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**THIS WEEK:**

| Monday, November 17 | End-of-Semester Breakfast with the Deans, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Marshall Gallery  
3L Pictures, 9:00 a.m.–1:45 p.m., Chessick Courtroom (Room 155)  
Deadline to sign up for the 33rd Annual Lenny Mandell Moot Court Competition  
Information session on the Representation in Mediation Competition, noon (Room 290C) |
| Tuesday, November 18 | Spring 2015 Class Registration Panel, 12:00-12:50 p.m., Riley Courtroom (Room 170) |
| Wednesday, November 19 | "Are International Laws U.S. Laws?", noon, Room 188  
Final 1L Professionalism Session, 4:00-5:15 p.m., Room 170 |
| Thursday, November 20 | BLSA Thanksgiving Dinner, noon-2:00 p.m., Marshall Gallery |
| Friday, November 21 | |

**Student Bar Association: 3L Pictures:** Please check your mailbox for order forms for 3L pictures. The pictures will be taken on **Monday, November 17, 9:00 a.m. - 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**

**Spring 2015 Class Registration Panel:** Please stop by the **Riley Courtroom (Room 170) on Tuesday, November 18, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.** for an upperclassman class registration panel. The panel will include students with a variety of experiences, including participation in externships, clinic work, etc. Professor Maddali will also be available to speak about clinic opportunities.

**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**

**2015 ABA Representation in Mediation Competition -- NIU College of Law**
**Internal Representation in Mediation Team Competition:** This year, the College of Law is looking to field two teams in the ABA Representation in Mediation Competition. Each team will consist of two students, who alternate between playing the role of the attorney and playing the role of the client. The regional rounds of the competition take place in February and March 2015. The final rounds take place at the ABA Dispute Resolution Annual Conference in Seattle in April. There will be a brief information session on the Representation in Mediation Competition on **Monday, November 17, 2014 at noon in Room 290C. Videos and Representation Plans are due in the Faculty Office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2014.**

**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 **Wednesday, November 19, at noon in Room 188.**

**Final 1L Professionalism Session:** **Attention all 1Ls:** The next 1L professionalism program will be held on **Wednesday, November 19, 2014, 4:00-5:15 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom (Room 170).** Attendance at the program is mandatory for all first-year law students. The program will be followed by an optional complementary dinner in the Marshall Gallery. **In preparation for the presentation, please read Rule 3.8 in your ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the comments to that rule so that you have some familiarity with the ethical obligations of prosecutors.**

**Black Law Students Association:** The annual BLSA Thanksgiving dinner will be held next **Thursday, November 20, from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery!** Tickets are $10 a person and can be purchased from any BLSA member, Alex Chapman in the Office of Admissions, or by emailing mneelaw@gmail.com. Tickets will also be available at the door on. Come and enjoy great food before heading home for the break!

**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 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.

**MAKING TRACKS WITH DEAN JENNIFER ROSATO PEREA:**
All NIU Law students are cordially invited to a **Breakfast with the Deans on Monday, November 17, between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the Marshall Gallery.** Come share comments, questions, concerns or simple conversation with the deans and get sustenance for the class day ahead. Breakfast rolls, bagels, fruit, orange juice, coffee and other breakfast foods will be provided. We hope to see all of you there!

**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.

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:

**Important Library Access Information:** If you have not already done so, please obtain your new NIU OneCard in order to have evening access to the law library. To obtain the new card, go to the OneCard office in the lower level of 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. **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. Once you have received your new prox card, please contact Professor Clarke at tclarke@niu.edu and provide her with your name and the **six-digit number on the back** of your card.

Please get the new prox card as soon as possible. The evening library employees should not be regularly interrupted to provide access into the
library. This is, among other things, a safety issue. **Beginning January 12, 2015, the first day of the spring semester, if a student does not have his or her card she or he will not be allowed into the library in the evening.** If you have any questions regarding this please see Professor Clarke.

**Modified Library Hours for Thanksgiving Break, Reading Period and Final Exams:**

**Thanksgiving Break:**
- November 26 (Wednesday): 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- November 27 through November 29th (Thursday - Saturday): Closed
- November 30 (Sunday): Noon - 11:30 p.m.

**Reading Period & Final Exams (Mon. Dec. 1 - Wed. Dec. 17):**
- December 1 through December 5 (Monday – Friday): 7:30 a.m. - Midnight
- December 6 (Saturday): 8:30 a.m. - Midnight
- December 7 (Sunday): 10:00 a.m. - Midnight
- December 8 through December 12 (Monday – Friday): 7:30 a.m. – Midnight
- December 13 and December 14 (Saturday – Sunday): 10:00 a.m. – Midnight
- December 15 – December 17 (Monday – Wednesday): 7:30 a.m. – Midnight
- December 18 (Thursday): 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- December 19 (Thursday): 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Signs for Student Groups in the Law Library.** Have a sign for your student group? We are glad to help with marketing your event. Please inquire at the Circulation Desk in the law library — you will need to have your sign approved by Heidi Frostestad Kuehl (hkuehl@niu.edu or 753-9493) or Therese Clarke Arado (tclarke@niu.edu or 753-9497). Please feel free to send a .PDF of the sign via email or drop it by the law library for approval. We will place the sign near the computer lab in most instances (unless you have a special request).

**ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**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](mailto:Petition to Reschedule Exam) to Associate Dean Coles in Room 276.

**Safety Measures:** Recently, there have been a few incidents in which money or property has been taken from student mail folders and open lockers. If anyone has any knowledge of who might be responsible, please let one of the deans know as soon as possible. If you witness or learn of any additional incidents, please also let one of the deans know as soon as feasible, and if the incident occurs after business
hours, please contact the university police directly by calling 911. As always, please be cautious with personal possessions and do not leave them unattended and always secure your offices when you leave, even for a few minutes.

The safety of law students and other members of the law school community are very important to us. To ensure we are doing all we can (not because of any incident), the administration is continuing to review security measures relating to the safety of both persons and property at the law school. Please let one of the deans know if you have any suggestions for improving security in our community.

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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.