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NOTE: If you would like to have a notice posted in *The Record*, please submit your information by attaching (F6) a WordPerfect document to an email message sent to Linda Valentino (LVALENTI), or drop by her office, Room 530. All notices must include your name, your email address and/or a telephone number where you can be reached during the day. If applicable, please include the name of your student organization. Student organizations: Please limit your advertisements to 1/3 of a single page; this way we can accommodate every group that needs to advertise. All information **MUST BE SUBMITTED BY WEDNESDAYS AT 5:00 p.m.**

FROM DEAN DEUTSCH

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and student body, I want to welcome you to Chicago-Kent. You've entered law school at a fascinating time. The Supreme Court is in flux; spectacular criminal trials are in the newspaper daily; the politics of the country is up for vote. This also is a period of much examination and thought about the legal profession and its role in our society, especially concerning litigation practices and the impact of law on everyday life. The legal profession is asking searching questions about the role of law schools and legal education, as well as about the legal system.

During this academic year, we will conduct a self-study of Chicago-Kent, as part of the American Bar Association/Association of American Law Schools' seven-year accreditation cycle. It will be a great opportunity for us to take a good, long look at where we've been, where we are, and where we are headed. We know what should be at the core of legal education, but we want to explore how best to teach it. We want to define the best way to train students in substantive law, legal practice, ethics, professionalism, and public service, and then examine what we do at Chicago-Kent and how it measures up to those standards.

During your next few years as a lawyer-in-training, you, too, will need to define your standards and measure yourself against them. All of us know that there are bad lawyers as well as good lawyers. We know that lawyers have been blamed by the highest officials of our government (most of whom are lawyers, too) for most of the national crises of the past few years. We know that there are attorneys who do a disservice to the system by filing frivolous, wasteful lawsuits and prolonging litigation. We know that some members of our profession are, in fact, unprofessional, and that civility seems to be at an all-time low. I'm sure that all of you are familiar with these criticisms, and any number of others.

We also know that most lawyers do better, because we know of thousands and thousands of lawyers who do great service to their clients and to society at large. Every day, lawyers are working long hours to bring people in dispute together to resolve their problems; to secure and preserve rights for millions of Americans; and to help people in crisis to persevere. In a few years, when I see you graduate, I hope you will begin to make the world better by your very presence. And I challenge you, starting now, to celebrate the good that is done, and work to eliminate the bad. You are you own best standard-bearer. Aspire to do your finest, work your hardest, and be your personal best.

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A few items about Chicago-Kent's summer, to start off the year:

- Professor Lori Andrews' new book, *Black Power White Blood*, was published this summer. Movie rights have been acquired by Oliver Stone, director of *JFK* and *Born on the Fourth of July*, among other films.
- More than fifteen other faculty members appeared on television or radio programs, or in newspaper or other media, including CNN, the Fox Network, the *Wall Street Journal*, Voice of America, the *Chicago Sun-Times*, National Public Radio, *Cosmopolitan*, and *Money* magazine.
- More than thirty current students worked in public interest jobs during the summer. They had positions with organizations including the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, the Federal Public Defender for the Central District of Illinois, the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, the Midwest Immigrants' Rights Center, and the Illinois State's Attorney's Office, among others. One student reports that she spent her summer working in an internship program related to human rights in Guatemala. And we expect to be hearing much, much more as people return to classes next week.

Whew! There's a lot going on here, even during summer. Welcome to the excitement and, again, welcome to Chicago-Kent! We're delighted that you're here!

P.S. If you have any questions, concerns, problems, or complaints (or compliments!), feel free to send me an e-mail message at deardean@kentlaw.edu. I or someone in the dean's office will retrieve your message, and we will either provide you with an answer to your question, or guide you to someone who can. Also, you're welcome to submit notes to me in writing; drop them in my mailbox on the second floor, facing the bursar's window. Have a great week!

