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**Student Bar Association Student Survey:** Please complete the SBA Student Survey by Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 11:30 p.m. The survey link is: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/niulaw2015](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/niulaw2015). Once you complete the survey, print the confirmation page (or whatever the first page is at the end of the survey), write your name on it, and place it in Alyssa Freeman's mailbox for a free individual Barrister's ticket. Your opinions are very important to the SBA and the Administration.

**SBA Elections:** Candidate paragraphs for Executive Board positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and ABA Representative) are due Friday, April 3, by 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in running for a position, please e-mail your paragraph to sba.niu@gmail.com. Prospective candidates should refer to the Election Guidelines that were sent by the SBA Election Committee on March 25, 2015. These guidelines are also available on the NIU COL SBA Facebook page and on the SBA TWEN site.

**Health Advocacy Clinic/PILS Guest Speaker:** Come hear guidance from Ann Hilton Fisher, who served as the executive Director of the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago. She is a retired public interest attorney who spent over 40 years representing low-income clients who were elderly, disabled and living with HIV/AIDS. The presentation will take place from **12:00 to 1:00 p.m.** on Monday, March 30, in the Riley Courtroom, and lunch will be provided.
The Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers is sponsoring a seminar entitled “Your Secrets Are My Business” on Monday, March 30 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 150. This dynamic PowerPoint presentation will demonstrate to the attendees how much information they leave on the internet creating a “Digital Footprint”. You will see actual case examples of information that has been acquired by this Cyber Investigator through using the internet and knowing how to ethically and legally obtain information. At the end of this presentation, the attendees will have a better understanding and knowledge about the value of the internet and will learn about some useful websites that comprise some of the secret techniques that professional investigators use. This seminar, which will be particularly useful if you are interested in criminal prosecution or criminal defense, is presented by Kevin W. McClain, Board Certified Criminal Defense Investigator and President of Kevin W. McClain Investigations, Ltd. Mr. McClain is an adjunct professor at Valparaiso Law School, is on the faculty at the Clarence Darrow Death Penalty College at DePaul University Law School, is a contract investigator for the Illinois Innocence Project and has worked with the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University. Food will be provided. For further information, please contact Professor Paul Cain at pcain@niu.edu.

The Federalist Society: The Federalist Society is hosting speakers Professor Patrick Garry and Professor Heidi Kuehl on Wednesday, April 1, at noon in the Riley Courtroom to speak on "Net Neutrality” and its impact on individuals, society sectors, and businesses large and small. One of the covered aspects will be the impact that Net Neutrality may have on legal research. This event is timely as "Net Neutrality" has been trending online, but these words sound so boring that many of us never even found out what Net Neutrality is. Those who know something about it may have a partisan view that it is good or bad without knowing what it does in total. If you have questions about this event, please contact NIUFederalists@gmail.com.

Criminal Law Movie Night: On April 1 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom, the Criminal Law Society will be screening "Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills," a documentary about the "West Memphis Three," teenagers wrongfully (?) convicted of rape and murder. Pizza and beer will be provided in limited quantities.

Part-Time Research Assistant: Professor Widman is looking for a part-time research assistant for next year (2015-2016). Applicants should be willing to do some work over the summer (with hours during the academic semester accordingly reduced). This position is especially suited to students who have some experience and/or interest in administrative law, federal courts, and legislation. Preference will be given to students who have taken at least one of the above classes. I expect some of the work to require knowledge and experience with the Bluebook Citation form. Please submit a current resume (including your year, current GPA, and class rank, if known), a law school transcript (unofficial is fine), and a brief letter of interest to Professor Widman by noon on Thursday, April 9. Applications must be submitted in hard copy, not electronically, and may be left in the mailbox attached to my office door if necessary.

Environmental Law Society Recycling Program: The ELS is continuing to collect used ink cartridges, old batteries, and pop tabs to make sure that these items are properly recycled, or as in the case of the pop tabs, donated. Please deposit any such items in the ELS-labeled coffee cans in the student lounge,
the library, and under the TV near the Normal Road entrance. Thank you for your assistance with our goal of promoting recycling within Swen Parson.

**PLANNING AHEAD**

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

- **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.

**Student Bar Association:** Please reserve space on your calendar for the following up-coming events:

1. **Pancake Breakfast:** 1Ls, please join SBA and the Legal Writing Professors on **Monday April 6, 2015 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Marshall Gallery** for breakfast. The legal writing professors are excited to cook you breakfast in celebration of the completion of the Appellate Brief!

