**THIS WEEK:**

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**FROM THE OFFICE OF DEAN JENNIFER L. ROSATO PEREA:**

Dear NIU College of Law Students:

Some changes have taken place over the last few months that I want you to know about. I will also send you regular updates throughout the semester, either in the *Docket* or at a town meeting.

- Some of our faculty decided to retire at the end of the 2013-2014 academic year, including Professors Green, Luna, and Schneider, as well Legal Writing Instructor and Academic Success Coordinator Elsa Miller. Meredith Stange has been appointed the Director of the Legal Writing Program and Jeanna Hunter the Director of the Academic Success Program, and we are in the search for two additional legal writing/academic success instructors.

- Heidi Kuehl joins the faculty as Associate Professor and Library Director. She will teach a seminar in Law and Technology in Fall, and International Business Transaction in Spring. Professors Therese Arado and Sharon Nelson will continue to serve as Associate Directors and new Assistant Professor Clanitra Stewart joins Annie Mentkowski and Karl Pettitt as library faculty.
• Our clinical and externship opportunities continue to strengthen and grow. Sheila Maloney has joined us as Visiting Professor and Coordinator of Externships, coordinating the externship application process and supervising civil externships. Professor Emeritus Lenny Mandell will continue to supervise Criminal Externships, and Professor and Director of the Skills Program David Taylor will supervise Judicial Externships and the NIU Athletics Externship.

• Greg Anderson’s department has been renamed “Career Opportunities and Professional Development”, which will allow him to focus his full attention on student success – including internships, job placement, mentoring, scholarships, assistantships, and fellowships. The fundraising activities that Greg participated in will be moved entirely to the Dean’s Office and the Foundation, with support from Alumni Events and Public Relations Director Melody Mitchell.

• The 1L Murer Professionalism Series is fully funded for another year and is now officially a requirement for graduation.

• At the end of the academic year, the faculty approved a fifth certificate in Public Interest Law – which will be available to all second and third-year students.

• Over the summer, the roof area over Swen Parson (including the library) was replaced, which will allow us to make needed upgrades to that space.

Please let me or Associate Dean Coles or Associate Dean Gaebler know if you have any questions – and have a great year!

All my best,
Dean Rosato Perea

Black Law Students Association & Latino Law Students Association

The Black Law Students Association and the Latino Law Students Association will be hosting our annual "Welcome Back Dinner". All students are invited! The evening will be filled with food, fun, and games. Come out and meet your NIU COL community! The event will be on Sunday, August 24 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Founders Memorial Library.

We are also asking that all upperclassman help by bringing a dish to share. If students are interested in attending please RSVP via e-mail to mcneelaw@gmail.com by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22nd!
Welcome back, or welcome to the COL! Time to start getting involved again. The Juvenile Interest Law Society (JILS) will be working on a project involving law students presenting Constitution-related material to students at local high schools and is in need of interested students who want to lend a hand with planning or presenting materials. Everyone is welcome to participate, regardless if you want to be a member of JILS. Anyone interested can e-mail Matthew Flores at Flores@niu.edu. We will have a short meeting in a location TBA on August 25th after interested people contact us.

Respectfully,
Matthew Flores

CLINICAL LAW PROGRAM STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS:

It’s not too late to sign up for a clinic. Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the clinical faculty if you would like additional information.

- Anita Maddali, Assistant Professor of Law and Director of Clinics, amaddali@niu.edu
- Paul Cain, Clinical Associate Professor, Juvenile Justice Clinic, pcain@niu.edu
- Wendy Vaughn, Clinical Assistant 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

LAW LIBRARY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Law Library welcomes two new colleagues

Heidi Frotestad Kuehl joined the NIU College of Law in August as an Associate Professor of Law and Director of the David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library. Professor Kuehl’s primary research and teaching interests are in foreign, comparative, and international law, international business transactions, law and technology, and basic and advanced legal research. Prior to joining the NIU College of Law, Professor Kuehl was the Associate Director for Research and Reference Services and Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Library at Northwestern University School of Law’s Pritzker Legal Research Center in Chicago.

Clanitra L. Stewart joined the NIU College of Law Library faculty in May. She provides legal reference assistance to faculty, students, and other library users. In addition, she teaches legal research. Prior to joining the Law Library faculty, she practiced law at the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center,
where she provided local and statewide policy advocacy on behalf of low-income communities in the areas of affordable housing, homelessness, hunger, and community economic development.

Please welcome Heidi & Clanitra to the College of Law community!

The Law Library will be open Monday, August 18, through Tuesday, November 25, 2014 as follows:

- Monday - Thursday - 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.*
- Friday - 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday - 12:00 noon - 11:30 p.m.

To all 3Ls — Did you know that as an alum you are able to continue to borrow books from the law library? Stop by the Circulation Desk any time before graduation to set up your alumni account.