FROM ASSOCIATE DEAN HOWARD CHAPMAN

I am delighted to welcome you to our law school. You chose a terrific law school and we are pleased you joined us. As Associate Dean, I am responsible for the academic programs of the law school. My responsibilities include making sure the years you spend at Chicago-Kent are rich and rewarding, and as free from administrative hassles as possible. But questions and problems will undoubtedly arise for some of you. If you have any problems or questions about the academic program, please call me at 906-5130 (65130 from a phone in the building), visit me in my office, room 320, or e-mail me (HCHAPMAN). If I can't help you, I'll point you in the right direction. My door is open; no appointment is necessary and I look forward to meeting you. The next few years will be full of excitement and challenges and I wish you much luck and success.

FROM THE REGISTRAR

The Registrar's office welcomes you to Chicago-Kent College of Law. We look forward to meeting and serving you. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.. The Registrar's office is responsible for maintaining your academic records. In order to better serve you, it is important that our records remain accurate and current. Please take a moment this week to stop by the office and return the Change in Personal Information sheet included in your orientation packet. We will be sending you lots of important information in the years to come; we want to make sure that no one is excluded. Our office is located on the north end of the second floor. Hope to see you soon!

FROM ASSISTANT DEAN OF STUDENTS JULIE FENTON

Welcome 1Ls! It's exciting being here, isn't it? Lots of plans to make for the year. Gonna get the jump on all the reading. Stay up late. Get up early. Brief all of your cases. Generate a 100-page outline (once you figure out what that is) by the middle of the semester. Read your professors' law review articles. Figure out how to use "*inter alia*" in a sentence. Respond to Socratic questioning with cool confidence. You are going to be the best law student this school has ever seen. Right? Of course, right!

Scary being here, isn't it? Can't quite believe you're really finally here, in *law school*? Look at all these smart people. They seem to know what they're doing. Just met a doctor, a paralegal --the student next to you is a Ph.D. in Engineering. Already behind in the reading. Have no idea what a "brief" is. Too afraid to ask a question for fear that you will flaunt your ignorance. Professor Kingsfield teaches here? Legal Writing paper due *when*!? What the heck is "Justice," anyway? You are positive that you are going to be the worst law student this school has ever seen. Wrong? Of course, wrong!

All of you are experiencing your own mixture of thrill and terror as you embark on this new adventure. To the outside viewer, however, you all look calm, cool, and prepared to take on these new challenges. If you're not actually feeling as collected as you appear; if you have questions you'd like to ask; if you want some tips on how to survive this crucial first year -- come see Ellen Berger, our Assistant Director for Student Services, or me, Julie Fenton, the Assistant Dean of Students. Ellen is in Room 546. Her telephone number is 906-5272, and her e-mail address is EBERGER. I am in Room 544. My telephone number is 906-5271, and my e-mail address is JFENTON.

Our job is to handle matters of student concern, including academic difficulties, social adjustment, and personal problems, to name a few. Students with disabilities should contact me to arrange any necessary accommodations. If something is worrying you, don't suffer in silence. Ellen and I are here to relieve the trauma and stress that come with adjusting to this alien culture known as law school.

By the way, you don't have to have a problem to come see us. Drop in and introduce yourself. As usual, Chicago-Kent has admitted an interesting and talented group of students. We look forward to getting to know you.

FROM THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Welcome! The Fall 1996 Federal Perkins Loan promissory note signing has been scheduled for the week of August 19, 1996. It is mandatory for all students who have accepted a Perkins loan on their 1996-97 award letter to sign a promissory note. Proceeds for the Perkins cannot be posted in student accounts without a completed financial aid file and a signed promissory note. There will be a financial aid administrator present to answer any questions; it will take approximately 10 minutes to complete the promissory note. Please attend one of the following dates at your convenience.

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Monday, Aug. 19	10am-12 noon	570
Tuesday, Aug. 20	4pm-6pm	570
Wednesday, Aug. 21	9am-11am	570
Thursday, Aug. 22	4pm-6pm	570

Friday, Aug. 23

10am-12 noon

570

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Financial Aid Office via e-mail, **finaid**, telephone 312-906-5180 or stop by Suite 230.

