New Fellow Students,

On behalf of the Student Bar Association (SBA) and the entire student body, we are thrilled to officially welcome you to Northwestern Pritzker School of Law!

One year ago, we were exactly where you are today. We were excited to begin our law school journey, meet new people, and study at one of the nation’s top law schools. We were also nervous, questioning if we would be able to succeed, make new friends, and survive the three years ahead of us. We write to you today to assure you that you can do it.

Law school is a time of discovery. Your first-year professors will guide you through the twisting and complex pathways of the law. Your Teaching Assistants and APEx advisors will give you survival tools and roadmaps. By trusting the process and yourself, a whole new universe will manifest at your fingertips.

This journey will require hard work and dedication, but you are joining an encouraging, warm, and diverse community. You will soon find that you have some of the most supportive people as your classmates, and that being around them will bring out the very best in you. Here at Northwestern, we are a family. No matter how hard this journey is, or what struggles you face, never lose sight of that, and know that you are not alone.

We encourage you to engage in activities outside of the classroom, from volunteering opportunities to involvement with SBA committees and student organizations. Take advantage of the lunch panels, networking opportunities, and social events - these experiences are the beginning of your lifelong connections with your fellow students, professors, alumni, and other legal professionals.

We wish you the best as you prepare for your journey at Northwestern. At orientation, you will meet many new people, learn how to brief a case, experience your first law school class, and discover the many resources on campus. If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed, remember that SBA and the rest of the student body is here to help create the most rewarding and memorable experience for you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our team at any time throughout the year.

Along the way, be open to new experiences and people, pursue your goals, and have fun. We are excited for next year, and we hope you are too.

See you soon!

Warm regards,
Richard Minott, Elyse Voyen, Rachel Briones, and Einass Abdelmoula
SBA Executive Board