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Dear First-Year Student:

I am pleased to welcome you as a member of the J. Reuben Clark Law School community. I, like every member of our faculty and staff, recognize that students are the lifeblood of this great institution; and we look forward to the energy and talent you will bring to the school.

Although we will each have our individual roles to play, we are part of a tradition that transcends roles and class years. You will be joining not only 300 2L and 3L students, but also more than 4,700 alumni who are furthering the principles of justice, equity, and the rule of law espoused by J. Reuben Clark, Jr. Your predecessors have set high standards in this regard. In just over 30 years, our graduates have gone on to become federal and state judges, members of Congress, U.S. attorneys, in-house counsel to large corporations, successful attorneys in urban and rural areas throughout the nation and the world – yes, even law professors and deans. More importantly, our graduates have had an impact for good in their communities, churches, and families because of the knowledge and experience they gained while attending this Law School. We hope that you will continue that tradition.

Central to the Law School's mission is the advancement of legal education, professionalism, and service within the context of Christian values. The law school administration and faculty work diligently with the students to create the kind of cooperative, yet challenging, atmosphere in which this mission can be accomplished. Four of our faculty members have been law clerks to Justices of the United States Supreme Court, and the faculty as a whole is nationally and internationally recognized, as are our two centers: the International Center for Law and Religion Studies and the World Family Policy Center.

The Board of Trustees and generous donors have also provided first-rate physical facilities to help you in this venture. You will have your own individual carrel with private storage space and direct connection to the Internet. In addition, classrooms have wireless Internet access, electrical outlets for laptops at each seat, and audio and video recording and playback technology. Our Howard W. Hunter Law Library has nearly 500,000 volumes and is fully integrated into the Law School's in-house computer network. Its significant collection is augmented by access to the collections of over 150 institutions via the Research Library Information Network.

In short, everything is in place for us to succeed; the rest depends on our individual efforts. The packet of materials which accompanies this letter will help you get started with your part. I look forward to meeting you personally this fall as we engage in this exciting endeavor together.

Sincerely,



Kevin J Worthen
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