2. **Barrister's Ball:** Tickets are now available for the annual Barrister's Ball, which is set for **Saturday, April 11, 2015, from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Kishwaukee Country Club.** Pre-tickets are available for purchase for $30 (individuals) and $50 (couples) at the following link: [https://niusbacasinonight.ticketbud.com/niusbabarristersball2015](https://niusbacasinonight.ticketbud.com/niusbabarristersball2015). Only individual tickets are available at the door and they are $40. Transportation will be provided to and from Swen Parson Hall and the Country Club starting at 6:45 p.m. Please visit the Facebook event page or ask any SBA member if you have any other questions.

3. **End of the Year Class Party**: The End of the Year Class Party is set for **Monday, April 27, 2015, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Everyone — please join us for pizza, beverages, and announcements of the 3L Class Speaker and Class Agent and Professor of the Year. **All 3Ls — your hat toss photo will be at 12:30 p.m.**

**Law Review Symposium:** Please join the NIU Law Review for its annual symposium on **Friday, April 17, 2015 from 9:00 to 2:30 p.m.** This year’s symposium, entitled Medical Marijuana Legalization, A Growing Trend: Social, Economic and Legal Implications, will have a total of 10 speakers that present on three panels and one featured speaker. The event is **free to all students** unless they also want to join for lunch and then the registration fee is only $15. For more information and to register, please visit the Symposium website: [http://www.niu.edu/law/organizations/law_review/symposium_2015/index.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/law/organizations/law_review/symposium_2015/index.shtml)
I hope that you are having a wonderful week. I have had an exciting one—including a presentation to undergraduate NIU students who belong to A Mujer de Mujer and Ebony Women, giving a keynote speech at an NIU workshop on diversity and inclusion, and preparing a report (and now attending) for the AALS Membership Review Committee meeting in D.C.

And I am guessing that most of you know that I accepted the deanship of DePaul College of Law beginning July 1, 2015 for personal and professional reasons. As I told the students at the leadership summit a few weeks ago, my contract as dean at NIU Law was going to expire next year and I did a lot of soul-searching to think about the next stage of my professional life. I have been so proud to be your dean for the last six years, and I take all of my experiences with me to DePaul.

Be assured that the law school is in good hands, and a new interim dean will be selected soon. You will have the same amazing faculty and engaged alumni, and student-centered administration and staff who will all take good care of you after you leave. I anticipate that all the momentum that we have gained over the last six years will continue, including curricular innovation, experiential learning opportunities, professionalism and professional development, preparation for bar success, and enhanced reputation and impact in the region and beyond.

I look forward to seeing you at the many end-of-the-year functions and programs we have planned. I will always consider myself a member of the Huskie family, and hope our paths continue to cross in the future. All my best,

Dean Rosato Perea

FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

Law Library Spring News: We are excited to announce that the law library will be purchasing new carpet! The installation of the carpet will hopefully be finished by this July, and we will also be purchasing some new group study tables, chairs, and whiteboards for collaborative learning spaces in conjunction with this renovation process. We will begin the installation in the North Wing in late April, so please keep an eye out for signage regarding the renovation progress and designated quiet areas. During renovations, the quiet area will temporarily move to the South Wing of the law library while the North Wing is being renovated first. Just let us know if you have any questions about quiet zones for study, the renovation timeline, or any other issues during the renovation process. Please pardon our dust as the carpet installation begins next month!

Additional Reminders This Month: The computer lab will be unavailable during the remainder of the Basic Legal Research classes this month. Please also remember not to leave personal containers of food or drink in the student lounge in the law library overnight. This will prevent unwanted smells, pests, and
other harmful byproducts from permeating into the law library. We appreciate your periodic clean-up efforts for personal containers in the student lounge because the evening cleaning staff will not pick those personal items up or throw them away.

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS

May 2015 Graduates: 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. 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

The administration has decided to leave the student lounge in Room 290C for the remainder of the semester and during exams. This summer, they will then evaluate whether to leave the lounge in Room 290C on a permanent basis. If students would like to express their views on this possibility, there is a question on the SBA student survey made available on March 25 that relates to the lounge.

Students will also have the opportunity to express their views on a variety of other topics affecting the College of Law, not only through the SBA’s annual student survey but also on the second Law Student Survey of Student Engagement (LSSSE) distributed on behalf of the administration and faculty. Please take the time to participate in both surveys. Although there may be a few overlapping topics, the SBA and LSSSE surveys serve different purposes, and each is very important to the future direction of the law school. For any questions about the lounge or about the surveys, please contact Dean Coles.

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