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**Appellate Court Arguments:** The Illinois Appellate Court for the Second District will convene and hear oral arguments in the Riley Courtroom on **Tuesday, February 17, at 9:30 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m.** The arguments will be followed by an informal question-and-answer session and then a reception at about 12:00 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery. Case summaries and briefs are available at the front desk of the law library.

**BLSA Diversity & Inclusion Panel Discussion:** The Black Law Students Association will present a diversity and inclusion panel discussion on **Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 12:00 noon in the Riley Courtroom (Room 170).** All are invited to come enjoy a riveting discussion on various topics related to diversity and inclusion. The program will be led by our guest moderator Dr. Katrina Caldwell, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs. You will also hear from some of NIU COL’s finest professors and students. Let us fill your belly with Rosati’s pizza as well as your mind! First come, first served!

**Criminal Law Movie Night:** Everyone is invited to attend our next **Criminal Law Movie Night** this **Thursday, February 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom.** The film this month is **The Thin Blue Line**, about the wrongful conviction of a man who was sent to death row for the murder of police officer Robert Wood. (We were originally going to screen this movie earlier in the month, but postponed it because of a conflict.) Pizza and cheap beer will be provided **in limited quantities.** Please RSVP to
Professor Falkoff (mfalkoff@niu.edu) if you think there's a decent chance you'll attend so that we will know how much food to order.

**Federalist Society 2015 Annual Student Symposium:** The University of Chicago Law School’s Federalist Society Student Chapter will host the 34th National Federalist Society Student Symposium on **February 20 to February 21, 2015.** A banquet will be held on the eve of February 21, 2015. The theme for the Symposium is "Law and Innovation." The registration fee for members is $10 for the symposia and $40 for the banquet. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact the Federalist Society at NIUFederalists@gmail.com or visit http://www.fedsoc.org/events/detail/2015-annual-student-symposium.

**NIU Summer Program in Agen, France:** Applications for the 2015 NIU Summer Program in Agen, France are now available to be **completed on line.** The first 16 students to apply prior to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23 will receive a $200 **early bird discount** courtesy of the Rudy DeSeifie Fund. The summer program is contingent on a minimum of 12 participants. Your early application will both assist us and earn you the $200 **early bird discount.** If you have any questions, please contact Dean Gaebler at dgaebler@niu.edu, Professor Reynolds at danreynolds@niu.edu or Professor Taylor at dtaylor@niu.edu.

**PLANNING AHEAD**

**12th Annual Minority Reception:** Dean Rosato Perea and alumnus Vincent Cornelius ('89) will host the 12th Annual Minority Reception on Wednesday, February 25, at Cantina Laredo (508 N. State Street, Chicago) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. During this year’s reception, the Honorable Thaddeus Wilson ('94) will receive the Excellence in Service and Leadership Award. Bus transportation will be provided with enough student interest. Please RSVP to Melody Mitchell at mmitchell@niu.edu by February 18 if you plan to attend and need transportation.

**1L Professionalism Program:** Please save the date for the following sessions in the 1L professionalism program, which are mandatory for all first-year students:

- **Wednesday, March 4, 2015:** Margaret Benson, Executive Director of Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, will be talking about pro bono work. This program will be held in the Riley Courtroom and will be followed by a reception with drinks and appetizers.

- **Thursday April 9, 2015:** Professor Nancy Levit, one of the authors of “The Happy Lawyer: Making a Good Life in the Law”, will be speaking. Please note that this program is on a Thursday instead of a Wednesday in order to accommodate the speaker’s schedule. The program will be followed by a dinner.

- **Wednesday April 15, 2015:** Cherilyn Murer (’78), President and CEO of Murer Consultants, Inc., will be speaking. Cherilyn, along with her husband, Michael Murer, generously fund the
1L professionalism program each year. This program will be held in Altgeld Hall and will be followed by a dinner.

All sessions are scheduled from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. A fourth session will be announced soon.