HOURS FOR BUILDING AND INFORMATION CENTER

The building and Information Center (library) hours for the first week of classes for the entering class, **MONDAY, AUGUST 12 thru FRIDAY, AUGUST 16**, are as follows:

FIRST-WEEK BUILDING HOURS

Monday-Thursday (8/12-8/15)	7:15 am - 10:15 pm
Friday (8/16)	7:15 am - 9:30 pm

FIRST-WEEK INFORMATION CENTER (LIBRARY) HOURS

Monday-Thursday (8/12-8/15)	7:45 am - 10:00 pm
Friday (8/16)	7:45 am - 9:00 pm

The new hours for the Fall semester will begin on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**. The building and library hours are as follow:

FALL BUILDING HOURS

Sunday	9:45 am - 11:15 pm
Monday-Thursday	7:15 am - 11:15 pm
Friday	7:15 am - 9:30 pm
Saturday	8:15 am - 8:15 pm

FALL INFORMATION CENTER (LIBRARY) HOURS *

Sunday	10:00 am - 11:00 pm
Monday-Thursday	7:45 am - 11:00 pm
Friday	7:45 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Special Hours for the Labor Day Holiday (Aug. 31, Sept. 1 and 2):

Saturday (August 31)

Building Hours	8:30 am - 6:00 pm
Library	CLOSED **

Sunday (September 1)

Building Hours CLOSED
Library CLOSED **

Monday (September 2)

Building Hours 9:45 am - 9:30 pm
Library Hours 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
(Administrative Offices will be CLOSED)

* Library hours will be extended in early December to accommodate students during final exams (times to-be-announced).

** On Saturday 8/31, Computer Lab 700 will be open and accessible from the 7th floor hallway.

CAREER SERVICES

A Special Welcome to First-Year Students!

The Career Services Office is delighted to welcome you to Chicago-Kent. We look forward to meeting you and working with you as you begin your legal education.

Career services offices at law schools throughout the country do not provide career counseling services to first-year students before November 1 to comply with the requirements of the Association of American Law Schools and the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education (law school accrediting organizations), as well as the National Association for Law Placement standards. The National Association of Law Placement Principles and Standards state that first-year students and prospective employers should not initiate contact with one another before December first.

These provisions were developed to insure that during the first few months of law school, first-year students concentrate on their legal studies rather than on the job search process. There is one exception--evening students seeking non-legal employment may visit the Career Services Office before November 1.

In early November, we will offer a series of programs designed specifically for first-year students. The date of the programs will be announced in the *Record*. The programs will tell you about our services and address the realities of the job market, how to structure a summer job search, and how to write a legal resume and cover letters.

First-year students are encouraged to attend informational programs we will offer this fall on a variety of topics. Watch the *Record* for program subject matter and times. During the first weeks of school, pick up a copy of *Careerline*, our office newsletter, for more career information and advice about law school from second- and third-year students.

The Career Services staff wishes you success as you begin your studies!

Lisa Abrams -- Assistant Dean for Career Services
Stephanie Rever Chu -- Director of Career Services
Ann Rainhart -- Assistant Director
Charis Runnels -- Resource Manager
Barbara Clemmer -- Administrative Assistant

The Student Careers Committee Welcomes First-Year Students!

We are a working committee of the Career Services Office composed entirely of second- and third-year students. We assist the Career Services staff with developing new programming and we coordinate special projects with the staff.

One of our projects is to provide answers to first-year students' career questions. We know that it can be frustrating for first-year students because they cannot ask the professionals about career-related issues until November. If you do have those types of questions and you can't wait until November to get an answer, e-mail the Committee at "CAREERQ". A committee member will get back to you with an answer. Welcome and good luck!

CHECK IT OUT . . . NEWS FROM THE INFORMATION CENTER

WELCOME TO THE INFORMATION CENTER

The Information Center Staff would like to welcome new Chicago ♦ Kent students, Stuart School students, and welcome back all returning students.

The "hub" of the Information Center is the Library Service Desk (LSD) located at the 9th floor main entrance. Circulation and Reference are located at the LSD. The Professional Law Librarians are available for reference assistance during most hours that the Information Center is open. Stop by the 9th floor service desk and say hello!

