THIS WEEK

**Summer and Fall Externship Informational Meeting:** Come learn about externship opportunities for summer and fall 2015 on **Monday, April 13, from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Room 170**. Hear from faculty and students about ways you can earn course credit for unpaid work with a state's attorney, public defender, judge, or government /non-profit organization. Students will be there to talk about how externing has helped them to develop real legal skills, work with clients and lawyers, and build a professional, legal network. Applications will be available and you will have an opportunity to ask questions at the meeting. If you have any questions in the interim or after the meeting, please contact Professor Sheila Maloney at smaloney@niu.edu. **Pizza and pop will be served!**

**1L Professionalism Program:** The last session in the 1L professionalism program, which is mandatory for all first-year students, will be held on **Wednesday April 15, from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. in Altgeld Hall**. At that session, Cherilynn Murer ('78), President and CEO of Murer Consultants, Inc., will be speaking. Cherilynn, along with her husband, Michael Murer, generously fund the 1L professionalism program each year. The program will be followed by a dinner.

**Law and Technology Program:** On **Thursday, April 16, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom**, John Locallo, a partner at the firm of Amari & Locallo, will present a program on technology and the delivery of legal services. His presentation will detail how, in a legal world where e-filing and e-discovery are heated topics, lawyers must embrace these technologies in order for their practices to succeed. All are welcome to attend the program, with a reception to follow.
**Law Review Symposium:** Please join the NIU Law Review for its annual symposium on **Friday, April 17, from 9:00 a.m. 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).

**The Federalist Society:** Join the Federalist Society for a unique inaugural event to facilitate conversation, following the NIU Law Review Symposium. There will be a reception and panel to supplement and continue the discussion on the symposium topic: *Social, Economic, and Legal Implications of Medical Marijuana Legalization*. This event, which will be held on **Friday, April 17, at approximately 3:00 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery**, will present additional practical implications for various areas of legal practice. Come to listen, discuss, and ask questions at this informal forum. Professor Mitch Pickerill will moderate.

**Latino/a Law Student Association:** LLSA has some great opportunities coming up. If you are a dues paying member you will have access to our 3L bar prep scholarship ($500) and our book scholarship ($250), as well as availability to try out for the National Latino Law Student Association Moot Court Competition and apply for the 2015-2016 Board. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at niu.latino.lawyers@gmail.com.

**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**

**Faculty Symposium:** All are invited to the Faculty Symposium on *Cross-Border Migration of Unaccompanied Minors: Prospects for Legislative and Policy Reform* on **Friday, April 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Altgeld Hall.** The symposium will feature three 90-minute panels and a one-hour presentation by featured speaker Joshua Hoyt, Executive Director of the National Partnership for New Americans. Topics will include the core reasons for migration across the border by unaccompanied minors; detention and representation issues; and legislation and policy considerations. The event, including lunch, is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

**Student Bar Association:** Please reserve space on your calendar for the **End-of-the-Year Class Party** to be held on **Monday, April 27, 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.**
MAKING TRACKS WITH DEAN ROSATO Perea

This week the administration and faculty have been working on closing out this academic year strongly and planning for next year, as well as ensuring a smooth transition to an interim dean in June. In the meantime, we are not "breaking stride" and are working towards a strong finish to this academic year.

In the two months that I have remaining at NIU, I look forward to working with the new SBA board to set goals and priorities, and begin to consider concrete plans to move towards achieving these goals. I am so appreciative of the current SBA leadership for working on a number of student-centered initiatives with the administration this past year, and overall serving as effective advocates for the concerns of our students.

In the next few weeks I hope to meet with the new SBA Board as well as the Dean's Advisory Group (previously known as the Academic Excellence Fee consulting group), as this group can and should be an advisory group on a range of issues on which the Dean can receive feedback from students. Those issues will include budget and tuition (of which the fee is now included), but will not be limited to those issues. I will be sharing a budget report for FY15, which will then be shared with the student body. It is too early to predict the budget for FY16, but the administration and faculty are beginning to set priorities that will help guide the budget discussions.

I hope to see you all at the NIU Judicata 5K tomorrow, and have fun at the Barrister's Ball!

All my best,
Dean Rosato Perea

FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

Celebrations: It’s National Library Week next week (April 12 to 18)! Please come and join the festivities in the law library. There will be candy, games, and fun throughout the week for your enjoyment. Be sure to also check out the book recommendations of your favorite professors! We’ll be having a wonderful book display of faculty favorites for you to leisurely browse as a fun study break. These books will be added to our new popular culture collection, so you may check them out later this month. Finally, please be sure to stop by on Wednesday, April 15, from Noon to 1:00 p.m. for “Tax Day, Treat Day” as part of the National Library Week celebration. There will be plenty of snacks for everyone, so mark your calendars and come celebrate the unlimited possibilities at your law library.

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 Clark 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!).

**Renovations:** Our law library renovations will be beginning in the next few weeks in the North Wing 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, which will begin on Monday, April 20. 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).

**Consultations:** The law library survey about summer hours recently went out to all students. Please fill out the survey with your preferences—we need your input! After hearing back from all of you, we will decide on our weekend hours during the summer. Just let us know if you have any questions. Thanks and have a great National Library Week! Heidi

**OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS**

**May 2015 Graduates:** Caps and gowns will be available for pick up in SP280 on Monday, April 27, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The hat toss photo is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on April 27, 2015, followed by the unveiling of the Class of 2015 Composite.

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.

**OPENING FOR RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

Professor Falkoff is accepting applications for one or possibly two halftime research assistantships for next year. He anticipates needing help with projects addressing criminal and administrative law. Willingness to do some work during the upcoming summer (with hours during the school year accordingly diminished) will be a factor in his decision. To apply, please submit a brief cover letter explaining your interest, a resume, and a transcript (unofficial is fine). Applications should be submitted in hard copy (not by email) to the faculty secretaries. The deadline is Friday, April 17 at noon. Late applications will not be considered.
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.

**LSSSE Survey: Attention all students** — Time is running out to express your opinion on a variety of topics affecting the College of Law. On April 16, you will receive a final email asking you to participate in the survey, which closes at the end of the month. The survey, which is designed and administered by the Law School Survey of Student Engagement, asks questions about your law school experience that will be used to improve educational quality and the student experience at NIU Law. This is particularly important now as we prepare to search for a new dean, participate in the university’s program prioritization review and assess the law school and its operations as part of an upcoming ABA accreditation review. To complete the survey, you must log-on through the email you receive about LSSSE (each student receives his or her own unique URL) or you may go to lawschoolsurvey.org and click on the “don’t have my login ID” prompt. If you have any questions about the study, please contact Associate Dean Coles at 815-753-0668 or kcoles@niu.edu.

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