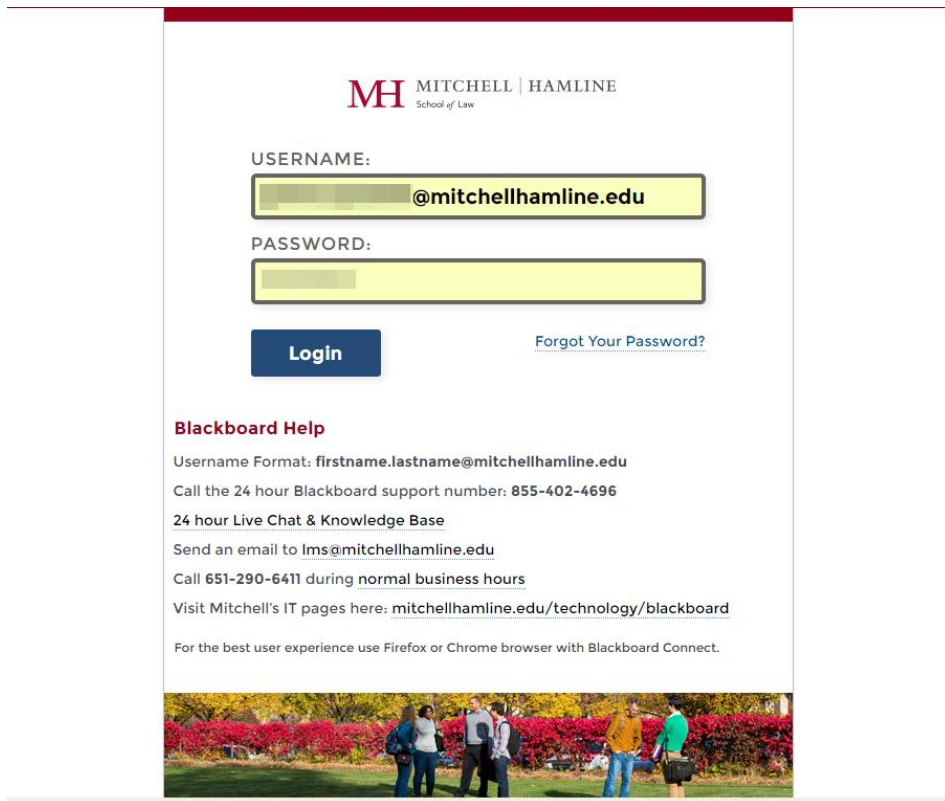


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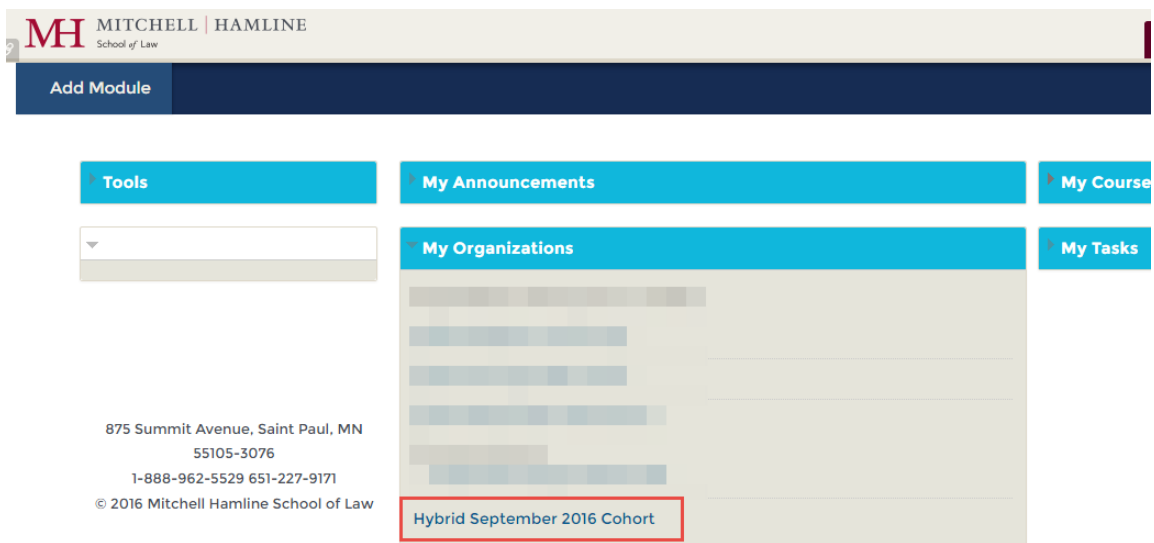
## Hybrid September 2016 Cohort—Orientation Community

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**LOGIN:** To access the Orientation Community, enter your email address and password at <http://connect.mitchellhamline.edu>.



**OPEN THE COMMUNITY:** After logging in to Blackboard, click on the title “Hybrid September 2016 Cohort”, in the “My Organizations” module.



**The Hybrid September 2016 Cohort community is your go-to resource for finding information, viewing all announcements, and getting to know your classmates before Prep Week.**

The below information briefly describes some of the information you'll find on the different pages, which are accessible from the left navigation bar. It is a good idea to explore the community and learn where important resources are located.

