### THIS WEEK:

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| Monday, September 15 | ILSA Informational Meeting, noon, Room 150  
                           ISBA 1L Rep Paragraphs due  
                           Criminal Law Society 1L Rep Paragraphs due |
| Tuesday, September 16 | Career Services Webinar, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Room 150  
                           Winnebago County Bar Association Expo, Rockford  
                           Federalist Society Debate, Noon, Room 188 |
| Wednesday, September 17 | Constitution Day Panel, noon, Riley Courtroom, Room 170  
                           Criminal Law Society Informational Meeting, noon, Room 186  
                           BARBRI Meeting, noon, Riley Courtroom, Room 188 |
| Thursday, September 18 |                                                                           |
| Friday, September 19 | Paragraph submission for PILS 1L Rep due by 4:00 p.m.  
                           SBA Bar Crawl, begin at Lord Stanley’s at 6:00 p.m. |

**Constitution Day Panel — The Supreme Court: Recent and Upcoming Cases:** In recognition of Constitution Day on September 17, the College of Law will present a faculty panel discussion of U.S. Supreme Court cases from both last year and the upcoming term. Professor Falkoff will moderate, with brief presentations from several members of the faculty. The event will take place at noon on Wednesday, September 17 in the Riley Courtroom. All members of the law school and university community are invited to attend.

**Student Bar Association:** Join us for SBA’s annual Welcome Back bar crawl. The bar crawl will be held on **September 19, 2014**. The final lineup is set: from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m. — Stanley's; 8:00 to 9:45 p.m. — O'Leary's (bus provided to Fatties); 10:00-11:45 p.m. — Fatties (bus provided to Molly's); and 12:00 a.m. to close — Molly's. Don't miss out! It's one of the best events of the year! 1L SBA election results will be announced!!!
**International Law Student Association:** Attention all students! Please join the International Law Student Association (ILSA) for an informational meeting on Monday, September 15, at noon, in Room 150. Refreshments will be provided!

**The Illinois State Bar Association** is looking for two 1Ls to volunteer as representatives for NIU College of Law. Applicants must submit an application paragraph explaining why they would like to be a representative for the ISBA at NIU. **Paragraphs are due by September 15** and may be sent to Kaitlin Hargate at kaitlinhargate@gmail.com. Questions regarding the position may be directed to Kaitlin as well.

**2L and 3L Volunteers Needed:** On Tuesday, September 16, 2014, the Winnebago County Bar Association (WCBA) will staff a booth at Academy Expo at the BMO Harris Center in Rockford, Illinois. The purpose of the Expo is to expose Rockford and Belvidere 9th grade students to a wide variety of career possibilities. Law student volunteers are needed to share their path to law school and answer questions from the students that visit the WCBA booth.

**Time Slots for Expo Volunteers:** 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.; 10:45 a.m. to 12:06 p.m.; 12:06 pm. to 1:54 p.m.; and 1:54 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you are able to volunteer, please call the Office of Admissions at 815-753-8595 or e-mail Terea Turner at tturner@niu.edu.

**The Federalist Society:**

**Debate:** Save the date for our first debate of the semester on Tuesday, September 16 at noon in Room 188. Topic and opponent will be announced soon. Lunch will be provided for guests at the event!

**Apply for a Position:** Anyone who is interested in a Federalist Society board position and would like to be considered, please become a member by filling out a paper membership application or by signing up on-line by visiting www.fed-soc.org. Then submit a Word document addressing why you would make a good addition to the Federalist Society at NIU COL based on experience, knowledge, ability, or anything else you deem relevant. In simple terms, tell us why you “want” to be on the board and why you should be on the board. You can email NIUFederalists@gmail.com with the above document and your schedule in an attachment (for purposes of arranging an interview). The opportunity for a board position is available to students in all classes, not just 1Ls.

