

Maryland Carey Law

Fall 2025

LLM Orientation Schedule

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 (Mandatory)

Time	Session
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	<p>Check-in and Registration Please arrive at the law school by 2:00 p.m. When you arrive at the law school, check in at the registration table in the law school Atrium.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> School of Law, 500 West Baltimore Steet, Baltimore, MD 21201 <i>Suggested Attire:</i> Business Casual</p>
2:15 – 5:15 p.m.	<p>Introduction to Maryland Carey Law (LLM Students Only)</p> <p>Join the incoming LLM class of 2025 as we welcome you to the Maryland Carey Law community. We will talk about special considerations for LLM students as you embark on your journey at Maryland Carey Law, including special tips for academic success. <i>Please note this session is for the incoming LLM class only.</i></p> <p><i>Location:</i> School of Law, Krongard Room</p>
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. <i>(Optional)</i>	<p>Welcome to Maryland Carey Law Reception</p> <p>This gathering is an opportunity for you to meet some of your classmates before the official Orientation program begins. Please note, this reception is optional and for students in the incoming class only (JD, LLM, and transfer students). Guests are not allowed.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Westminster Hall, 519 West Fayette Steet, Baltimore, MD 21201</p>

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8:30 – 8:45 a.m.	<p>Check in</p> <p>When you arrive at the law school, check in at the registration table in the Atrium. Thereafter, join your fellow LLM students in the Ceremonial Courtroom (Room 160) before heading to Westminster Hall.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Law School Atrium and Ceremonial Courtroom (Room 160)</p>
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	<p>Welcome to the Legal Profession & Pinning Ceremony</p> <p>Professional identity focuses on what it means to be a lawyer, and the special obligations lawyers have to their clients and society. The development of a professional identity should involve an intentional exploration of the values, guiding principles, and well-being practices that are considered foundational to successful legal practice. During your time at Maryland Carey Law, you will have substantial opportunities for the development of your professional identity. The Pinning Ceremony marks the beginning of your academic journey with us at Maryland Carey Law and underscores what it means to be a Maryland Carey Law student and your role within the legal profession.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Westminster Hall</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Renée Hutchins Laurent, Dean and Professor of Law; Deborah Eisenberg, Vice Dean, Piper & Marbury Professor of Law, and Director, Center for Dispute Resolution (C-DRUM); the Hon. Andre Davis '78, Fourth Circuit Senior Judge and Maryland Carey Law alumnus; Leigh Goodmark, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development and Marjorie Cook Professor of Law; Daniel Rauch, Assistant Professor of Law; and Erica Smith, Associate Dean for Student Services</p>

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10:10 – 10:30 a.m.	<p>Academic Integrity & Student Honor Board</p> <p>Maryland Carey Law is an academic community that can function properly only if its members adhere to clearly established goals and values. Essential to the fundamental purpose of law school is the commitment to the principles of truth and academic honesty. Accordingly, the <i>Honor Code</i> is designed to ensure that the principle of academic honesty is upheld. While all members of the university share this responsibility, the <i>Honor Code</i> is designed so that special responsibility for upholding the principle of academic honesty lies with the students.</p> <p>Location: Westminster Hall Speakers: David Gray, Jacob A. France Professor of Law and Chair, Administrative Committee; Erica Smith, Associate Dean for Student Services; and Leanna Feinleib '26, 3D Honor Board Representative</p>
10:30 – 10:50 a.m.	<p>Academic Achievement and Bar Success</p> <p>As a Maryland Carey Law student, you will have access to study resources curated especially for your success from the classroom to your entry into the legal profession. In this session, you will learn more about Maryland Carey Law's bar success partnership with BARBRI.</p> <p>Location: Westminster Hall Speaker: Micah Yarbrough, Director, Academic Achievement and Bar Preparation Programs, and Lecturer</p>