MAKING TRACKS WITH DEAN ROSATO PEREA

As Greg Anderson says to all of you at Orientation, law school is a three-year job search. Although it is your job search, the law school is here to provide you with opportunities and support all along the way to help ensure the success of that search. Among other services, we provide you with a strong learning environment and opportunities to build your skills outside the classroom through clinics, externships, and internships. We also offer certificate programs to help deepen your knowledge and improve your marketability. Lawyer mentors are available to first-year students, and the faculty are here to mentor you throughout law school.

We are continuing to build the Career Opportunities and Student Professional Development Office to support your success. Resume review is now required for all 1Ls, to make sure you make the best first impression seeking your first law-related jobs, and third-year students are working even more closely one-on-one with Greg to make sure you have a tailored job search plan to follow. In addition, this semester we are offering BOV Career Advice Dinners, Interviewing Bootcamp, Panels on Appellate Careers and Public Interest Fellowships, an etiquette speaker and guidance on how to dress for success, as well as a presentation on technology in practice.

We strongly encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities as they arise to make your job search the most successful one possible. Happy Valentine’s Day weekend!

Dean Rosato Perea

FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

Changes in Location. Please note that the shelves in the hallway to the library’s North Wing no longer contain books for the taking. That area now contains a collection of books intended for use in the library only. If you have taken books from those shelves, please return them. There should be a “Self-Help Collection” label above the call number label.

Books for the taking are now on shelves to the right of the public computer in the library’s entrance area.

Law Library Noise Policy. To provide an environment conducive to study, library users are requested to keep all conversations very low in volume. The center of the library is not to be loud, but by its nature will have more activity and conversation. The North and South wings should be used for quiet study.
Library staff will ask those violating this policy to reduce the sound level; a second violation will result in being asked to leave the library. Multiple violations will be directed to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs for further action.

Ringers on cell phones are to be silenced (i.e., set on vibrate). When a call is received or a patron makes a call, the patron needs to leave the library to conduct the call. Thank you all for your compliance with this policy.

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS

May 2015 Graduates:

- Applying for graduation is a two-step process, which must be completed between February 2, 2015 and February 20, 2015. First, you must see Julie (SP285) to complete a “Statement of Candidacy.” It is preferred that you call ahead (753-1620) or email (jmahoney@niu.edu) to make an appointment. At your appointment, you will be given instructions on the second step that must be completed for graduation. Remember: the deadline for both required steps is February 20, 2015!

- Under NIU Law’s standard procedures, a Dean’s Certificate is prepared for all graduates by the Office of Budget & Records (Christina and Julie). After review, the certificate is then signed by Dean Rosato Perea and is sent directly to the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar (IBAB). For students applying to the Illinois bar, this process will be completed in June, after the law school has verified that graduates have fulfilled all requirements for graduation and do not have a hold on their university accounts. You do not need to, and in fact cannot, include the dean’s certificate in your original application to the bar. If you are applying to take the bar exam in a state other than Illinois and that state requires a form similar to the Illinois Dean's Certificate, then you will need to provide a copy of that form to the Office of Budget & Records in ample time so that it can be completed and sent in accordance with whatever deadlines are set by the state in question.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Weather Alerts: Winter closing information is available on the university web site and is updated as weather conditions change. The university urges all students, faculty and staff to use caution and personal judgment in their travels to and from campus during winter months and to dress appropriately for protection from cold temperatures and wind chills.

The university also provides detailed (and often entertaining) weather forecasts from university meteorologist, Gilbert Sebenste, on a regular basis during the semester. To see what information is available and subscribe for regular weather updates by e-mail, you can subscribe on-line.
Continuing Disclosure Obligation: All students are reminded that in order to comply with state bar examiners’ character and fitness requirements for admission to the bar, there is a continuing obligation to disclose immediately any and all circumstances and events occurring after the date of submission of an application for admission until the date of graduation, which may bear on a student’s character and fitness to join the Bar. This information includes, but is not limited to, circumstances surrounding the questions asked on the College of Law application for admission. For questions about the continuing disclosure obligation, please contact Associate Dean Coles. To obtain disclosure checklists for continuing disclosures of events occurring during law school enrollment (or for supplemental disclosures if relevant information was not included on a student’s original application for admission), please contact Lisa Hoebing in Room 276.

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