Dear Duke Student:

Congratulations on being accepted to the Duke University School of Law. Duke University is committed to providing educational opportunities for qualified students with disabilities in compliance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008. The Student Disability Access Office (SDAO) is the office on campus charged with exploring possible coverage and reasonable accommodations for undergraduate, graduate and professional students for purposes of these federal laws.

If you have a disability and would like to receive consideration for reasonable accommodations, please identify yourself by completing, signing and returning the enclosed Request for Consideration for Reasonable Accommodations form and supporting documentation to the Student Disability Access Office. You may wish to review the SDAO documentation guidelines and share them with your medical provider before submitting documentation. These guidelines contain the type of information needed to determine if an impairment is substantially limiting and if accommodations are necessary for purposes of the ADA and ADA Amendments Act. You can obtain documentation guidelines by calling the Student Disability Access Office at (919) 668-1267 or by accessing the Duke University website at www.access.duke.edu. Request forms and documentation not received at least six weeks prior to the beginning of classes, may result in a delay in the receipt of approved accommodations.

Each student’s request to receive consideration for reasonable accommodations is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Please note that being provided with accommodations based on an impairment at another college, university or by a testing agency does not necessarily mean that you will receive accommodations at Duke. Duke University reserves the right to determine if an impairment rises to the level of a disability under the ADA and ADA Amendments Act and what constitutes reasonable accommodations according to the documented nature of the disability.

We are delighted you have chosen to attend Duke University, and look forward to working with you. If you have questions or would like more information regarding disability issues, contact the Student Disability Access Office at (919) 668-1267. Please return your completed and signed Request for Consideration for Reasonable Accommodations form and send full current documentation to the Director of the Student Disability Access Office, 402 Oregon Street, Suite 102, Box 90142, Durham, NC 27708, Fax # (919) 668-3977.

Sincerely,

Leigh Fickling, J.D.
Director

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