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Co-director welcome to 2017 Summer Program in Oxford

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Dear students enrolled in Santa Clara Law School's 2017 Summer Program in Oxford

My wife (Professor Patty Rauch) and I are co-directors of the 2017 Santa Clara Law School Summer Program in Oxford. We are writing to introduce ourselves, welcome you to the program, and offer some important information.

Note that we will be sending you group e-mails, such as this one, by blind copying you. We do this to preserve the confidentiality of your e-mail address in case that is important to you.

First, please reply to this e-mail as soon as possible with an acknowledgment that you have received it. If you would rather receive e-mail at another e-mail address, please identify that e-mail address in your reply. This is critical, because it is the method through which we will maintain contact with you from now through the end of the program. We will not text you or communicate through Facebook. We will get your room telephone number or cell phone number when you are situated in Magdalen College but will only use that to contact you if we need to do so on very short notice.

Next, let us share some information about us. We directed the program in the summers of 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2015, and we enjoyed a wonderful experience with our students each year. Professor Rauch has been teaching in the research and writing program at Santa Clara Law School for over twenty years. Professor Neustadter has been teaching doctrinal courses (contracts, bankruptcy, and secured transactions) for over forty years. We live in San Jose, California, have two grown daughters (married) and two cats (not married), four grandchildren (each adorable, of course), and we both love futbol (what Americans call soccer). Professor Rauch grew up in

St. Louis and Professor Neustadter grew up in Los Angeles.

No doubt most if not all of you have seen the materials about the Oxford summer program posted on the program website. If you haven't already done so, it is very important that you read and be responsible for the information in two documents, one entitled "2017 Oxford Summer Program Details" and the other entitled "2017 Oxford program schedule." We have attached both documents to this e-mail. These documents contain critical information, including, to begin with, how to get into the United Kingdom. Please read them as soon as possible.

If those documents do not answer your questions, please feel free to contact either one of us with any questions or concerns that you may have. Professor Rauch's e-mail address is prauch@scu.edu. Professor Neustadter's e-mail address is gneustadter@scu.edu.

We will be living at Magdalen College, the same college at which you will be living, for the duration of the program. We will be checking you in upon arrival and checking you out upon departure. We will be available to you in person and by e-mail throughout the program to help you acclimate to your surroundings, to introduce you to people, places, and services, to answer questions and respond to concerns, to join you at some special events, and to otherwise facilitate your experience.

Two special events are especially enjoyable. Early in our stay, we will join those of you who are interested in a Sunday visit to the Trout, a wonderful pub on the banks of the Thames outside of Oxford (drinks and snacks on us), followed by a hike back to Oxford along the Thames. Late in our stay, we will host you at a formal dinner at Magdalen College, joined by as many of your tutors as are free for the evening.

Let us share some preliminary information about the group. There are 11 of you who have been accepted to the program (not all of whom have made a deposit). You come from several law schools (Santa Clara, Lewis and Clark, Loyola of LA, Golden Gate, University of New Brunswick). You are registered in a variety of tutorial subjects: International Refugee Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, International Trade and the Environment, Juisprudence, International Criminal Law, Comparative Property Law, Comparative Tort Law. All save one of you are also registered in the two unit English Legal Institutions Seminar, which consists of a series of lectures on a variety of topics and field trips to the Oxford Criminal Court and to London for a visit to the Supreme Court, the Royal Courts of Justice, and an Inn of Court. (The one student not registered for the Seminar took the seminar last summer and is returning for another tutorial because he enjoyed the experience so much, as he has indicated on the Facebook page for the program).

One final note to help you prepare. Your tutorials will meet five times during the 4-1/2 week program. For each tutorial, the tutor will assign reading and pose a question or topic for you to address in a paper. You will then defend or discuss your paper at a private session with your tutor (pursuant to a schedule that you will arrange with your tutor upon arrival). To make that feasible and realistic, we highly recommend that you undertake most if not all of the required reading for the first tutorial (and perhaps prepare a draft of your first paper) prior to your arrival in Oxford. We will send you the assigned reading and question/topic for the first tutorial as soon as we receive it from your tutor. We will also attempt to post most of the reading material for all of your tutorials in a Google drive folder to which you will be given access.

In addition, you will be hearing from us before the program begins with updates or reminders.

Again, welcome. We adore Oxford (and the whole of the United Kingdom for that matter) and are confident that you will also. We look forward to meeting each of you in person and assisting you in making your experience enjoyable, productive, and intellectually rewarding.

Sincerely,

Gary Neustadter and Patty Rauch

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