The screenshot shows a Blackboard Community page. On the left is a navigation bar with links: Hybrid September 2016 Cohort, Welcome!, Announcements, Travel Information, Course Materials, First Assignments, To do Before Arriving at MHSL, Blackboard 101, Library Resources, Technology Support, MHSL Departments & Offices, Discussion Board, Calendar & Schedules, Blackboard Collaborate. The main content area has a 'Welcome!' header, a 'Welcome to Mitchell Hamline School of Law!' title, and three images: a building, a campus map, and a tree. Below the images is text explaining the community's purpose and providing contact information for Kelly Von Ruden and Gregory M. Duhl.

Welcome!

Welcome to Mitchell Hamline School of Law!

This Blackboard Community page will allow the Hybrid J.D. program's September 2016 Cohort to learn more about Mitchell Hamline School of Law before school begins for the 2016- 2017 academic year. This Community will provide students with information about necessary information before Prep Week begins.

This Community will provide information about traveling to Saint Paul for in-person activities, important resources from Mitchell Hamline's different departments (including Financial Aid and the bookstore), guides for using Blackboard for hybrid courses, and much more. Please explore the links on the left tool bar and participate in the group Discussion Board if any questions have gone unanswered.

We cannot wait to meet you in person, but for now, this virtual community space will provide you with an opportunity to get prepared for your time on campus and to get to know your new classmates a bit before August 22!

Kelly Von Ruden

Gregory M. Duhl  
Executive Director, Hybrid Program

- **WELCOME!:** This is the first page that you will see upon entering the community. On this page, you will find program contact information and a map that shows where your classmates will travel from for Prep Week.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** This page will show all announcements that have been sent out through the community. You should also receive all of these announcements upon creation as an email in your school account.
- **TRAVEL INFORMATION:** This page provides basic information about traveling to Saint Paul for Prep Week. This page will be updated with season-specific information.
- **COURSE MATERIALS:** This page contains the materials that you will need to purchase for your Semester I courses.
- **FIRST ASSIGNMENTS:** This page will contain the readings and assignments that you will need to complete before coming to campus for Prep Week. This information will be available approximately two weeks before Prep Week.
- **TO DO & PREP WEEK:** This page contains links to recommended readings, student affairs tasks, and Prep Week information.

- **BLACKBOARD 101:** This page will contain tutorials and helpful information for navigating the online components of your courses.
- **LIBRARY RESOURCES:** This page will contain information about the Warren E. Burger library at MHSL.
- **TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT:** This page contains a quick list of technology support resources.
- **MHSL DEPARTMENTS & OFFICES:** This page contains contact information for the numerous school departments as well as links to departmental websites and information.
- **DISCUSSION BOARD:** This page links to various forums where community members can ask questions, get answers, and get to know each other. A quick guide to posting in discussion boards is included later in this document.
- **CALENDAR & SCHEDULES:** This page links to the Blackboard calendar tool and also contains schedule information for in-person activities.
- **BLACKBOARD COLLABORATE:** This page links to Blackboard's video conferencing tool that administrators and professors may use to communicate with students.

**\*New and additional page links may be added at a later time. \***

## POSTING DISCUSSIONS

After clicking on the “Discussion Board” link on the left navigation bar, you will see different forums

Discussion Board

Forums are made up of individual discussion threads that can be organized around a particular subject. Create Forums to organize discussions. [More Help](#)

Forum	Description	Total Posts
<b>Introduce Yourself!</b>	This forum is simply a place for hybrid students to get to know each other better.	0
Questions re: Financial Aid?	Post your financial aid-related questions here! The Financial Aid office will be monitoring this board and will reply to your queries. <i>If you have questions that require divulging personal financial information, you should contact Financial Aid directly: <a href="mailto:financialaid@mitchell.edu">financialaid@mitchell.edu</a>.</i>	0
Questions re: First Assignments?	Post your questions regarding your first assignments here. A faculty member will be monitoring this forum and will reply to your queries.	0

regarding various topics. Click on the forum name to access it.

From the forum, click “Create Thread” to create your own, initial thread.

Forum: Introduce Yourself!

Organize Forum Threads on this page and apply settings to several or all threads. Thread caret at the top of each column. [More Help](#)

**Create Thread**   **Subscribe**

From the “Create Thread” page, type your subject and post, then click “Submit.”

Create Thread

A Thread is a series of posts related to the same subject. Threads provide an organizational structure within a Forum for users to share posts on similar topics. Creating a thread posts the first message. [More Help](#)

\* Indicates a required field.

Cancel   Save Draft   **Submit**

**FORUM DESCRIPTION**

This forum is simply a place for hybrid students to get to know each other better.




**MESSAGE**

\* Subject

Message

Rich text editor toolbar with options for text formatting, alignment, and linking.

To view your peers' posts, click on the title of their thread. In the example below (taken from a course), you would click on "Personal Jurisdiction."

Thread Actions		Collect	Delete			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Date	Thread	Author	Status	Unread Posts	Total Posts
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/20/16 11:32 PM	Personal Jurisdiction		Published	3	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/20/16 10:30 PM	Where is the cost of doing business?		Published	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/20/16 9:56 PM	The Dissent Won Me Over		Published	1	1

From your peer's post, click on "Reply."

Thread: Personal Jurisdiction


Search Refresh

Select: All None

Thread 8 of 8

Message Actions Expand All Collapse All

3 Posts in this Thread 0 Unread



3 months ago

[Blurred text of the post]

Reply

Quote

Edit

Delete

Email Author

Type your response post, then click "Submit."

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\* Indicates a required field.

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\* Subject RE: [Blurred text]

Message

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