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11:00 – 11:45 a.m.	<p>Strategies for Law School Success</p> <p>A panel of faculty who teach first-year students will share tips about how to navigate your first year of law school successfully, including preparing for class, studying, and balancing academics with law school activities.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Room 107 LLMs with Last Names (A-K) Room 205 LLMs with Last Names (L-Z)</p>
Time	Session
12:00 – 12:45 p.m.	<p>Food for Thought</p> <p>Whatever you want to do with your law degree, Maryland Carey Law will prepare you to excel in that field, connect you with our impressive alumni network in your areas of interest, and advise you along the way. Make your way to the Atrium to grab lunch. Thereafter, head to one of the rooms below to learn about various areas of the law. Interested in all the rooms, none of the rooms, or undecided? No worries, there is a room for that too!</p> <p>Advocacy and Dispute Resolution: Room 302 <i>Speakers:</i> Cristina Meneses, Senior Managing Director, Clinical Law Program; Toby Guerin, Executive Director, Center for Dispute Resolution at the University of Maryland School of Law (C-DRUM) and Clinical Law Instructor; and Benjamin Garmoe, Salsbury Director of Trial Advocacy</p> <p>Business Law, Tax Law, and Intellectual Property: Room 107 <i>Speakers:</i> Oliver Edwards, Clinical Law Instructor, Intellectual Property & Entrepreneurship Clinic; and Heather Terech, Managing Director, Business and IP Law Programs</p> <p>Criminal Law: Room 460 <i>Speaker:</i> David Gray, Jacob A. France Professor of Law</p>

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12:00 – 12:45 p.m.	<p>Food for Thought (Continued) Cybersecurity and Crisis Management Law: Room 402 <i>Speaker:</i> Michael Vesely, Academic Program Director, Center for Cyber, Health, and Hazard Strategies, and Lecturer in Law</p> <p>Environmental Law: Room 309 <i>Speakers:</i> William Piermattei, Managing Director, Environmental Law Program; and Robert Percival, Robert F. Stanton Professor of Law and Director, Environmental Law Program</p> <p>Health Law: Room 108 <i>Speakers:</i> Kathleen Hoke, Law School Professor, Director, Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy, and Director, Network for Public Health Law-Eastern Region; and Rebecca Hall, Managing Director, Law & Health Care Program</p> <p>International and Comparative Law, Immigration, and Human Rights Law: Room 473 <i>Speakers:</i> Maureen Sweeney, Law School Professor and Director, Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice; Peter Danchin, Jacob A. France Professor of Law and Director, International and Comparative Law Program; and Rabiat Akande, Associate Professor</p> <p>Public Interest & Civil Rights: Room 205 <i>Speakers:</i> Monique Dixon, Executive Director, Gibson-Banks Center for Race and the Law; and Leigh Goodmark, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development, and Marjorie Cook Professor of Law</p> <p>Women, Leadership & Equality Program: Room 310 <i>Speaker:</i> Lisa Mebane, Managing Director, Center for Dispute Resolution and the Women, Leadership & Equality Program</p> <p>All of the Above/None of the Above/Undecided: Krongard Room <i>Speakers:</i> Deborah Eisenberg, Vice Dean, Piper & Marbury Professor of Law and Director, Center for Dispute Resolution (C-DRUM), and Dana Morris, Assistant Dean for Career Development</p>

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1:00 – 1:50 p.m.		<p>Stay Ahead of Your Stress: Build a Wellness Toolbox</p> <p>Law school can be stressful! The way we respond to stress can make a big difference to our overall well-being. In this session, you will explore techniques to reduce and manage stress. Check out our Student Health and Well-Being Resource Guide.</p> <p>Speaker: Oscar Cortina, Senior Counselor and Outreach Director, Student Counseling Center</p>	<p>Library and Technology Information Session and Open House</p> <p>During this session, you will be provided with an overview of the Thurgood Marshall Law Library and technology information and resources. Thereafter, you are invited to an open house of the law library.</p> <p>Speakers: Kristina J. Alayan, Associate Law School Professor and Associate Dean for Library and Technology; and Jamie Hiers, Manager, User Technical & Support Operations</p>

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2:00 – 2:50 p.m.	<p>Belonging in Law School</p> <p>At Maryland Carey Law, we believe that an essential part of developing a professional identity is examining the importance of diversity, equity, and belonging in law school and in the legal profession. Please come with questions and your thoughts about these issues.</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Russell McClain, Law School Professor, Associate Dean for Institutional Engagement and Experience</p>		<p>Library and Technology Information Session and Open House</p> <p>During this session, you will be provided with an overview of the Thurgood Marshall Law Library and technology information and resources. Thereafter, you are invited to an open house of the law library.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Kristina J. Alayan, Associate Law School Professor and Associate Dean for Library and Technology; and Jamie Hiers, Manager, User Technical & Support Operations</p>

