



Dear Students:

Welcome to the University of Denver School of Law! As your Westlaw Account Manager, I look forward to working with you over the next three years.

As a student at DU Law, you will be receiving a full-access Westlaw password to accommodate your studies. Westlaw is a leading provider of legal research materials. Attorneys working in law firms, federal and state courts, government agencies, corporations, and many other legal environments use this tool on a daily basis. Part of your legal education will be to become familiar with this resource. My job is to see that that happens through training and education programs offered at the law school. Below are just a few of the ways in which you will use Westlaw as a law student:

- ✓ Retrieving cases and statutes by citation for class preparation.
- ✓ Term searching for legal cases, statutes, law review articles, etc. to use for research and writing exercises.
- ✓ Pulling up legal definitions from Black's Law Dictionary.
- ✓ Finding prepared "briefs" (summaries of the facts and issues presented in a case) to help you prepare for class.

You will receive your Westlaw password during Orientation, along with detailed instructions regarding password registration and use of The West Education Network (TWEN). Until then, I invite you to begin exploring what Westlaw has to offer by visiting our academic website: www.lawschool.westlaw.com. Many of the links on this page will be password protected, but the Survival Guide tab provides some informational content that will help you get a step ahead before your first day of classes. There is a Legal Research Glossary, as well as tips on briefing cases and preparing for exams.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at my e-mail address below. I look forward to meeting you at orientation and during your Westlaw training sessions in the fall semester.

Best Regards,

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