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REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2015: Registration for spring semester will open at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, November 24, for third-year students, and it will open at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 25, for second-year students. All first-year students will be registered automatically by the Office of Budget and Records sometime in December.

Schedules and other materials relating to courses and registration for spring semester have been distributed to all students by e-mail. If you did not receive these materials, please contact Dean Gaebler by e-mail at dgaebler@niu.edu. Students taking fewer than 12 hours are also reminded that they will need to file a petition with Dean Coles.

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 Dean Coles in Room 276. Except in situations involving extraordinary circumstances, petitions are due by no later than noon on Wednesday, December 3, 2014.

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, the...
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 by no later than 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.

Externship Applications are now being accepted: Sign up now for a spring externship!! Whether you want to extern with a judge, a nonprofit or government agency, or in the criminal court system, we have programs available for you! Students rave about their off-campus experiences, and employers love to see that you have real experience working on real cases. To sign up, please complete the externship application, which is available in the Faculty office - Room 190 - and online. Applications are due by Monday, December 8, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Although applications may be turned in after that date, they will be approved only as space permits.

Please contact the externship faculty with any questions: Sheila Maloney, Civil Externship, Director of Externships, smaloney@niu.edu; Lenny Mandell, Criminal Externship, lmandell@niu.edu; David Taylor, Judicial Externship, Huskie Athletic Externship, dtaylor@niu.edu; Paul Cain, Juvenile Courts Externship, pcain@niu.edu; Gwen Jordan, Innocence Project Externship, gjorda2@uis.edu.

Student Bar Association: All Students: A friendly reminder to all students about responsible use of the student lounge. Please remember to turn the television off when you are leaving. There have been some issues with it being left on overnight. As always, takes steps with your belongings to be sure the lounge remains clean. The SBA has begun to provide paper plates, napkins, cups, and utensils for students who have forgotten these items. Please use these items within limits so we have the funds to keep providing them for the rest of this semester and next semester as well!

MAKING TRACKS WITH DEAN JENNIFER ROSATO PEREA:

As I spent some of the past week -- attending alumni reunions, hosting a deans' breakfast for students, meeting about the Illinois Bar Foundation fellowship, presenting for the family law society about reproductive technology and family law, attending the inspiring Murer professionalism program, and enjoying the BLSA Thanksgiving lunch -- I felt so grateful for the community that we have created and nurtured.
We have students who support each other, faculty who inspire and engage their students, administrators who find no task too small or large to take on, a University that values the law school, alumni who are strong role models and mentors, and a connected community that includes but expands way beyond the borders of DeKalb.

I am so proud to be your dean, and to continually work to help the law school -- and each of our students -- achieve their potential. I appreciate all that you do to further that goal: whether it is working your hardest to study for an exam or for the bar, to mentor another student, or take on a community project.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and good luck as you begin to study for exams. Remember it is a marathon not a sprint, so pacing and energy throughout the exam-taking race is part of the key to success!

All my best,
Dean Rosato Perea

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES:

**Hesed House** is the second largest Homeless Shelter in Illinois and is located in Aurora at 659 South River Road. Hesed House offers emergency shelter to about 160 guests per night, maintains a Transitional Living program where individuals can make the transition between being homeless and permanently housed, and offers various services including case management, veterans assistance, free medical services, and free legal services. We are currently looking for a new Legal Clinic Coordinator for our Hope Legal Clinic. This is a flexible part-time position (about 10-20 hours a week) and pays $10.00 an hour.

The position of Legal Clinic Coordinator has historically been occupied by a law student. Duties of this position include doing client intake, referring cases to volunteer attorneys, and recruiting attorneys to volunteer with the Hope Legal Clinic. This position provides an opportunity to network with local attorneys, gain experience at applying legal knowledge to real life facts, and work with the homeless community. To apply for the position, please send a resume to Karen Whitney at kwhitney@hesedhouse.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.
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.

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:

May 2015 Graduates:

An important e-mail to confirm status of graduation requirements and a credit audit was sent out (via official Z# e-mail addresses) to all 3Ls who are on course to graduate this coming May. If you have not already done so, please check over this data and respond back to Julie to verify whether the information is, or is not, correct.

Reimbursement Process:

Purchases: For purchases on behalf of NIU College of Law events: 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 staff member.

Travel: For reimbursement for travel on behalf of NIU College of Law, you will need the approval of the 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 these procedures and deadline, 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.


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):

**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 Frotestad 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 e-mail 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).

**OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**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 is 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.

To increase mail security, the student mail folders have been moved into the law library. They are now located near the computers across from the reference desk. As indicated above, access to the law library during evening hours requires use of a new NIU OneCard (prox card).

**Academic Policies and Procedures:** The [Student Handbook](#) continues to undergo extensive revisions and in the future will be limited to academic policies and procedures. Until those revisions are completed and (where relevant) approved by the faculty, all academic policies in the 2012 Student Handbook continue to remain in effect, except as modified or expanded in [addenda posted after July 2012](#) or in notices and other communications distributed to the students. It is anticipated that the new edition of the Student Handbook will be issued in spring or summer 2015. Information about other policies, procedures and personnel is available from the departments involved and on the NIU Law web site.

**HELPFUL LINKS:**

As exams and course registration approach, students may find the following resources helpful:

1. [NIU Law Certificate Programs](#)
2. [Experiential learning at NIU Law](#)
3. [NIU Law Academic Success Program](#)
4. [Bar Exam Resources](#)

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

1. [Campus Safety Tips](#)
2. [Counseling Services](#)
3. [Student Grievance Procedures](#)
4. [University Ombudsperson](#)
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