

Widener University Delaware Law School

To: First Year (1L) Students in the Juris Doctor Program
From: Dean Carly Gardner and Professors Luke Scheuer and Mary Ellen Maatman,
Orientation Coordinators
Re: Orientation 2025 Delaware Law Engages and Orientation Reading Supplement
Date: July 30, 2025

This memorandum provides the final details about Orientation materials and content prior to the start of Orientation on August 12, 2025. Please note that these materials are in addition to the *JDEdge* online program assignments discussed in the Orientation Introduction Memorandum and posted to the [Orientation web page](#).

In addition to *JDEdge* assignments, the following materials will be covered during Orientation:

Orientation Reading Supplement: On July 23, 2025, you received the Orientation Reading Supplement with instructions to read all materials before Orientation. These readings are important, as they will complement materials covered in *JDEdge* and provide necessary context for several of your Orientation sessions. The Orientation Reading Supplement is also available on the [Orientation web page](#).

Delaware Law Engages: As part of 1L Orientation, we offer a program called “Delaware Law Engages” where incoming students have an opportunity to read or watch a selected book or medium, then discuss topics and scenarios relevant to law and society. This year, we have chosen the *Defamation Experience* by Canamac Productions.

Program Description: When race, class, gender, and the law collide, a conversation begins. The *Defamation Experience* challenges our preconceived notions with a riveting courtroom drama that holds our prejudices and assumptions under a powerful lens. As a member of the jury, you will learn as much or more about yourself as you do about the plaintiff and the defendant. Please see the attached flyer to watch the trailer.

While there is no preparation required for this session, please come prepared to participate in this interactive and immersive program.

Your Orientation schedules will be posted to your Orientation Canvas page in early August. Please check your Orientation Canvas page at that time for detailed information about your Orientation sessions.

In the meantime, feel free to contact Dean Gardner at cagardner@widener.edu if you have any questions about Orientation or these assignments. We look forward to meeting you next month!

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