

Dear Incoming Transfer Student,

We hope this message finds you well! As promised, we are writing with important dates and information essential to joining the GW Law community. We know there are a lot of things for you all to keep track of so we created this [checklist](#) with all the tasks we've sent for you and the associated deadlines. As the summer progresses, we will add items to the list as information becomes available, in the meantime, please take note of the items below.

### **Connect With Your Colleagues**

We encourage you to prioritize making connections with other GW Law students as soon as possible. The relationships you cultivate will support your successful transition into GW Law. Some of your fellow transfer students have joined the [Transfer Student Facebook Page](#) and are waiting for you! The Student Bar Association (SBA) is working on other opportunities for you to connect including the SBA Transfer Mentor Program. More information about this program is forthcoming.

### **Orientation**

A detailed Orientation schedule will be posted to the [Orientation website](#) during the week of August 1. In the interim, please note the following important dates:

**Friday, August 12 – Transfer Credit Memos** (TCMs) will be sent out to all incoming students whose **official** transcript was received from their previous institution by July 31. This memo will indicate the number of credits transferring to the GW Law transcript and will show which, if any, course(s) a student must take. Before receiving your TCM, we encourage you to use this time to become familiar with the extensive course listing GW Law has to offer and to begin to plan a coherent academic program for your time at the Law School. The Law Bulletin contains course descriptions and you may find the Bulletin and the information for the Fall 2022 Semester on the Records Office web [page](#).

**Tuesday, August 16 – Transfer Orientation** The program will begin promptly at 5 pm. The program will run approximately three and a half hours. Dinner will be served. If you have any dietary restrictions, please notify the Dean of Students Office ([deanofstudents@law.gwu.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@law.gwu.edu)) so we can make the appropriate arrangements.

**Wednesday, August 17 – Academic Advising** for incoming transfer students will be held from 12 pm to 2 pm. Academic Advising provides guidance on upper-level requirements, course selection, and a balanced academic program specifically tailored to the needs of each student. Though advising is not required, this session is offered by the Dean of Students Office specifically for incoming transfer students and participation is highly encouraged. Representative from offices and programs (e.g., Records, Field Placement, and the various academic programs) that will be critical to your experience here will be available for “one-stop” advising. Should you choose not to attend, you may attend general “first come-first

served” advising sessions offered to all GW Law students during the “Add/Drop” period, which is when a student may add or drop a course from their schedule without a required signature from the Dean of Students Office.

**Wednesday, August 17 – SBA Transfer Panel.** This panel of, by and for transfer students is offered by the SBA. It is intended to provide incoming transfer students an opportunity to hear from GW Law students who transferred from other law schools into our community and offer their advice for a transition filled with challenges and rewards both socially and academically. Specific details on this afternoon event will be shared as they become available.

**Wednesday, August 17 – Journal Transfer Competition Information Session.** This information session offered by the GW Law Journal Competition leadership will provide an opportunity for incoming transfer students to participate in Q&A about journal membership and participation in the competition. Specific details on this afternoon event will be shared as they become available. In the interim, please email [gwjournalcompetition@law.gwu.edu](mailto:gwjournalcompetition@law.gwu.edu) with any questions you may have.

**Wednesday, August 17 – Online Registration** begins for incoming transfer students via GWeb. GWeb is currently closed for registration transactions and is scheduled to open on August 17 so you can register remotely at this time. Information on how to access GWeb will be provided prior to this date. Please note that registration is the beginning of the Law School’s Add/Drop period for the Fall 2022 semester.

**Thursday, August 18 – Wednesday, August 25 – Journal Competition.** GW Law’s student journals will conduct a write-on competition for transfer students beginning Thursday, August 18 at 9 am EDT and ending Monday, August 22 at 9 am EDT. Competitors will have the ability to rank participating journals to be considered for membership.

### **Register for your GWorld Card (*DUE August 5, 2022*)**

The GWorld card is the official ID card at GW. All active members of the GW community are eligible to receive a card. Your card serves as your university identification, holds your meal plan and colonial cash accounts, and allows you to access facilities on campus. Incoming students must log in with their GW credentials at [www.photos.gworld.gwu.edu](http://www.photos.gworld.gwu.edu) to upload a photocopy of your government-issued ID, and answer a few quick questions no later than *August 5* to ensure your GWorld card is ready for you to pick up during orientation. For more information, please see the [GWorld Card Office website](#).

### **Student Health**

The GW [Colonial Health Center](#) serves as the hub of health services. All currently enrolled students have access to certain [medical](#), [mental health](#) and [health promotion](#) services, including virtual and in-person appointments. In addition, students may choose to enroll in the [student health insurance plan \(SHIP\)](#) provided through Aetna. While health insurance is required for all international students, it is optional for other law students. We strongly suggest

students enroll in the SHIP plan or another comparable plan to ensure you have adequate healthcare should you need it as a student.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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