SCALIA LAW SCHOOL welcomes a limited number of Visiting Scholars from around the world for up to six months. As a law school with an interdisciplinary approach to the study of law, we encourage active engagement with various research, education, and practice components of law. Every Visiting Scholar must possess an advanced degree and a defined research agenda that serves as the basis for the visit.

A member of the Scalia Law faculty, known as the “Faculty Host”, must sponsor the Visiting Scholar. The Faculty Host must be willing to provide logistical support for the scholar regarding arrival and housing; facilitate meetings with the Visiting Scholar; provide advice, and introduce the Visiting Scholar to colleagues; and if desired, organize a presentation by the Visiting Scholar. The Faculty Host may arrange for the Visiting Scholar to audit up to two law school classes. Attendance and extent of participation in the law school class is subject to the approval of the professor for that class.

Visiting Scholars are provided a University ID, a University email address, and library access, including access to the schools electronic databases including Westlaw and Lexis. Visiting Scholars are not provided private office space, computers, research, or secretarial assistance.

If the Visiting Scholar needs George Mason University to sponsor his or her J-1 visa, the Faculty Host must sign the DS-2019 request form as the sponsoring faculty member. The Faculty Host plays an extremely important role in the success of the J-1 program at Mason, with respect to both academic/professional development as well as cultural exchange. To the greatest extent possible, the Visiting Scholar should be invited and included in activities where cultural learning can occur. One of the first challenges for most Visiting Scholar’s is the search for housing. It is important to note that while the Office of International Programs & Services (OIPS) can refer Visiting Scholars to online resources, it does not provide personal assistance with the details of finding housing, arranging utilities, assisting dependents with school registration, and the like.

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FACULTY HOST AGREEMENT

I, __________________________________________, agree to serve as the Faculty Host for

(Faculty Host)

____________________________________, a potential Visiting Scholar at Antonin Scalia Law School.

(Visiting Scholar)

As part of my duties as Faculty Host, I understand that it will be my responsibility to

(please check boxes to affirm):

☐ Provide logistical support for the Visiting Scholar regarding arrival and housing
   (OIPS can refer the Visiting Scholar to online resources, but does not provide
   personal assistance with the details of finding housing).

☐ Serve as the primary point of contact at Scalia Law School for the Visiting Scholar
   following his or her arrival and throughout the duration of the Visiting Scholar’s
   visit.

☐ Facilitate meetings with and provide advice to the Visiting Scholar, arrange for
   the Visiting Scholar to audit courses, introduce the Visiting Scholar to colleagues,
   and if desired, organize a presentation by the Visiting Scholar.

Moreover, if the Visiting Scholar needs George Mason University to sponsor his or her J-1 visa:

☐ Sign the Visiting Scholar’s DS-2019 request form as the sponsoring faculty
   member (the DS-2019 is the immigration form that is used for the J-1 Exchange
   Visitor).

☐ If the Visiting Scholar cannot attest his or her English language proficiency
   through a recognized English language test, certify the Visiting Scholar’s English
   language proficiency on the basis of a documented interview conducted by the
   Faculty Host either in-person or by videoconferencing, or by telephone if
   videoconferencing is not a viable option.

REQUIRED SIGNATURE:

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(Print or type name of faculty member)  DATE

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(Signature of faculty member)