There are library bookmarks available at the circulation desk on various subjects. These bookmarks are loaded with valuable library research tips and book locations. Stop by and pick up one.

DOCUMENT CENTER HOURS

Orientation Hours August 12-18

Monday-Thursday	8am-8pm
Friday	8am-6pm
Saturday	9am-5pm
Sunday	CLOSED

Regular Fall Hours Beginning August 18

Monday-Thursday	8am-9:30pm
Friday	8am-6pm
Saturday	9am-5pm
Sunday	11am-9:30pm

Information Center (library) hours can be found on page 4

SPECIAL SUMMER VISITORS

On June 25, 1996, the Honorable Roy Romanow, Premier of the Province of Saskatchewan, presented the Library of International Relations with a set of economic cooperation agreements. These join similar documents presented to the LIR by the Premier of Manitoba in April.

On July 6, 1996 Professor Mickie Voges met with five human rights attorneys from Egypt who were interested in the collection of the Library of International Relations and in accessing the human rights documents available on LOIS. They toured the Library with Prof. Voges and she demonstrated the capabilities of LOIS.

Australia paid us special attention: Ruth Bird from the University of Melbourne and Meg Dains from the University of Western Sydney came to investigate the library's unique management structure and imaging system. Also visiting us to learn about imaging as it applies to court administration, was the chief administrator of the Supreme Court of Zambia.

OFFICE OF ALUMNAE/I & STUDENT RELATIONS

We would like to welcome all Chicago-Kent students to the 1996 Fall Semester and hope your classes get off to a great start! The Office of Alumnae/i & Student Relations has various roles within the law school about which we would like to inform you.

We work closely with the Law School Association, which is a governing body of the Alumnae/i Association. The LSA works with faculty, staff, students and alumnae/i of Chicago-Kent to improve the programs and activities for all involved with Kent. Two sub-committees of the LSA, the Scholarship & Loan Committee and the Student Life Committee, directly affect Chicago-Kent students. The Scholarship & Loan Committee awards student scholarships and loans from the LSA budget each year. The committee distributes applications for the scholarships and loans to students in the fall and awards them over the holiday season. Look for announcements in the Record this Fall as to when LSA scholarship applications will be available. The Student Life Committee develops programs for students and alumnae/i to interact together. Upcoming events the committee has been involved with include this year's Orientation Dinner and a student and alumnae/i baseball outing at Comiskey Park this Spring.

The Office of Alumnae/i & Student Relations is also responsible for various other student functions, including graduation, alumnae/i roundtables and student organization receptions. Our office has an open door policy. We are always happy to answer questions, get your feedback about programs, or just chat! Please feel free to stop by and visit any time. We are located in Suite 310. Best of luck in this upcoming year.

Lauren Lockwood, Director of Alumnae/i & Student Relations
John Fogarty, Assistant Director of Alumnae/i & Student Relations

NEWS FROM THE CLC (CENTER FOR LAW AND COMPUTERS)

Welcome to Chicago-Kent! Some of the things about our school that we are most proud of are the extensive technology resources we make available to students and faculty. During the first week of school we will be introducing you to many features of our computer network.

Questions about KENTNET

You already have an account on KENTNET, the Chicago-Kent student file server. During the introductory sessions this week, we will give you your login name and initial password. On Thursday, August 15, and Friday, August 16, CLC Lab Manager Melissa Mooney will be available in Lab 700 during Open Lab periods to answer your questions about computing, word processing, and using the building's technology.

Many questions can be answered by looking in the *Technology Guide*, which you will receive during your introductory session. The CLC has also created guides for using specific applications and features called HelpDocs. Look for HelpDocs in Lab 700 or the CLC's offices on the seventh floor.

If you ever have a problem with a KENTNET application, or just have a question, please send an Email message to HELPDESK. HELPDESK is monitored daily by members of the Computer Law Association and CLC staff members.

