your planning and what you can expect from us, in the next several months leading up to the beginning of class on Monday, August 23, 2010/

You will find a copy of our current "Law Notes" magazine as well as a Registration Request Form, a Student Data Sheet and a postage paid return envelope. You will need to complete both the Registration Request Form and the Student Data Sheet and return them to our office in the postage paid return envelope, accompanied by a tuition deposit in the amount of \$500 (check or money order payable to St. Mary's University) by June 1, 2010. **It is extremely important that you submit these items by June 1st, as your position in the class will be forfeited and offered to another applicant if you miss this deadline for submission of these items.**

What you can then expect, after the submission of the above materials, is that we will send you periodic 1st year information and details and, in the latter part of July, your class schedule and section information. As you no doubt know, you do not need to worry about class selections, as you will be assigned to a "section" where you and your classmates assigned to the same section will be provided with an identical schedule of required first-year courses. You can expect your classes to begin as early as 8:00 am and end as late as 4:45 pm. Although you certainly will not be attending class during the entire period, you will learn to spend your time out of the classroom productively, not only studying but discovering and utilizing both human and campus resources. You can certainly expect to form some very strong friendships during your first-year experience that will bond you to fellow classmates, quite often for life.

You will next notice from the Academic Calendar provided to you that prior to the beginning of law classes on Monday, August 23rd, first-year law students are provided with, **and required to attend**, Orientation for first-year law students Thursday, August 19, 2010. You will receive a comprehensive orientation, including a thorough introduction which will provide you with substantive assistance to be prepared for your first day of class. You will also have the opportunity to accomplish several tasks which you may not have had the time to accomplish previously, such as purchasing your books, securing a parking permit, completing payment of your tuition (*please remember that only payment of your **first semester** tuition is due at that time*) and get your identification card. Your student mentor will also be available during orientation to help guide you through your transition to law school.

Please know the Law School has produced informative resource information on its website expressly for incoming first-year law students. This resource listing contains various information which can assist you as you make the necessary personal and living arrangements to support you as you begin your first year of legal studies at St. Mary's University School of Law. This information can be viewed on our website [www.stmarytx.edu/law](http://www.stmarytx.edu/law). Please go to our site, click on Admissions and scroll down to "Incoming First- Year Students." Also know that you will be receiving a separate mailing from the St. Mary's University Student Health Center concerning available health insurance.

**An Important Note Concerning Your Official Transcript:**

If you have not already done so, American Bar Association Standard 502 requires that you provide St. Mary's University School of Law with an **Official Transcript** (not the photocopy provided to us by the Credential Assembly Service) of your completed undergraduate record. The Official Transcript **MUST CONTAIN THE DATE YOUR DEGREE WAS AWARDED AND THE TYPE OF DEGREE AWARDED** (e.g., B.B.A. awarded June 2010 or B.A. awarded May 2010). Please contact your college or university and request that an Official Transcript be sent directly to our office as quickly as possible so that we may complete your registration. If you are unable to obtain an Official Transcript before August 23rd, you must furnish a letter of verification from the Registrar or Dean of your undergraduate school to confirm that you have successfully completed the requirements for a degree. As soon as possible thereafter, an Official Transcript must be submitted to St. Mary's University School of Law. If you have not received a bachelor's degree or will not complete the requirements for one prior to August 23, 2010, you may be ineligible to enroll in law school and should contact us immediately.

Lastly, please know that our Office of Admissions is available to assist you in any other information quest you may be experiencing. We are excited that you will be a part of one of the most vibrant classes to enter St. Mary's Law School in the seventy-seven years we have been providing legal educational service to the community, state, nation and world. Please don't forget the June 1st submission deadline and we will look forward to welcoming you to campus on August 19th.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Dean & Director of Admissions

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Registration Request Form  
Student Data Sheet  
Tuition & Fee Schedule  
Postage Paid Envelope  
Academic Calendar