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**THIS WEEK:**

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**Black Law Students Association:** BLSA will be selling sweatpants from now until November 7th! Samples and order forms will be in the Marshall Gallery during the lunch hour. Come check out and place your orders for Official NIU College of Law sweats just in time for finals and the holiday! We would also 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.

**Clinical Law Program:** Thinking about taking a clinic this spring? The clinical faculty and students will be holding a clinic information meeting on **Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at noon in Room 179**. As part of the COL’s experiential learning program, there are currently 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. This meeting will provide an overview of each clinic. Current and former clinical students will discuss their clinical experiences, and the faculty will explain the clinic application process. Lunch will be served. 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.
**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.

**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.** 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 I covered lots of miles in different venues representing the law school, including--

- Last Friday - attended Women's Bar Foundation Lunch, introducing NIU Law award recipient Amanda Beveroth

- Saturday - participated in NIU Law Board of Visitors meeting at Maggiano's in Chicago

- Monday - presented and answered questions before a University committee regarding the law school's program review (which occurs every 8-10 years)
• Tuesday - dressed up as Daenerys Targaryen from "Game of Thrones" for the faculty/staff Halloween Party

• Tuesday - met with SBA committee regarding use of academic excellence fee for this fiscal year

• Tuesday and Wednesday - met with and congratulated all the Chessick essay winners, Tad Juilfs, Shaina Kalanges, Jeffrey Reed, and Michael Mehlick

• Thursday - attended opening celebration for the Health Advocacy Clinic

        Have a Happy Halloween!
        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:**

*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

**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.

**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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