**LLSA and Environmental Law Society (ELS):** LLSA and Environmental Law Society (ELS) will be conducting an Adopt-A-Highway service event on September 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Olde State Road (off Glidden Road). Please contact either group for more information.
Attention Upper-Classmen: Come join BARBRI for lunch on Wednesday, September 17 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Room 188, as we discuss our new payment match program and how to prepare for the MPRE. We will also answer all of your 2L and 3L bar prep questions. While the meeting will specifically address upperclassmen bar prep topics, all students are invited to attend. Food will be provided, and we hope to see you there!

Public Interest Law Society: PILS 1L Reps Needed! Anyone interested in becoming a 1L representative for PILS should submit a paragraph explaining why you want to be involved and what experience you have with public service. Two reps from each section will be selected. Please be sure to include your name and section number on your submission. Paragraphs are due to Rikkilee at rmoser117@gmail.com by Friday, September 19th at 4:00 p.m.

Criminal Law Society:

Apply to be a 1L Representative: 1L Representative paragraphs are due September 15 by 5:00 p.m. Please e-mail to NIUCriminalLaw@gmail.com. Good luck!

Purchase a T-Shirt for $12: Criminal Law Society T-shirt order forms are due September 15. Please place your order form and $12 cash in the envelope in Erin George's mailbox (2L).

Informational Meeting: The first meeting of the Criminal Law Society will be held at noon on Wednesday, September 17, in Room 186. The 1L Representatives will be announced at this meeting so attendance is encouraged. Snacks will be provided by the Criminal Law Society. All are invited—as we will be announcing some really interesting events!! Thanks to all for supporting the Criminal Law Society.

Sports and Entertainment Law Society: Attention all 1L and 2L students — the Sports and Entertainment Law Society (SELS) is looking for 1L and 2L representatives to help serve on the SELS board. SELS is a newer, active organization that tries to connect the student body with areas of law that coincide with both the sports and the entertainment industries. Please submit a paragraph expressing your interest and availability to SELS President, Nik Lofgren, or e-mail him at Niklas.lofgren22@gmail.com by September 22.

PLANNING AHEAD:

Hellenic Bar Association: Career Corner Coming Up. Each year the Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois (“HBA”) hosts Career Corner for students of Hellenic descent. This year’s event will take place on Thursday, October 9, at 6:00 p.m. at the law offices of Bryan Cave LLP, 161 N. Clark, Suite 4300, Chicago, Illinois. The program is designed as both a networking opportunity for law students of Hellenic descent and for them to hear what it’s like to practice from attorneys in private practice, corporate counsel, government and the judiciary. For further information or to RSVP for the event, contact the HBA at http://www.hellenicbar.org.
ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE DEAN:

Dear NIU College of Law Community:

I am very pleased to announce our two new legal writing/academic success instructors, Chris Evers and Jay Streitz, who will both be starting at the College of Law on September 16. Chris gained experience as a legal writing instructor at DePaul, and most recently as an instructor in a legal writing program in Qatar. He is already an active member of the Legal Writing Institute. Chris is a graduate of University of Michigan Law School and earned his B.A. at Harvard University in planetary sciences.

Jay was a legal writing instructor and academic success program tutor at Hamline University School of Law, and he also worked as an attorney editor at Thomson Reuters before he began teaching appellate advocacy at the University of St. Thomas School of Law. Jay has his law degree and a Masters in Philosophy from University of Iowa, and his B.A. in political science from University of Minnesota.

I know you will welcome Chris and Jay warmly to the NIU Law Family. Thanks to all who worked on this successful hiring process, especially co-directors Meredith Stange and Jeanna Hunter.

Also, please join us in congratulating Annie Mentkowski on her new role in the law library as Head of Reference and Research Services. During her time at the NIU College of Law, Annie has been a very valuable member of the team in the David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library and will expand her position as a reference and instructional services librarian to include management responsibilities for the reference desk and serving as a liaison to student affairs. Annie will also be using her talents to develop outreach sessions for law students and faculty, and she will assist with coordinating all research requests while managing the reference desk. We are very excited to have Annie's leadership in this new role. You may be hearing from Annie soon as she is developing new innovative services throughout this year, and we know that you will work with her and the rest of the library team to continue to improve the services that we provide our community!

