**THIS WEEK:**

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**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.

**Join the Law School Volleyball Team.**

Practice Games: September 1 – October 15  
Sand Volleyball Tournament: September 15 – 18 (4:30 p.m. - dusk)  
Indoor Volleyball: October 16 – November 14 (7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

Contact Ivan Matosevic for more information imatosevic1@niu.edu (Subject of email: “Sand Volleyball” or “Indoor Volleyball”).

**PLANNING AHEAD:**

**Attention 1Ls:** The initial program in the first-year professionalism program will be on Wednesday October 1, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom (Room 170). Professor Reynolds will be
conducting the first presentation, which will be an introduction to the legal profession’s history and rules. The program will run from 4:00-5:15 p.m. Attendance is mandatory for all 1L students. Prior to the date of this program please go to the Faculty Secretaries’ Office in the faculty office suite and pick up a copy of the American Bar Association’s Model Rules of Professional Conduct that the College of Law has purchased for each first-year student. Before the program, students should take a look through the Model Rules and get a sense of their structure and content. Look more closely at the Preamble and Scope (starts at Page 1) and Rules 1.1, 1.2(b) and (d), 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 8.3 and 8.4. (Focus your reading on the “black letter” rules that are in bold and precede the comments to each rule.)

The Illinois Innocence project -- along with the Criminal Law Society, BLSA, and PILS -- is hosting a panel on wrongful convictions, with a featured guest exoneree, Jarrett Adams, on October 1 at noon in the Riley courtroom (Room 170). Adams, a current Loyola University Chicago Law student, was wrongfully convicted when he was 17 years old and sentenced to 28 years in prison. He will talk about his experience serving nearly 10 years of his sentence and his life post-release. Also learn about criminal externships with the Illinois Innocence Project.

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.

Tailgate with the Deans during Homecoming Weekend: On Saturday, October 11 from 12:30-3:30 p.m., the College of Law will have a tent in Alumni Village (just off Annie Glidden Road and Stadium Drive) with free food and drinks. Then cheer on the Huskies as they take on Central Michigan at 4:00 p.m. Student tickets on the east side of the stadium are free. To sit in the College of Law section on the west side of the stadium, tickets are $14.00. Visit www.niu.edu/law and click on the Events section on the west side of the stadium, tickets are $14.00. Visit www.niu.edu/law and click on the Events tab to purchase tickets on-line. Please RSVP to lawevents@niu.edu if you plan to attend tailgating. Wristbands will be required for drinks.

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!
“MAKING TRACKS” WITH DEAN JENNIFER ROSATO PEREA:

- Celebrated the awardees and the NIU community at the Alumni Council Awards Reception in Chicago — Chicago City Council passed a Resolution in honor of the occasion.
- Continued to plan graduation ceremony for Class of 2015 and held town hall meeting to discuss.
- Requested and received funding for graduation.
- Began strategic planning with University and College of Law.
- Attended Federalist Society debate, with great turnout and provocative presentations.
- Welcomed new Legal Writing/ASP instructors Jay Streitz and Chris Evers.
- Began planning bar pass initiatives for Class of 2015.

Have a Great Week!

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.

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](http://www.abanet.org/techcenter/) 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 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

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.

Library Hours. 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.
OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:

December 2014 Grads:
- If you are planning on graduating at the end of Fall 2014 semester, please contact Julie Mahoney-Krzyzek (SP285) and make an appointment to complete your Statement of Candidacy.
- **Appointments will begin on October 1, 2014.** This is the first of a two-step process for applying for graduation. You will be given instructions on the second step when you meet with Julie. **Both steps must be completed by October 31, 2014.**

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The College of Law volleyball team, the “SANDra Day O’Connors,” won the NIU Intramural Sand Volleyball Tournament last Wednesday. Team members included 1L Adam Lichtenauer, 2Ls Alicia Ayala and Rachel Peter, 3L Katelyn Pearson, Graduate fellow Alexis Simmons, and our very own College of Law IT Director, Ivan Matosevic. The “SANDra Day O’Connors” went undefeated to bring home the championship title and some very fashionable championship t-shirts. The team looks to take a second championship in indoor volleyball, where they will be representing the College of Law as the “Subpoena Servers.” Tournament play begins October 17.

Ivan Matosevic, Alexis Simmons, Katelyn Pearson, and Adam Lichtenauer

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