

Dear 1L Seton Hall Law Students,

I am thrilled to welcome you to Seton Hall Law School. This year you will take a six-credit, year-long course called Introduction to Lawyering. The course provides opportunities to exercise and receive extensive feedback on a broad range of practical lawyering skills including research, writing, interviewing, counseling, negotiation, and oral advocacy. Classes are taught in small groups and professors work closely with students to hone critical thinking skills and essential professional habits.

Our course begins on August 16, during the Introduction to Lawyering portion of Orientation. Attendance is mandatory and is counted towards your overall class attendance. You will be introduced to your Introduction to Lawyering professors and classmates and will discuss the building blocks of legal interpretation.

The required texts for this class are:

- Legal Writing and Analysis (6th ed. 2023) by Linda Edwards, and
- The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (21st ed. 2020).

The syllabus also includes recommended readings for an optional text, The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style (5th ed. 2023) by Bryan Garner.

To prepare for the Introduction to Lawyering portion of Orientation, please complete the following assignment:

- Read chapters 1-3 in Edwards,
- Read the United States v. Reid case (accessible through this link),
- Prepare a case brief of the Reid case as described in chapter 3 of Edwards,
- Read chapter 6 in Essential Lawyering Skills (accessible through this link), and
- Read chapter 4 in Global Lawyering Skills (accessible through this link).

To fully participate in the Introduction to Lawyering portion of Orientation, please bring:

- Your Bluebook,
- A printed copy of United States v. Reid, and
- A printed copy of your case brief for United States v. Reid.

On behalf of the Introduction to Lawyering professors, we look forward to meeting you and working with you as you begin your professional career as a lawyer.

If you have any questions, please email me at [Adrian.newall@shu.edu](mailto:Adrian.newall@shu.edu).

Sincerely,

Professor Adrian Newall  
Director of Lawyering