To all 1Ls and 2Ls – Please be aware that in the fall semester you will need an NIU One Card that will work with the library’s new key card access system. Under the new entrance system, the keypad that was installed on the law library door this semester will be used to allow limited access to the law library in the evenings beginning in September 2014. Depending upon the NIU One Card you have, you may need to obtain a new card. More information will be forthcoming on obtaining the appropriate card

Patron Conduct Policy. The Law Library is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for its patrons and staff that is conducive to teaching, learning, study and research. Towards that end, we have revised and reorganized our patron conduct policy. For the full text of the policy, please see http://law.niu.edu/law/library/policies_patron_conduct.shtml


Online Research Center: http://www.niu.edu/law/library/onlineresearchcenter.shtml


Students should not hesitate to ask the law librarians or staff when they have a research question or any general questions while getting acclimated to law school. Thanks! ~ Heidi

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES:

*Looking for Pro Bono Opportunities in Illinois?* If you are looking for pro bono opportunities, please visit [www.LawStudents.IllinoisProBono.org](http://www.LawStudents.IllinoisProBono.org). On that site, students can download a free app that offers three tools: (1) legal resources on Illinois law, (2) volunteer postings search, and (3) upcoming legal events, including MCLE training. The app is available for Apple and Android devices and bolsters volunteer work by offering a statewide search for volunteer opportunities, comprehensive manuals, articles, and a calendar of training sessions and events to support those opportunities. Download to your device today!

EXTERNSHIPS

The specialized Juvenile Court Externship will be available to students this fall and spring in DeKalb and Kane Counties. If you are interested in family or child law, and wish to enroll in this experiential course, please contact Professor Lawrence Schlam at lschlam@niu.edu.

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:

**OFFICE LOCATIONS:**

- Christina L. Raguse, Director Office Budget & Records  
  Room: SP281A2 (in Student Affairs Suite)  
  E-mail: craguse@niu.edu  
  Phone: 815-753-6580
- Julie Mahoney-Krzyzek, Office Manager  
  Room: SP285 (across hall from elevator)  
  E-mail: jmahoney@niu.edu  
  Phone: 815-753-1620

**LOCKERS:**

- If you currently have a locker, that locker will be yours the entire time you are enrolled as a student here in the College of Law.
- If you do not have a locker and would like one, you **must e-mail** your request to Julie Mahoney-Krzyzek jmahoney@niu.edu. A locker will be assigned to you.
- If a locker that is not registered with our office is found to have a lock on it, the lock will be cut.
off and contents emptied out. Replacing any locks that have to be cut off for this purpose will be your responsibility.

MAILBOXES:
- New mailboxes have been created for all students.
- These are for correspondence only. Do not put books, DVDs, clothing, etc. in them. There simply is not enough room for extra items, and it is very hard on the hanging files.
- If you had books, etc. in them over the summer, you can pick the items up in SP285
- Please check your mailbox regularly and do not let items accumulate.

E-MAIL:
- The NIU Z-E-mail address is the official e-mail for all students. Please check it frequently to ensure receipt of all official notices, especially if you have forwarded the Z-email to another address. Communications do not always forward as expected and can be lost, dumped into trash or blocked.

REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS:
- Purchases: For purchases on behalf of NIU College of Law events: Expenses must be approved by 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 must have 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 the appropriate required documentation.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & DEVELOPMENT:
Welcome all returning and new students! This year's Graduate Assistants in the Office of Career Opportunities & Development are Abigail Buckels, 3L and Rikki Lee Moser, 2L. They will be available to help you with your resumes and cover letters. Stop in to see them if you want to learn more about the benefits of being involved in PILS. Need to meet with the GAs or with Greg? Visit Becky Leneau, the Office Manager in Room 280 to set that appointment up for you.

1Ls will be assigned a mandatory orientation time, based on your class schedule, to familiarize you with our resources and services. We look forward to meeting each one of you! Keep a lookout for that information in your mailbox.
This office also publishes "Career Corner," a weekly newsletter that lists jobs, internships, career advice, upcoming seminars, and other networking opportunities. The newsletter arrives through your e-mail, usually on Mondays (on Tuesdays on a few occasions). Be sure to read it as there is a plethora of information and links at your fingertips — all to assist you in your educational and career goals (and hopefully to make your life a little less stressful). Be sure to adhere to the deadlines listed in this newsletter to avoid missing out on that opportunity!

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID:

Information Regarding Scholarships and Writing Competitions. Each year, there are a number of opportunities for students to obtain additional financial assistance to help pay for the costs of attending law school. In particular, many scholarships and writing competition prizes are available, and the number of students applying for many of them is often low (increasing the chances of success for individual applicants). For a list of these scholarship and writing competitions, see the file that is being e-mailed along-side this week’s edition of the Docket and is made available in separate copies on tables on the first and second floor of the law school. Do not miss the many opportunities available this Fall, as indicated in those listings. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at 815-753-8595 or lawadm@niu.edu or stop by Room 151.

1L students:

Do you need something to make your resume “stand out” at an interview? Impress NIU alums you meet at law firms? Not sure yet that you will enjoy the practice of law and would like a “back-up” plan? Need something to relieve stress for an hour or two each week while on campus? Then audition for the SCHLAM-TONES, the premiere a cappella vocal group at NIUCOL. If playing an instrument or singing in any context has left you with a good sense of pitch, rhythm, harmony – and the ability to “carry a tune” – contact Professor Schlam at lschlam@niu.edu for an informal audition. Due to present openings, preference will be given to basses, baritones and second tenors, but all potential singers, male or female, with these skills should audition.

The Docket is published every Monday by Associate Dean Kathleen Coles. Announcements for publication must be submitted to Lisa Hoebing in Room 276 or by e-mail to lhoebing@niu.edu no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!