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**Juvenile Interest Law Society:** *We have a winner!!!*  JILS is proud to announce that the winner of the Pie-a-Prof. contest is . . . . . . . . Prof. Falkoff! Join JILS on **Tuesday, October 14 at noon in the Marshall Gallery** to watch what is sure to be this year’s can’t miss event. Students and staff are also invited to show solidarity with Prof. Falkoff by being pied in the face, too — all to support JILS, of course!

**The Gay-Straight Alliance and the Latino/a Law Student Association:** GSA and LLSA will be showing a film on **Tuesday, October 14 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 188**, from the Human Rights Campaign entitled *Before God: We Are All Family*. [Watch the trailer](#) and join us to review the film, which is less than 30 minutes! Afterward, we will have a brief discussion about the film. *Free Pizza & Drinks will be provided!*
Black Law Students Association: BLSA's next general meeting will be Wednesday, October 15 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 188. All members (1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls) are encouraged to attend. Also, BLSA's Group Fitness will meet at the Student Recreation Center every Wednesday evening from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. See any BLSA or Group Fit member for more information.

Christian Legal Society: CLS will be having our biweekly meeting next Thursday, October 16 at noon in Room 173.

Latino Law Student Association: LLSA’s Salsa Night will be held on Thursday, October 16 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Cabana Charlie's of Sycamore. The cost is $10.00 per person, and the price includes dinner and salsa dance lessons. See a board member for tickets.

Environmental Law Society: On Friday, October 17 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 186, we will be showing the documentary "Gasland", which deals with fracking. Afterward, Professor Cordes will discuss the legal issues behind fracking. Free pizza, beverages, and snacks will be provided. Following the documentary, please feel free to join the group as we head out to Jonamac Orchard in Malta (a 15 minute drive). Once there, we will buy tickets for the corn maze, at $13.00 per person. That amount includes both sections of the maze (the first part is not haunted, while the second part is). Please bring additional money if you would like to stop at the booth in between the maze sections to purchase apple cider, apple donuts, etc. The maze and booth are cash only. Carpooling options are available. Please feel free to bring friends, significant others, etc. because this trip is open to all — not just ELS members. Dress warmly and get ready to have a blast!

Join the Law School Volleyball Team:

Contact Ivan Matosevic for more information at imatosevic1@niu.edu (Subject of e-mail: “Indoor Volleyball”).

PLANNING AHEAD:

2L Moot Court Information Meeting: Attention all 2L Students! Are you interested in becoming a member of the Moot Court Society or competing in the 33rd Annual Lenny B. Mandell Moot Court Competition? There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, October 22, at noon in Room 188, and lunch will be provided for 2Ls. The Annual Moot Court Competition is a great opportunity to
enhance your appellate writing and oral argument skills against your peers. Also, in order to become a member of the Moot Court Society, 2Ls must successfully compete in the annual competition. Important announcements about dates, competition rules, and membership requirements will be addressed at this meeting so make sure you are there. We will field all questions and concerns. If you cannot make the meeting but are still interested in the Moot Court Society and the competition, please contact Stephen Hegedus at sjhegedus89@gmail.com or the NIU Moot Court Society Board at niumootcourt@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing all 2Ls on October 22!

**The Federalist Society:** Please join the Federalist Society in a fundraiser for the EOD Warrior Foundation. The EOD Warrior Foundation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit that believes that the EOD family is for life. Their ongoing mission is to disarm the challenges of the EOD family by providing support, with compassion and caring, to every individual they serve. The EOD Warrior Foundation provides emergency financial relief to the families of those wounded or killed in action, education through scholarships, and funding to care for the EOD Memorial. It is our goal to raise awareness of the sacrifices EOD warriors have made and to show our appreciation by raising funds for the foundation. Our goal for the entire College of Law is to raise $1,000, though any amount raised will be beneficial. Wristbands will be available for a suggested donation of $5.00. These will also double as Bar Review wristbands on the 23rd of October. Donations can be made to any representative listed below, at the EOD Warrior Foundation table in the Marshall Gallery on **October 21 and 23** from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., or through a link that will be provided on the NIU COL FB pages. For further information or to make a donation, please contact Justin Hamilton at JHamilton@niu.edu, Sarah Walsh at SarahWalsh1205@gmail.com, Adam Lichtenauer of 1L Section 1, or any member of the Federalist Society.