Printing via KENTNET

Chicago-Kent provides high-quality laser printers in all the labs for student use. Lexis-Nexis and Westlaw printing is automatically routed to the Document Center on the ninth floor. You must pay for Document Center printouts when you pick them up.

You receive 400 free pages of printing for the Fall, 1996 semester. If you go over 400 pages, you will be charged 5¢ per page. The Fall, 1996 printing balance runs through January 6th. You will receive another 400 pages of printing for the Spring semester.

You can check your current printing balance at any time. Look under **KENTNET NETWORK SERVICES | FALL 1996 STUDENT PRINTER ACCOUNT BALANCES**. Printer balances can be paid at the Bursar's office; your balance must be paid in full for you to receive your next semester's free pages.

Computer Tutorials

The CLC will offer several tutorials about word processing programs, Internet services, and other topics of interest throughout the semester. Watch future issues of *The Record* for details and schedules.

Call KENTNET From Home

Using your computer and modem, you can dial into KENTNET with software available from the bookstore. For \$40.00, you can have access to E-mail, course materials, and grades. The software is currently available only in DOS; later this semester a Windows version will be available. Watch *The Record* for details.

After you buy the software, fill out the registration form in the software package, and drop it off in Room 703. Your dial-in access will be activated within twenty-four hours.

If you purchased your computer from Chicago Computer Company pre-loaded with Chicago-Kent software, there is a copy of this software already installed on your machine for your convenience. Because of restrictions on our license, in order to use the program you need to buy a licensed copy of the software in the bookstore and register your copy in Room 703.

Chicago-Kent does not offer Internet connections through the dial-in system. The CLC has compiled a representative list of Internet Service Providers that you can pick up in Lab 700 or the CLC offices on the seventh floor.

Read *The Record* Online

Read this semester's issues of *The Record* on computer! Log into Kentnet, look under **NEWS | THE LAW SCHOOL RECORD**. You can either see issues from this semester (under CURRENT SEMESTER ISSUES) or from previous semesters (under ARCHIVES). You can also read *The Record* while dialed into Kentnet from home. Look in the **NEWS | THE LAW SCHOOL RECORD** menu.

SPECIAL NOTICES

ADVICE & COUNSELING CLASS

True tale from the Student Advice Desk:

"My doctor told me that my babies had lead in their blood. I told my landlord and he stopped taking my rent. He took me to court and told the judge that I refused to pay my rent. Now I'm evicted and need help."

There are currently openings available to senior law students for the Interviewing and Counseling Practice & Advice Desk Class. The class offers students an excellent opportunity to hone their real-world lawyering skills. Apart from the subtle art of interviewing and counseling, the class provides a framework for practical application of litigation strategy, negotiation skills, drafting, and Illinois civil procedure.

The Advice Desk program also gives students a chance to use their knowledge to provide help to the otherwise helpless. Participating students provide limited legal representation under a Supreme Court Rule 711 license to clients facing some of the most important legal problems of their lives.

For more information come to Room 601 on August 19 from 2:00 - 4:00; or contact Professors Stephanie Altman or Pamela Kenra through the Law Offices.

ORGANIZATIONS

Student Bar Association (SBA)

SBA Summer Picnic

The Student Bar Association will host the 1996 Summer Picnic on Saturday, August 17. This year the picnic will be at Roosevelt Park, 62 West Roosevelt Road. The picnic begins at 12:00 noon. We reserved the park until 5:00pm. Roosevelt Park is located within a townhouse subdivision in the Printer's Row section of Chicago. No public parking is permitted at the park, however, parking lots are nearby on State Street. A map and directions will be available no later than Wednesday, August 14.

The SBA will provide round-trip shuttle service between Chicago-Kent and the park. Shuttle service will begin departing the front of the law school at 11:30am. The last shuttle will depart Roosevelt Park at 4:00pm.

Foods being served include: grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, chips and watermelon.

Beverages being served include: assorted sodas, beer and water.

Activities include: volleyball, tennis, socializing and swings.

Please join us for this annual social event. Direct any questions to Mark Scott <MSCOTT> or 906-5149.