To: Admitted LLM/K Students of the Summer 2016 Entering Class  
From: Adi Altshuler, Director of International Programs  
RE: Welcome Message

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Program in Law and Business at the Northwestern University School of Law. I am very pleased to welcome you to our program and can promise you an exciting and rewarding year of study. Northwestern Law prides itself on the extensive support it provides to international students, so we would first like to introduce you to the team that will guide you throughout your time here:

Adi Altshuler, Director of International Programs: I am the director of the LLM program and will work closely with you on your curricular choices and provide academic advising throughout the year.  
Natalie Bautista, Associate Director, LLM International, Career Strategy Center: Natalie is your dedicated career advisor and provides training and workshops throughout the year to assist you in your US job search.  
Nell Novara, Assistant Director of International and Area Studies: Nell is our ESL professional and holds workshops and coordinates programming designed to enhance your English communication skills.  
Kat Rokhlin, Program Assistant: Kat is the first point of contact for questions related to life and academics at Northwestern Law School.

One of the other unique features of our program is our emphasis on the intersection of business and law. Northwestern Law pioneered the curricular aspects of teaching business and quantitative skills as part of our legal curriculum and we continue to offer a variety of business enterprise courses taught by our renowned faculty. Many courses in our curriculum are also geared at developing lawyering skills such as preparing transactional documents, drafting contracts, and enhancing negotiation and mediation skills.

A final aspect our program I’d like to highlight is our close-knit international learning community. Here at Northwestern Law, LLM/K students are fully integrated with JD students both in and out of the classroom. An LLM representative is elected to the Student Bar Association, the student governing organization, and all LLM students are able to participate in more than 40 student organizations.

Although many of your questions will be answered below, you might like to communicate with some of our current LLM and LLM/K students in order to get a student perspective on our graduate programs and Northwestern in general. You are encouraged to contact these students, whether from your home country or not, to find out how they are enjoying their studies, life at Northwestern, and Chicago. They would be happy to speak with you and answer any questions you may have. Please email kat.rokhlin@law.northwestern.edu for a list of students and contact information.
Notice of Important Changes to the Program in Law and Business:

The Law School and Kellogg collaborated to make some revisions to the Program in Law and Business (LLM/K program) which went into effect last year. These changes specifically impacted the Kellogg Certificate portion of the program.

The management courses taught by the Kellogg School of Management faculty for the Certificate in Business Administration follow, as of last year, an Executive MBA model. As such, each of these six classes Accounting, Finance, Marketing Management, Leadership in Organizations, Business Strategy, and Microeconomic Analysis consist of 15 hours of instruction spread over 5 class meetings - a more compressed format than in the past. These classes consist exclusively of law students, possibly including some students from other law school programs, in order to allow Kellogg professors to more effectively tailor the management coursework for students in this program and the issues they will face in their legal careers. Four of the courses are taught in the summer quarter from June to August and two are taught during the fall and winter quarters. LLM/K students have access to Kellogg facilities while they take the management courses but not once they complete the certificate requirements. With the exception of the two certificate courses taught in the fall and winter quarters, after the summer term, the remaining duration of the LLM/K program consist entirely of courses taught through the Law School. At the conclusion of the LLM/K program, students will be eligible to apply for admission to Kellogg's 2-year MBA program; however, they will not receive course credit for coursework completed toward the Certificate. LLM/K students who have previously completed an undergraduate business degree may be eligible to apply to Kellogg’s 1-year program.

1. **Orientation.** A mandatory orientation will begin on Monday, June 13th, 2016, at the Law School. The orientation contains a good deal of introductory material, necessary administrative information, and several class meetings for the course Common Law Reasoning. It is also an excellent opportunity for you to get to know your classmates and to familiarize yourself with the Law School and the surrounding area before classes begin. More information on the orientation will be provided to you later in the spring.

2. **Course Selection.** Students in the Program in Law and Business take at least 18 credits in law and six classes in business administration to successfully complete the program. During the summer term you will take four out of six of the business administration courses along with Common Law Reasoning and Business Associations at the law school. You will take the other two business administration courses in the fall and winter quarters. Since most of the law courses you will take for the remainder of the year will be electives, I will hold several advising sessions for you as a class and will try to meet individually with you during the summer term to help you develop a curriculum that meets your needs. Information about Law School classes can be found on the internet at the following link: [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/registrar/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/registrar/). Click on the “Current Course Listing” link. Remember that you will not be able to choose your fall-term courses until the summer.

3. **Bar Examination.** While many of our graduates successfully take a bar examination at the conclusion of the program, the LLM program is not a bar-preparation course and is not intended to qualify foreign lawyers to practice law in the United States. Although some states –most notably New York – do permit qualified LLM graduates to sit for their bar examinations, many states do not. For more information about bar examination requirements and procedures, you should review the [Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements](http://www.abanet.org) from the National Conference of Bar Examiners and American Bar Association. The ABA website is [http://www.abanet.org](http://www.abanet.org). For more information about the New York bar admission, visit the New York bar website at [http://www.nybarexam.org](http://www.nybarexam.org).

If you plan to take a bar exam, you also should plan on enrolling in a private bar-review course after you complete the LLM program. These courses are offered by private companies over a several week period beginning the summer after you graduate and before the bar exam.
4. Career Services. LLM/K students have access to the Law School's Career Strategy Center and its resources. A full-time advisor is available for all LLM/K students to assist with job searches. The Career Center also organizes workshops discussing the job search process and provides personal career advising as appropriate. Our students have been eligible to participate in the annual International Student Interview Program (ISIP) held in New York and the annual UCLA LL.M. Interview Program held at UCLA School of Law. While a job cannot be guaranteed, the Center for Career Strategy will help you gain the tools for identifying and competing for appropriate positions.

5. English as a Second Language (ESL). LLM students greatly benefit from our extensive English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Our students find that during the time that they are here, their English skills improve, their anxiety about their ability to comprehend decreases, and their coursework becomes more manageable. Numerous ESL programs and services, such as workshops, discussion groups, language learning software, and private writing tutors provide opportunities for students to continue to perfect their language skills while pursuing their degree. More information about ESL Services can be found here: [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/law-school-life/studentservices/intlprograms/eslservices/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/law-school-life/studentservices/intlprograms/eslservices/).

6. Spouse & Family Resources. The Law School is committed to providing support to students’ families. LLM spouses, partners and significant others are encouraged to visit our spouse and family resource page, which gives more details about programming and resources within Northwestern and the city of Chicago. It can be found here: [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/law-school-life/studentservices/intlprograms/spousesupport/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/law-school-life/studentservices/intlprograms/spousesupport/).

7. Academic Calendar. Because your program is offered with the Kellogg School of Management, please be mindful of both calendars before scheduling any vacations during the year you are at Northwestern. The academic calendar for the law school can be found here: [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/academics/acad_calendar/?yr=2016](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/academics/acad_calendar/?yr=2016) and the Kellogg calendar can be found here: [http://www.kellogg.northwestern.edu/academic_calendar.aspx](http://www.kellogg.northwestern.edu/academic_calendar.aspx). We will send you the summer schedule as soon as it is finalized. In the meantime, if you would like to purchase flights for trips during the academic year, please check with us so that we can guarantee there will be no conflicts with your classes or exams.

I hope that the information contained in this letter is helpful to you. You can learn more about the Law School by visiting our website at [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Ms. Kat Rokhlin at the Student Services Office by phone at 312-503-0795, by fax at 312-503-2518 or by email at kat.rokhlin@law.northwestern.edu. I look forward to meeting you at Orientation.

Sincerely yours,

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