**Student Bar Association:** Mark your calendars for **Palsgraf** — the law school’s annual Halloween party (get your costumes ready!), which will be held on **Friday, October 24 from 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. at River Heights Golf Course.** Transportation will be provided from Swen Parson starting at 7:45 p.m. The bus will continue to run a loop between Swen Parson and River Heights from 7:45 p.m. until approximately midnight. That last bus will go from River Heights to Molly’s at 12:00 a.m. Tickets will be $25 for a single and $50 for a couple. Tickets will be available the week of Monday, October 13. **Note that a waiver will be required for all attendees.**

**Externship Informational Session:** **Attention 2Ls and 3Ls:** Are you interested in working on real cases for real clients? Do you want to help free an innocent person who was wrongfully convicted? Would you like to work in a judge's chambers and receive course credit?

If so, come to an Externship Informational Session on **Monday, October 27 from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Room 150.** You will hear from professors and students currently enrolled in these classes about what cool things they are doing and why you should seize this opportunity. Free pizza and pop while you listen and ask questions. Please contact Prof. Sheila Maloney at smaloney@niu.edu for more information or if you have any questions.
The American Constitution Society in collaboration with the Black Law Student Association and the Latino Law Student Association will be hosting a panel to discuss race and relations in law and law enforcement on Wednesday, October 29 from noon to 2:00 p.m. in Room 150 (Chessick Classroom). Food (not pizza) will be served, questions will be welcomed, and a great discussion will be had. Attending the event will be community leaders, academic and research professionals, a representative from the ACLU, and police agencies. Make sure to plan ahead to attend this event.

Christian Legal Society and Black Law Students Association will be hosting a Blood Drive in the Marshall Gallery on Wednesday, October 29.

Latino Law Student Association: Attend the Dia De Los Muertos Concha and Hot Chocolate Sale! $2 for concha (mexican pastry) and hot chocolate on Friday, October 31, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Marshall Gallery.

MAKING TRACKS WITH DEAN JENNIFER ROSATO PEREA

This week began with a wonderful event in Chicago — the 1L Diversity Reception at Hinshaw Culbertson. It is an annual event in which we are well-represented among the Chicagoland schools —we often have the most students in attendance, I am often the only Dean representing his or her law school, and our alums organize and speak at the event.

I am proud that our law school is one that is recognized nationally for its diversity and openness (most recently as a top regional law school for latino/hispanic students). And we have to do what we can to earn that distinction in myriad ways — by treating each other with care and respect, understanding and empathizing with the experiences of others who are different from us, and reaching out to help others whenever we can. As my work with implicit bias has taught me, it is sometimes hard to act in the most inclusive ways (even if we really want to) because even though we may not harbor conscious bias, our unconscious bias sometimes gets the better of us and prevents us from acting in the best ways to those who are different.

Our community, especially our student body, has continued to demonstrate a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion — from student org events, to national organization leadership, to mentoring programs, to pipelining programs for high school and college students. It is our students’ efforts that I am most proud of, as they are the future of our profession. Keep up the good work and let us know how the deans, staff, and faculty can support your efforts.

Hope to see many of you at homecoming on Saturday - Go Huskies!

