**NIU LAW DOCKET**

April 27, 2015

| Monday, April 27 | Pick up caps and gowns beginning at 8:30 a.m., Room 280  
End-of-the-Year Class Party, 12:00-3:00 p.m., Marshall Gallery  
3L Hat Toss Photo, 12:30 p.m., Marshall Gallery  
LLSA Moot Court Team Tryouts, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Room 290F; 2:00-4:00 p.m., Room 170; 4:00-5:00 p.m., Room 155 |
| Tuesday, April 28 |  
Wednesday, April 29 |  
Thursday, April 30 | Summer Clinic Application Deadline, 4:00 p.m.  
Deadline to Reschedule an Exam, Noon, Room 276 |
| Friday, May 1 |  |

**THIS WEEK**

*End-of-the-Year Class Party*: The SBA would like to invite the entire NIU Law community to attend the Last Day of Class Party from **12:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27, in the Marshall Gallery**. This will be a great opportunity for the students, faculty, and staff to connect and celebrate the year. We will also be celebrating the Class of 2015 as they end their law school campaign.

The following is a **tentative** agenda: 2:15 p.m.: Dean Rosato Perea speaks; **12:30 p.m.: 3L Class Hat Toss Photo**; 12:35 p.m.: Unveiling of Class of 2015 Composite Photo; Announcement of Class Speaker, Class Agents, & Professor of the Year; Presentation of the 3L Class Gift; 12:45 p.m.: SBA Gifts; 12:50 p.m.: 3L Class Skit Video Shown.

We will have plenty of food and snacks for all, so please join us for a few minutes or stay awhile. The food and drinks will be set up around 11:55 p.m. and will last until 3:00 p.m. or until they are gone. All of the announcements will take place between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m.
**LLSA Moot Court Tryouts:** The National Latina/o Law Student Association moot court team tryouts are on **Monday, April 27, from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in Room 290F** and then again **from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Room 170 and from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in Room 155**. The judges will include the LLSA team coach, Professor Jones, and last year's competitors, Patricia Donohue, Irakere Picon, Brian Cunningham and Danesa Tamayo. Each person will have 15 minutes to argue the first question of the Petitioners' Brief, which can be found on TWEN. A sign-up sheet is on the LLSA Board (in front of the writing professor's offices). Please do not forget to send Danesa Tamayo electronic copies of your legal writing appellate briefs. Half of your total score will come from your oral arguments and the other half from your brief. Thank you all and please let Danesa (danesatamayo@hotmail.com) know if you have any questions.

**Clinic Applications Due:** Thinking about taking a clinic this summer or fall? As part of the COL’s experiential learning program, we offer the following clinical courses: the Civil Justice Clinic, the Criminal Defense Clinic (Fall 2015), the Foreclosure Mediation Clinic, the Health Advocacy Clinic, and the Juvenile Justice Clinic (Summer 2015 only). 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 for summer and fall is available on the College of Law website.

**Priority Deadlines:** To coordinate with summer course registration, the **summer clinic application priority deadline** has been extended to **Thursday, April 30, at 4:00 p.m.** The **fall clinic application priority deadline** is **Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**

Other applications will be accepted after the priority deadlines on a rolling basis if space is available. 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 Professor, Criminal Defense Clinic and Juvenile Justice Clinic, pcain@niu.edu; **Wendy Vaughn**, Clinical Associate 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

**RA Position Available:** Professor Kuehl is accepting applications for a Research Assistant to conduct research for her during the Summer 2015, Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 terms. A full-time position (16 weeks) or two half-time positions (if two RAs are hired) and associated tuition waivers will be available. Please send your resume and a brief letter of interest to: hkuehl@niu.edu. Interviews will be conducted during the first week of May. Thanks in advance for your interest, Professor Kuehl

**FROM THE LAW LIBRARY**

**Digitalized Exam Files:** Attention All Students: The College of Law past exam files are now digitized and archived through Blackboard. You may access them on the law library’s webpage at
The past exams are also still on reserve in the law library, and you may request the print version of past exams at the circulation desk. Best of luck with your final exams!

**Renovations:** Our law library renovations have begun and will continue until the end of June. The North Wing of the law library is the first section to be closed off for the carpeting project. While the North Wing is being renovated, the South Wing will be the primary location for quiet study during the final exam period, and we will have clear signs to direct you to areas for quiet study and inform everyone regarding the enforcement of the noise policy (http://www.niu.edu/law/library/policies.shtml#noise).

**Recognitions:** I would like to personally thank the absolutely terrific librarians and staff that we have at the David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library who are dedicated to providing exemplary service each day: Professor Therese Clarke Arado, Professor Annie Mentkowski, Professor Sharon Nelson, Professor Karl Pettitt, Professor Clanitra Stewart Nejdl, Pam Sampson, Kate Hartman, and Cheryl Korth. They are a wonderful team and are here to support your research needs throughout the year (so don’t hesitate to ask for help!).

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**OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS**

**May 2015 Graduates:** Caps and gowns will be available for pick up in Room 280 on Monday, April 27, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The hat toss photo is scheduled for 12:30 p.m., followed by the unveiling of the Class of 2015 Composite. Please note: Caps and gowns must be picked up by Friday, May 1. This is important so that regalia can be tried on, and we can rush order if we need to exchange for a different size. If someone else is picking up regalia for you, please email Julie (jmahoney@niu.edu) to let her know ahead of 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.
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

_Rescheduling Exams:_ Upper-level students who have three examinations scheduled on three consecutive calendar days or who have two examinations scheduled on the same day may petition to reschedule one of the examinations. All such petitions must be filed with Dean Coles by **no later than noon on Thursday, April 30.** Generally, the requested date for a rescheduled exam should be after, not before, the regularly scheduled exam. Please also indicate whether you request to take the exam in the morning or the afternoon. Rescheduled exams will normally begin at either 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. After April 30, exams will only be rescheduled upon the filing of a petition demonstrating “extraordinary circumstances”, with supporting documentation. Petition forms are available on the NIU Law web site under “Current Students – Forms” or from Lisa Hoebing in Room 276.

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