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Best Practices Workshop  
Annual Meeting for Directors of Graduate Study and Graduate Contacts  
I Hotel and Conference Center  
October 13, 2009, 10:45 am to 11:45 am

**LL.M. Advantage: Introducing the Foreign Graduate Law Student  
to the Study of Law in the United States**

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**Synopsis:** This three week orientation program prepares foreign law graduates for the style, intensity, and pace of study at a U.S. law school. Drawing on College of Law faculty and recent graduates, the program demonstrates law school teaching through several mini-courses, skills building sessions, and time management counseling. It was designed to provide the student with the study, management and survival skills for law school prior to the beginning of the one year LL.M. program.

## University of Illinois LL.M. Advantage Program

July 27, 2009 - August 14, 2009

	July 27, 2009	July 28, 2009	July 29, 2009	July 30, 2009	July 31, 2009
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9:00 to 10:30 Room D</b>	Welcome/overview of program (begins at 8:45 on Monday only)  Torts Mini Course	Torts Mini Course	Torts Mini Course	Torts Mini Course	Exam for Torts Mini Course Room D and Auditorium
<b>10:30 to 11:00</b>	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
<b>11:00 to 12:30 Room D</b>	Skills: reading and briefing cases (Professor Moritz); Lexis passwords distributed from 12:00-12:30	Guest Lecture on Comparative Law (Professor Keenan)	Visit by practicing attorney: Julia Rietz	Limited instructor office hours	Limited instructor office hours
<b>12:30 to 2:00</b>	Welcome lunch (provided) - Room D	Lunch	Lunch (provided - Room D) Guest: Virginia Vermillion, Assistant Dean for Academic Administration and Dean of Students	Lunch	
<b>2:00 to 4:00 Room D</b>	Legal Research: How to use the Library	Legal Research: Intro to the American system	Foundations of US Government	Skills: Preparing for exams	
<b>4:00 to 4:30</b>	Course planning session - Room D	Law school tours (meet in Room D)			

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	August 3, 2009	August 4, 2009	August 5, 2009	August 6, 2009	August 7, 2009
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9:00 to 10:30 Room D</b>	Instructor introductions (begins at 8:45 on Monday only)  Business Law Mini Course	Business Law Mini Course	Business Law Mini Course	Business Law Mini Course	Exam for Business Law Mini Course Room D and Auditorium
<b>10:30 to 11:00</b>	Break	Break	Break	Break	
<b>11:00 to 12:30 Room D</b>	Skills: Socratic Method/Class participation/Note taking	Review Exam for Torts Mini Course	Skills: Preparing for the bar exam	Skills: Outlining/study aids	Instructor office hours
<b>12:30 to 2:00</b>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch (provided - Room D) Guest: Dave Johnson, Assistant Dean for Communications	Lunch (provided - Room D) Guest Lecture on Empirical Methods in Law (Professor Lawless)	
	Instructor office hours 1:30 to 2:00	Instructor office hours 1:30 to 2:00	Instructor office hours 1:30 to 2:00	Instructor office hours 1:30 to 2:00	
<b>2:00 to 4:00 Room D</b>	Legal Research: Statutes	Legal Research: Regulations	Legal Research: Cases		Group Bowling
<b>4:00 to 6:00 in the Pavilion</b>	Welcome Social		Westlaw training (4:00 to 5:00) Room D		

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	August 10, 2009	August 11, 2009	August 12, 2009	August 13, 2009	August 14, 2009
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9:00 to 10:30</b> Rooms B, C, D, E and F	Legal Writing Mini Course	Legal Writing Mini Course	Legal Writing Mini Course	Legal Writing Mini Course	Individual meetings with instructors to discuss writing
<b>10:30 to 11:00</b>	Break	Break	Break	Break	
<b>11:00 to 12:30</b> Room D	Visit by Judge Arnold Blockman (beginning at 11:30 a.m.)	Review Exam for Business Law Mini Course	Skills: Law School Survival Skills	Skills: Research Practice	Potluck Lunch (Room D)
<b>12:30 to 2:00</b>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch (provided - Room D) Guest: Tony Waller, Assistant Dean for Career Planning and Professional Development	Lunch	
	Instructor office hours 1:30 to 2:00	Instructor office hours 1:30 to 2:00	Instructor office hours 1:30 to 2:00	Instructor office hours 1:30 to 2:00	
<b>2:00 to 4:00</b> Room D	Legal Research: Secondary sources	Skills: Client Counseling	Legal Research: Putting it all together and searching continued	Skills: Negotiations	Individual meetings with instructors to discuss writing