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES:
The Clemency Project 2014: The Clemency Project seeks volunteers to assist federal prisoners in seeking early release from unfairly long sentences for non-violent offenses. The Clemency Project includes lawyers and advocates from the Federal Defenders, the ACLU, Families Against Mandatory Minimums, the ABA and the NACDL. Law students are needed to provide legal research and to assist volunteer attorneys in preparing clemency petitions. To participate, you will be required to view a five-hour training program which is available on the Internet. You may volunteer by visiting the website or by e-mailing volunteer@clemencyproject2014.org

Winter Break Student Pro Bono (Volunteer) Opportunities: The holiday season is just around the corner. Get out of the cold and spend your winter break doing good on a volunteer adventure that makes a difference. Experience the true meaning of "it is better to give than receive" by joining one of GoEco's volunteer projects. GoEco has selected some great projects that will take your winter break from ho-hum to life-changing! For example, among many other opportunities, work at a Wild Cat Sanctuary in South Africa; teach and serve the community in Goa, India; “Teach & Beach” in Koh Samui, Thailand; or assist with Sea Turtle Conservation in Costa Rica. For more information, contact: lschlam@niu.edu, or go directly to GoEco’s website.

LAW LIBRARY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Lose something? The law library's Lost & Found bin contains quite a few books and other items. Books will be held until the end of October, at which time they will be put on the "help-yourself" shelves in the library's hallway to the North Wing.

Attention 2Ls and 3Ls -- OneCards are Now Needed for Evening Access to the Law Library. As of October 1, evening access to the law library is only by NIU OneCard. This has been done in order to provide a law student, faculty and staff-only environment in the evenings. The door on the right as you enter the law library has been modified to provide this access. The door to the left will be locked at 6:00 p.m. each night; thus you will need your NIU OneCard to enter. Once you have the new card you need to wave it in front of the keypad and the door will unlock temporarily to allow entrance. All students with the old NIU OneCard need to get a new prox card. As long as you have your current working NIU OneCard, there should be no charge associated with upgrading to a new prox card. If you do not have your NIU OneCard, the OneCard office will charge you a $25 lost card fee.

If you have not already obtained your new card, please do so. To get the new card, bring your current NIU OneCard to the OneCard office in the Holmes Student Center, identify yourself as a law student and ask for the prox card. The office is aware of this upgrade and has a list of all students. If you have a card that provides access to the student space on the north end of the building, you do not need to get a new card. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Professor Clarke at
Library Hours. The Law Library will be open Monday, August 18, through Tuesday, November 25, 2014 as follows:

Monday - Thursday - 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Friday - 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday - 12:00 noon - 11:30 p.m.

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:

Reimbursement Process:

- **Purchases:** For purchases on behalf of NIU College of Law events, all expenses must be approved by Office of Budget & Records before purchase is made. NIU Accounting reimbursement procedures change occasionally, so to ensure your reimbursement will be able to be processed, please contact us even if you have prior permission of faculty or a staff member.

- **Travel:** For reimbursement for travel on behalf of NIU College of Law, you must obtain the approval of Dean before the travel occurs. You must also see Julie (SP285) or Christina (SP280A2) before travel occurs to ensure that your reimbursement will be processed with appropriate required documentation.

3Ls Save the Date:
Monday, November 17, for Composite Pictures.

*More information to follow.

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID:

Information Regarding Scholarships and Writing Competitions. Each year, there are a number of opportunities for students to obtain additional financial assistance to help pay for the costs of attending law school. In particular, many scholarships and writing competition prizes are available, and the number of students applying for many of them is often low (increasing the chances of success for individual applicants). For a list of these scholarship and writing competitions, see the file that is being e-mailed along-side this week’s edition of the Docket and is made available in separate copies on tables on the first and second floor of the law school. *Do not miss the many opportunities available this Fall, as indicated in those listings.* If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Admissions.
and Financial Aid at 815-753-8595 or lawadm@niu.edu or stop by Room 151.

**HELPFUL LINKS:**

As part of a large university, students at the College of Law have a large number of informational and operational resources available to them, including:

- Campus Safety Tips
- Counseling Services
- Student Grievance Procedures
- University Ombudsperson

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The *Docket* is published every Monday by Associate Dean Kathleen Coles. Announcements for publication must be submitted to Lisa Hoebing in Room 276 or by e-mail to lhoebing@niu.edu no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

Happy Columbus Day!