Dear Incoming Students:

As you prepare to begin your law school studies in August, I thought I might share with you a few books and an article for you to peruse.

The faculty recommends that all first-year students read the attached article How to Read a Legal Opinion: A Guide for New Law Students by Orin Kerr. You also received a recent email from me suggesting you read Make Your Home Among Strangers by Jennine Capo Crucet in anticipation of a number of events on campus in the fall.

In addition, categorized by subject matter, I hope that you will pick up one or more of the pieces on the lists below while you are relaxing this summer:

If you are interested in reading about the law school experience, consider reading one of the following:

- 1L of a Ride: A Well-Traveled Professor’s Roadmap to Success in the First Year of Law School, Andrew McClurg
- Law School Confidential: A Complete Guide to the Law School Experience By Students, for Students, Robert Miller

If you are interested in reading books that show the legal system at work, I recommend you read one of the following:

- A Civil Action, Jonathan Harr
- Just Mercy, Bryan Stevenson

If you are interested in learning more about the American legal system or legal history, you may want to read one of the following:

- Law in America: A Short History, Lawrence Friedman
- Law 101: Everything You Need to Know About the American Legal System, Jay Feinman

I am certain that one or more of the books on these lists will resonate with you and ease any anxieties that you might have as you wrap up summer 2017. All of these books can be found on Amazon and some might even be at your local library. Happy reading!

We hope you continue to enjoy your summer. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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