To: All Entering 1Ls

From: Chad M. Oldfather  
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Date: August 1, 2016

Re: The Academic Regulations of Marquette University Law School

Welcome to law school. I look forward to meeting you during orientation.

Beginning August 18, 2016, you will be governed by the Law School’s Academic Regulations. This brief memorandum serves to highlight the significance of this fact, to request that you examine with care the Academic Regulations, and to sketch for you the outline of those Academic Regulations. After you have read the document, please complete and submit the online “Marquette Law School Academic Regulations Agreement.” Please submit the agreement no later than Monday, August 15.

You can find the 2016—2017 Academic Regulations posted on the Law School’s webpage. Simply click on the Academic Regulations link from the drop-down menu under the “Current Students” tab near the top of the homepage, and select the link for the current Regulations. The document, as you will see, is organized into eleven principal articles.

Article 100 contains definitions of significant words and phrases used throughout the Regulations.

Article 200 sets out the requirements for the J.D. degree and a variety of matters relating to degree requirements.

Article 300 concerns itself with academic standing, including standards of academic performance that render a student subject to dismissal.

Article 400 concerns matters of advanced standing.

Article 500 contains information relating to course loads and the sorts of undertakings for which academic credit can be obtained.

Article 600 devotes itself principally to examinations, papers, and the integrity of the grading process and system.

Article 700 sets out the rules concerning the adding and dropping of courses.
Article 800 is devoted principally to matters concerning the “anonymous grading” policy that attends final examinations.

Article 900 sets out both the sorts of conduct that render a student subject to discipline and the processes that accompany the investigation of grievances filed against students.

Article 1000 expresses the Law School’s policies and procedures as they relate to students who request accommodations for documented disabilities.

Article 1100 advises students where to direct requests for waivers of the Academic Regulations.

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To say that it is important for each of you to familiarize yourself with the Academic Regulations is to engage in understatement. As lawyers, you will be responsible for guiding your clients in their efforts to comply with the various laws and regulations that govern their conduct. We expect you, as law students, to assume that responsibility for yourselves. Each academic year, some students who have not taken the time to examine the Academic Regulations express surprise to learn of some important principles that govern their conduct. We call your attention to the Regulations now in an effort to ensure that, when you join us, you grasp and begin to internalize some of the central rules that will govern your conduct as law students.

Again, I ask you to read the document and submit the online agreement no later than Monday, August 15.

In the event your examination of the Regulations prompts questions or concerns, feel free to inquire of me or Dean Bonnie Thomson at your convenience. Again, welcome to law school.