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4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	<p>Bringing Your Best Self to Maryland Carey Law</p> <p>Good health and wellness are keys to academic achievement and personal growth. During this session, you will be connected to resources that will help you bring your best self to law school.</p> <p><i>Participants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Achievement Program – Russell McClain, Law School Professor, Associate Dean for Institutional Engagement and Experience, and Director, Academic Achievement Program • Educational Support and Disability Services – Heather Moore, Associate Director of Educational Support and Disability Services; and Jason Hess, Director, Student Affairs • Legal Writing Center – Kathryn Frey-Balter, Law School Associate Professor and Director, Lawyering Program; and Lili Nizankiewicz, Lawyering Program Specialist • Maryland Carey Law Wellness Committee – Doug Colbert, Professor and Chair, Wellness Committee • Maryland State Bar Association, Lawyer Assistance Program – Lisa Caplan, Director, Lawyer Assistance Program, Maryland State Bar Association • Military and Veteran Affairs – Shari Christie, Associate Director, Registration and Enrollment, and School Certifying Official; and Cameron Steele, Co-President of the Military Law and Veterans Society • Student Counseling Center – Oscar Cortina, Senior Counselor and Outreach Director, UMB Student Counseling Center • Student Financial Planning – Laura Evans, UMB Associate Director of Student Financial Assistance; Leah Young, Regional Director, Northeast – Financial Education, AccessLex Center for Education and Financial Capability; and Marilyn Jones, Student Financial Planning Manager • Student Pantry – Jole’ Ruff, Community Program Specialist, UMB Student Pantry • Title IX – Tim Koch, Executive Director of Civil Rights Resolutions & Title IX Coordinator, Office of Accountability & Compliance • URecFit and Wellness – Amanda Breon, Senior Assistant Director, Wellness, URecFit and Wellness; and Brandon Suarez, Assistant Director, Business and Programs <p><i>Location:</i> Westminster Hall, Comcast, and Mailbox Area</p>

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9:00 – 10:00 a.m.		<p><i>Lawyering: A Bridge Between Doctrine and Practice</i></p> <p>Legal writing is a byproduct of creative thinking and structured methods. Students work on simulated case files to predict outcomes (L-I) and advocate for justice (L-II). Students will develop a sense of professional identity, appreciate strategic nuances, and gain practical skills.</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Kathryn Frey-Balter, Law School Associate Professor and Director, Lawyering Program</p>	<p>Introduction to Law and Legal Process</p> <p>This session will provide you with an overview of law and legal process so you can start your classes next week on a solid foundation.</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Deborah Eisenberg, Vice Dean, Piper & Marbury Professor of Law, and Director, Center for Dispute Resolution (C-DRUM)</p>

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10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	<p>How to Read and Brief a Case</p> <p>Reading, critically analyzing, and applying court opinions is an essential skill. This session will help you understand how and why we read court opinions; how to brief cases; and how to ask the right questions as you read to prepare for class. Be sure to have read Gumperz v. Hofman, How to Read a Legal Opinion - A Guide for New Law Students, and the instructions on briefing cases prior to this session.</p> <p>Speaker: Jeff Sovern, Michael Millemann Professor of Consumer Protection Law</p>	<p>Introduction to Law and Legal Process</p> <p>This session will provide you with an overview of law and legal process so you can start your classes on a solid foundation.</p> <p>Speaker: Deborah Eisenberg, Vice Dean, Piper & Marbury Professor of Law, and Director, Center for Dispute Resolution (C-DRUM)</p>

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12:45 – 1:30 p.m.	<p>Lunch with Your Section</p> <p>Make your way to the Atrium to grab lunch. Thereafter, head back to your section location below to meet with your section classmates.</p> <p><i>Location: Room 402</i></p>
1:45 – 2:00 p.m.	<p>UMB Police & Public Safety</p> <p>The UMB Police Department will present information about their jurisdiction and services and distribute crime prevention brochures with safety tips for on and off campus.</p> <p><i>Location: Westminster Hall</i> <i>Speaker: Thomas Leone, Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and Chief of Police</i></p>