All the best,
Dean Rosato Perea

“MAKING TRACKS” WITH DEAN JENNIFER ROSATO PEREA:

-Huskies win against Northwestern! Great tailgate with alumni and other friends of the law school.

-Planning expansion of public relations efforts through press releases, media kits for faculty, and ad campaign in Chicago,

-Working with faculty appointments committee to begin selection process for new faculty to replace some retired faculty
-Beginning planning for October Board of Visitors meeting, which will discuss issues such as reputation/publicity and fundraising efforts

-Planning legal writing and academic success program for the year, including increased efforts to improve bar passage

-Brainstorming ideas to strengthen faculty efforts to connect with bench and bar and enhance opportunities for students and alumni

-Planning pipelining programs in selected Chicago high schools and regional community colleges

--Preparing for AALS Membership Review Committee meeting in D.C., a national organization of law schools that upholds core values such as teaching, faculty scholarship, faculty governance, and diversity

--Looking forward to alumni council awards reception next week in Chicago, to honor the accomplishments and leadership of our alums and other members of the NIU Law family

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES:

Looking for Pro Bono Opportunities in Illinois? If you are looking for pro bono opportunities, please visit 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.

CAREER SERVICES: Please join us for a free Webinar! Watch the “Top 10 Interview Mistakes Law School Graduates Make,” featuring NIU COL Alumni Rich Lenkov and Michael Cklamovski, Esq. View on your computer or come to the Chessick Classroom (Rm. 150) at noon on Tuesday, September 16. Bring your lunch!!
**LAW LIBRARY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

*From the Law Library Director:* We hope that you have been enjoying the start to your fall term. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to make your studying and research more comfortable in the law library. Professors Mentkowski and Stewart are busy teaching BLR and are enjoying getting to know all of the 1Ls. We also look forward to assisting you with any research requests at the reference desk! You should never hesitate to e-mail us or stop by if you are struggling with a research issue or sources while writing a paper this term.

For 2Ls and 3Ls, I would like to briefly give a couple of great resources for the new focus on knowledge management (which is a hot topic in law firms these days). The [ABA’s Legal Technology Resource Center](https://www.abanet.org/resources/technology) is a wonderful portal for legal technology advice and research and also has instructional videos for a wide variety of topics (including cloud computing, use of social media, e-discovery, metadata, etc.). I would encourage all of you to start monitoring recent trends of technology in practice and how these trends might affect your future work.

In addition, I find that the [ABA Case Management Software Comparison Chart](https://www.abanet.org/resources/technology) provides useful tips for knowledge management tools. Knowledge management is increasingly an important aspect of efficiency in practice because clients are not willing to pay within traditional models in lean economic times, as discussed recently in ABA Journal articles dealing with billing and flat fees. Some of the most popular case management tools are Amicus Cloud, Clio and MyCase. If you are unfamiliar with case management tools or billing software for practice, I would begin with exploring the ABA Legal Technology Resource Center’s website. Have fun experimenting with these legal technology and research tools!  ~ Heidi

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**Attention 2Ls and 3Ls.** Beginning at the end of September, evening access to the law library will be by NIU OneCard in order to provide a law student, faculty and staff-only environment in the evenings. The door on the right as you enter the law library has been modified to provide this access. The door to the left will be locked at 6:00 p.m. each night; thus you will need your NIU OneCard to enter.

All students with the old NIU OneCard will need to get a new prox card. **As long as you have your current working NIU OneCard there should be no charge associated with upgrading to a new prox card.** If you do not have your NIU OneCard, the OneCard office will charge you a $25 lost card fee. Over the next couple of weeks, bring your current NIU OneCard to the OneCard office in the Holmes Student Center, identify yourself as a law student and ask for the prox card. The office is aware of this upgrade and has a list of all students. If you have a card that provides access to the student space on the north end of the building, you do not need to get a new card. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Professor Clarke at tclarke@niu.edu.
The computer lab will be unavailable at the following times this week because of BLR workshops:

- September 15: 3:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.
- September 16: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- September 17: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- September 18: 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:

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.

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.
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.

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.

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