**Student Bar Association:** **Attention all students:** Buy your tickets for *Palsgraf* — The law school's annual Halloween party (get your costumes ready!) will be held on Friday, October 24 from 8:00 p.m. to 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 before the event are $25 (pay by cash or check — order forms are available in your mailbox). Payments and forms can be given to any SBA representative or put in the lockbox in the south hallway of the library. Tickets at the door are $30 (pay by cash, check, or credit card). Note that a waiver will be required for all attendees. If you have questions, please send an e-mail to: sba.niu@gmail.com

**3L Pictures:** **Attention all 3Ls:** Please check your mailbox for order forms for 3L pictures. The pictures will be taken on **Monday, November 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.** A sign-up form will be available on Monday, October 20, 2014 in the SBA glass case (near writing professors). You must sign-up for a slot. Make-up times will also be listed there. If you have questions, please send an e-mail to: sba.niu@gmail.com.
**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 sjihegedus89@gmail.com or the NIU Moot Court Society Board at niumootcourt@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing all 2Ls on October 22!

**Black Law Students Association:** On Wednesday, October 22, BLSA will be hosting a food sale in the Marshall Gallery from noon to 2:00 p.m. (or while supplies last). We will be selling Jerk chicken, Jollof rice, fried plantain and a drink for $5!! The winner of the raffles will also be drawn!

**The Federalist Society:** The Federalist Society will host Bar Review on Thursday, October 23 to raise awareness and funds for the EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Warrior Foundation. Now through October 23, please support these men and women doing the most dangerous job in the military. Here's how: Get your bracelet today for a minimum suggested donation of $5; then wear it proudly! (This will double as your October 23rd Bar Review wristband). For further information, please send an e-mail to niufederalists@gmail.com or see any board member. Explosive Ordnance Disposal is a multi-faceted career field within the military tasked with disarming, rendering safe, and disposing of bombs, improvised explosive devices (IEDs), and military ordnance. When EOD technicians are wounded they sustain some of the most severe and often life-changing injuries including loss of limbs, burns, paralysis, blindness, post-traumatic stress (PTS) and traumatic brain injury (TBI).

**Public Interest Law Society:**

*Pizza Sales!!* PILS will be holding a pizza sale, sponsored by BARBRI, on Thursday, October 23, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. outside of the writing professors' offices. $1 a slice and pop/water is 50 cents. Our next pizza sale will be on Thursday, November 6!

*PILS Raffle:* The annual PILS Raffle will be held Thursday, November 6 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery. Tickets are now available!! $5 for one ticket or $20 for 5 tickets. Prizes include $600 cash (think of the possibilities!), an iPad Mini, and Bar Prep discounts from all bar prep companies. The raffle will include free beer, wine, food, and lots of fun!

Selling raffle tickets is a great way to earn credit toward an Outreach Assistantship, earning you money...
for an unpaid public interest legal internship during the summer. Sell to friends, family, professors, or random people on the street. The winner does not need to be present to win. If you are interested in selling raffle tickets, please see either Abbey Buckels (3L) or Rikkilee Moser (2L) in the Career Opportunities Office.

**Join the Law School Volleyball Team**

Indoor Volleyball: October 16 – November 14 (7:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
Contact Ivan Matosevic for more information at imatosevic1@niu.edu
(Subject of e-mail: “Indoor Volleyball”).

**PLANNING AHEAD:**

**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 Career Opportunities and Professional Development Office:** Along with PILS, BLSA, CLS, and the NIU Health Advocacy Clinic, the Career Opportunities office will present “The Legal Rights of Homeless Children,” on **Wednesday, October 29** at noon in the Riley Courtroom (Room 170). Food will be provided!!

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

**The American Constitution Society:** In collaboration with the **Black Law Student Association** and the **Latino Law Student Association,** the ACA 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.

**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:

Over the last few weeks, the administration and I have been putting together an update to the Strategic Plan, which has guided the law school over the last five years. I look forward to sharing the highlights of that plan at the town meeting that will be scheduled in November.

One of the highlights of the Strategic Plan is the increase in numbers and types of experiential learning, as well as the quality of the clinics and externship experiences that we offer. I have a special place in my heart for experiential education since I was a social work major doing a practicum in a child protective service unit. There is no better preparation for the “real world” than working in the field under the supervision of talented and devoted faculty.

Under the vision and leadership of Director of Clinics, Anita Maddali, we now have four clinics, with two new fabulous clinics in health advocacy and foreclosure mediation — which teach integral practice skills that can be used in any area of practice — taught by devoted and talented clinical faculty. They are added to our well-regarded Zeke Giorgi Legal Clinic, which has served vital legal needs in the Rockford community for twelve years.

Our externships have doubled as well, including more opportunities in the summer, in the City of Chicago, and in different types of venues (such as municipalities, corporations, and non-profit organizations). Year-round, we offer civil externships, criminal externships, and judicial externships. We have a partnership with the Illinois Innocence Project, and their instructors/lawyers enjoy working with our students each semester. In the spring semester, for students interested in public policy and politics, we will be offering a full-time externship. Our dynamic new externship coordinator, Sheila Maloney, will be making the process for getting externships even easier and will work with students to obtain a placement that prepares them for practice and makes them even more marketable to potential employers.

I am hoping that, like in the Field of Dreams, “if you build it, they will come.” We have built the field of dreams in experiential education, and look forward to all of our students coming to the field and learning to be great players in the profession of law.

Have a great week!

Dean Jennifer Rosato Perea

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.

**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.

The computer lab will be unavailable at the following times this week, due to BLR:

- October 20th, 3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.
- October 21st, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- October 22nd, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- October 23rd, 10:00 -- 10:50 a.m.

**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 tclarke@niu.edu

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.

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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