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2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	<p>Career Development</p> <p>The legal job search that launches your postgraduate career will be a vital part of your law school experience. The Career Development Office (CDO) team will help you identify and prepare for your future legal career—a professional development process that begins early in your law school experience, well before graduation. Dean Morris will highlight the services the CDO provides and the timeline for working with its dedicated career counselors.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Westminster Hall <i>Speaker:</i> Dana Morris, Assistant Dean for Career Development</p>
2:15 – 2:50 p.m.	<p>Student Services & Student Life</p> <p>Maryland Carey Law has vibrant and active students who take part in 40+ student organizations that enrich student life at the law school. Organizations appeal to a wide range of legal, social, and community interests. In this session, you will get an overview of the services offered by the Office of Student Services, which consists of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), the Office of Registration and Enrollment (ORE), and Student Financial Planning. You will also learn some of the ways you can get involved as a Maryland Carey Law student.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Westminster Hall <i>Speakers:</i> Erica Smith, Associate Dean for Student Services; Jason Hess, Director, Student Affairs; Steven Boggs, Director, Registration and Enrollment; Marilyn Jones, Student Financial Planning Manager; Benjamin Garmoe, Salsbury Director of Trial Advocacy; Danielle Basdekis '26, SBA President; Jacquelyn Ellis '26, Managing Editor, <i>Maryland Law Review</i></p>

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3:00 – 3:50 p.m.	<p>How to Thrive Your First Semester and Beyond</p> <p>Law school is hard work. Your first semester, in particular, will be challenging. During this discussion, you will receive advice from current students about how to thrive your first year of law school.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Room 402 <i>Facilitator:</i> Jordan Hurd</p>
4:00 – 4:30 p.m. <i>(Optional)</i>	<p>Orientation Wrap Up</p> <p>Still have questions that will help you start off the school year with confidence? Join our final session to get answers to any additional questions that are still lingering.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Room 402</p>
5:00 – 6:30 p.m. <i>(Optional)</i>	<p>Student Bar Association Incoming Students Social</p> <p>Join the Student Bar Association for the Incoming Students Social. This event features food, music, and conversation with current students.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Courtyard (Rain location: Comcast)</p>

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We strive to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all people, including individuals with disabilities, to engage fully. To request an accommodation or for inquiries about accessibility for any event hosted at Maryland Carey Law, including Orientation, please contact the School of Law's [Educational Support and Disability Services \(ESDS\)](#) Liaison, Mr. Jason Hess, at j.hess@law.umaryland.edu.

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Wednesday, August 20, 2025 (Recommended)

Time	Session
12:15 – 1:30 p.m.	<p>UMB New Student Campuswide Orientation</p> <p>During UMB's New Student Orientation, you will discover university-wide support services, essential locations on campus, and learn about and have the opportunity to ask questions about student requirements. Check-in using your One Card. If you have questions about UMB's New Student Orientation and/or need an accommodation, please email umbstudentaffairs@umaryland.edu.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Rooms 107 and 108</p>

OR

Thursday, August 21, 2025 (Recommended)

Time	Session
5:30 – 6:15 p.m.	<p>UMB New Student Campuswide Orientation</p> <p>During UMB's New Student Orientation, you will discover university-wide support services, essential locations on campus, and learn about and have the opportunity to ask questions about student requirements. If you have questions about UMB's New Student Orientation and/or need an accommodation, please email umbstudentaffairs@umaryland.edu.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Register on Zoom</p>

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Mark Your Calendar

Please save the date for the following Welcome to Fall 2025 events.

Friday, August 22, 2025

Time	Session
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.	<p>Orioles Game</p> <p>Experience the Baltimore Orioles take on the Houston Astros at Oriole Park at Camden Yards. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are limited, and ticket requests must be received on or before Monday, August 11.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Camden Yards</p>

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Time	Session
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	<p>Ice Cream Social</p> <p>Join the Office of Student Services for a Welcome Back Ice Cream Social to kick off the fall 2025 semester. This event is open to all current law students. First come, first served.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Courtyard (Rain location: Atrium)</p>

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Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Time	Session
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	<p>First Look Student Organization Fair</p> <p>Meet student leaders and explore Maryland Carey Law’s 40+ student organizations at the annual First Look Student Organization Fair. Explore endless opportunities to get involved, meet new friends, and try something new.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Law School Atrium, Locker & Mailbox areas</p>

Monday, September 8, 2025 – Friday, September 12, 2025

Time	Session
Various	<p>Fall Kick-Off</p> <p>Presented by UMB Student Affairs, the annual event series is where students from all seven UMB Schools come together to celebrate the start of the academic year at UMB. Students are invited to eat local food, meet new friends, engage in inclusive conversations, and discover valuable campus resources – 100% FREE.</p> <p>Campus Involvement Fair</p> <p>The Campus Involvement Fair is the largest event on campus for students. More than 50 student orgs, campus departments, and local non-profits gather on the School of Nursing lawn to help students find their place outside of the classroom. There’s music, free UMB swag, and did we mention free food?</p> <p>Visit https://www.umaryland.edu/welcome/ for a full list of events.</p>