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**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.**

Happy Halloween!!!
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 8:00-10:00 a.m. in the Marshall Gallery.

PLANNING AHEAD:

Public Interest Law Society:

Pizza Sales!! PILS will be holding a pizza sale, on Thursday, November 6 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. outside of the writing professors’ offices. $1 a slice and pop/water is 50 cents.

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.

Student Bar Association: 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

Final 1L Professionalism Session: Attention all 1Ls: Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 19, 4:00 to 5:15 p.m., Room TBA, with optional dinner afterward.
MAKING TRACKS WITH DEAN JENNIFER ROSATO PEREA:

This week, bar passage is on my mind. The bar passage results for the Class of 2014 will be released soon . . . and we already know that the national scores have declined and the bar pass rate in Illinois is likely lower. This concern about bar passage was underscored as the deans in Illinois met with the Illinois bar examiners this week to discuss the increase in the cut score (which will be implemented July 2015) and recent problems encountered by the examiners in connection with bar performance, particularly on the essays.

The faculty and deans want all of our students to succeed, which includes success on the bar. Over the last five years, we have strengthened our academic success and legal writing programs, have added a legal skills and strategies course to work on bar pass strategies, and have implemented a first-year bar assessment to help the students and law school assess strengths and weaknesses in bar performance early on. Our faculty are also integrating more assessment into their classes through their exams, mid-terms, problems, etc. to continue to build students' analytical skills.

The NIU Law faculty bar pass committee also met this week, following the faculty's approval of an additional two-credit, pass-fail bar course in Spring 2015 open to all third-year students. This course is designed to help students build bar review skills in well-tested subjects — which will be a good kick-start to bar review before the intensive bar review study begins over the summer. More information will be available soon. We hope that all third-year students will take the course to help ensure bar passage (the first time) and a successful start in the profession.

Have a good weekend and enjoy a happy and safe Palsgraf party!

Dean Rosato Perea

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.

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:

Happy Fall and Halloween! Please join us for a snack break in the law library on Thursday, October 30 from noon to 2:00 p.m. to kick off your Halloween festivities. Candy and other Halloween treats will be available while supplies last. The law librarians are also planning to decorate for the occasion, so be sure to check out the pumpkins and holiday decor. Looking forward to seeing everyone next week.

A brief reminder: If you are expecting mail or a package for delivery at the law school, please ask for the mailing at the law library's circulation desk. Thanks!

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.
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 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.

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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 hhoebing@niu.edu no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursdays.
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