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**Student Bar Association:** **Attention all students:** An SBA Town Hall Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 12, at noon in the Riley Courtroom (Room 170).** Come and learn what is happening in the law school and share your thoughts and ideas for improvements!

**Black Law Students Association:** BLSA would like to remind students that the next general meeting will be on **November 12 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 188.** All are encouraged to attend as we will be discussing the annual BLSA Thanksgiving Dinner. Food will be provided.

**Christian Legal Society:** CLS is proud to have Justice Robert Spence, Illinois Second District Appellate Court, as a guest speaker this **Thursday, November 13, at noon in Room 173.** Justice Spence will discuss his legal career and eventual appointment to the second district, along with how his faith intersects with being an attorney and judge. Food will be provided!

**Study Abroad:** Come learn about the 2015 Summer Program in Agen, France, on **Friday, November 14, at noon in Room 188.** All 1Ls and any 2Ls who missed the opportunity last year are welcome.
Clinical Law Program: Spring Clinical Law Program Applications Now Being Accepted. Thinking about taking a clinic this summer or fall? The COL’s experiential learning program currently offers four clinical courses: the Civil Justice Clinic, the Foreclosure Mediation Clinic, the Health Advocacy Clinic, and the Juvenile Justice Clinic. These clinics offer students the chance to work with actual clients in a variety of settings on litigation, transactional and alternative dispute resolution matters.

The Clinic Application Form is now available online and in the Faculty Office. Applications are due for Spring Term 2015 on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the clinical faculty if you need any additional information about one of the clinics: Anita Maddali, Assistant Professor of Law and Director of Clinics, amaddali@niu.edu; Paul Cain, Clinical Associate Professor, Juvenile Justice Clinic, pcain@niu.edu; Wendy Vaughn, Clinical Assistant Professor, Civil Justice Clinic, wvaughn@niu.edu; Colleen Boraca, Clinical Assistant Professor, Health Advocacy Clinic, cboraca@niu.edu; Alan Boudreau, Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor, Foreclosure Mediation Clinic, aboudreau@niu.edu.

PLANNING AHEAD:

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. in the Chessick Courtroom (Room 155). 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

Moot Court: Attention all 2Ls: If you plan on competing in the 33rd Annual Lenny Mandell Moot Court Competition in the spring, please remember to sign up before 4:00 p.m. on November 17, 2014. If you have any questions before the sign-up deadline please e-mail the Moot Court Society Board at niu mootcourt@gmail.com

The Federalist Society and the International Law Student Association: All members of the law school community are invited to a panel event: "Are International Laws U.S. Laws?" The speakers are David Moore, Professor of Law at BYU, and Heidi Kuehl, Associate Professor of Law at NIUCOL. We hope to see you at noon on Wednesday, November 19, in Room 188.
Final 1L Professionalism Session: Attention all 1Ls: Mark your calendars for the final professionalism session of the semester on Wednesday, November 19, from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m., Room TBA, with optional dinner afterward.

MAKING TRACKS WITH DEAN JENNIFER ROSATO PEREA:

Classes may be ending in a few weeks, but the administration and faculty are sprinting to the finish of the semester. Our priorities include (but are not limited to) --

- Course scheduling for spring - Dean Gaebler is actively coordinating with faculty and adjuncts to firm up the course schedule for Spring 2015. Look for a memo to students in the next few weeks!
- Working on improved protocols for exam administration, to make exams more secure and efficient
- Transitioning some of our IT responsibilities to University ITS, to assist Ivan and the graduate assistant
- Faculty candidate interviews (eight full-day interviews through first week of December)
- Hosting students from the Legal Prep Academy and "Just the Beginning" organization
- Marketing for "The Chicago Initiative," our expanded efforts to recruit more students from Chicago
- Working on collaborations across the University, including joint programs and better coordination of student services

In addition to teaching classes and preparing for exams, faculty are involved in committee work related to a library upgrade project, improved student advising, 1L curricular reform, admissions, and a Spring symposium.

The Deans are looking forward to seeing students at our end-of-semester breakfast on Monday, November 17, between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the Marshall Gallery where you can chat with the Deans and share your questions and concerns.

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES:

The Campaign Against Indiscriminate Juvenile Shackling (CAIJS) is a national organizing campaign seeking the end of the automatic shackling of children in delinquency court. The indiscriminate shackling of youth unnecessarily humiliates, stigmatizes, and traumatizes them. The
practice impedes the attorney-client relationship, chills juveniles’ constitutional right to due process, runs counter to the presumption of innocence, and draws into question the rehabilitative ideals of the juvenile court. CAIJS always has memos, policies, and research to be completed. All this work can be done remotely. For example, one memo CAIJS would like to work on would discuss the authority of judges over their own courtrooms. Many judges across the country appear to defer to court security too often. If you are interested please contact Prof. Paul Cain at pcain@niu.edu.

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.

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

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.
EXAMINATION RESCHEDULING: Exams are just around the corner! If you have two exams scheduled on the same day or three exams scheduled on three consecutive calendar days, you are entitled to reschedule. To set up the rescheduling, please submit a signed and completed Petition to Reschedule Exam to Associate Dean Coles in Room 276.

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.

LAW LIBRARY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

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.
- Saturday - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday - 12:00 noon - 11:30 p.m.

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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.

Honor Veterans Day