Criminal Law Movie Night: Join the Criminal Law Society on Wednesday, March 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom for pizza, beer and a screening of Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills, a documentary by Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky. This film is about the “West Memphis Three” in which teenagers were “wrongfully?” convicted of the Satanic-ritual rape, mutilation and murder of three eight-year-old boys.

Careers in Appellate Law Panel: All students are invited to a panel discussing careers in appellate law on Thursday, March 26, at 4:00 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom. Speakers include private practitioners with an appellate practice; judicial law clerks; appellate court research attorneys; appellate prosecutors; and appellate defenders.

Riley Lecture: This year's Riley Lecture, "That Justice Shall Be Done — Constitutional Requirements, Ethical Rules, and the Professional Ideals of Federal Prosecution," will be given by the Honorable Charles R. Wilson of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (Tampa, Florida) on Friday, March 27, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom. The lecture will be followed by a reception in the Marshall Gallery.
**Public Interest Law Society**: The 20th Annual PILS Auction will be held on this **Friday, March 27, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery**. There will be food, drinks, excellent prizes, and as always, the opportunity to network. In addition to the Friday auction, the special Student Auction will be held in the Marshall Gallery on **Wednesday, March 25, and Thursday, March 26**. Don't miss out on the chance to win dinner with your favorite professor!

**Attention students**: PILS is still in need of volunteers to help with set-up as well as special projects during the Friday event. If you are interested, please let Abbey Buckels (abigail.buckels@gmail.com) or Rikkilee Moser (rmoser117@gmail.com) know ASAP. **Remember: the more you help with PILS, the more likely you are to receive an Outreach Assistantship over the summer for your unpaid public interest internship.**

**Charity Bowling**: Come join the SBA and the Sports and Entertainment Law Society for an afternoon of bowling on **Saturday, March 21, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Mardi Gras Lanes in Sycamore**. For $15, you will receive a lane, shoes, pizza, and soft drinks. Proceeds will benefit HorsePower Therapeutic Riding, a local 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides therapeutic horseback riding to over 50 local children and adults with mental, physical, and emotional disabilities. If you have any questions, please contact Alyssa Freeman (alyssalfreeman@gmail.com) or Niklas Lofgren (niklas.lofgren22@gmail.com).

**Black Law Students Association**: On behalf of BLSA, we would like to thank all who attended our first diversity and inclusion panel. The panel was a great success, and we enjoyed hearing from our very own professors and students in regard to current diversity issues that face our field, as well as our law school community. The discussion was so riveting that BLSA is presenting a part 2! Please join us on **Wednesday, March 25, at noon in Room 188** for lunch and a continued discussion. We hope to see all of you there!!

**1L Professionalism Program**: An Ethics Panel discussion will take place on **Wednesday March 25, from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom**, followed by a dinner in the Marshall Gallery.

**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**

**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.

**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.

**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.

Thanks and Happy Spring, Heidi

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS

May 2015 Graduates:

- If you ordered Graduation Announcements when you completed your Statement of Candidacy, they are now available. Please pick them up in Julie's office (SP285) by the end of the day Friday, March 27. Any unclaimed Graduation Announcements will be made available to others at that time.

- 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.

Reimbursement Process:

- **Purchases:** For purchases on behalf of NIU College of Law events: Expenses must be approved by the 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.

**OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Student Lounge:** While we await repairs to the student lounge, an alternative space for students has been opened up in Room 290-C in the library. The student lounge furniture, refrigerator, microwaves and other amenities have now been moved to 290-C and will remain there until repairs to the lounge are completed. If you have any questions, please contact Dean Coles.

**Student Surveys:** Over the next few weeks, students will have the opportunity to express their views on a variety of topics affecting the College of Law through participation in the SBA’s annual student survey, as well as 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.

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