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**Delta Theta Phi:** Thank you to the NIU COL Community for your efforts throughout the annual Pink Week. We are proud to announce we raised just over $900, which will go toward breast cancer research and awareness in our donation to VIPink. Many individuals contributed in a variety of ways throughout the week, and we are truly proud to be part of a community that embraces and supports our activities. We sincerely thank you for supporting our cause! Delta Theta Phi Executive Board

**THIS WEEK:**

**PILS Pizza Sale:** The Public Interest Law Society is selling pizza on Monday, October 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery Please come support our organization and grab a quick, delicious lunch!

**Externship Informational Session:** Are you interested in working on real cases for real clients? Do you want to help free an innocent person who was wrongfully convicted? Would you like to work in a judge's chambers while receiving course credit? If so, please come to an Externship Informational Session on Monday, October 26, from Noon to 1:00 p.m. in Room 150. You will hear from professors and students currently enrolled in these classes about what cool things they are doing and how you can seize this opportunity. Free pizza and pop while you listen and ask questions. Please contact Professor Sheila Maloney at smaloney@niu.edu for more information or if you have
New for Spring 2016 - a Federal Civil Rights Externship where you can help represent prisoners in civil claims at the Federal Courthouse in Rockford!

**PTSD and Veterans--The Impact on the Criminal System:** This presentation by NIU Law alumna Kelli Childress, Kane County (IL) Public Defender, is sponsored by the NIU Law Health Advocacy Clinic, Public Interest Law Society and Career Opportunities and Development Office. The event will be held on **Wednesday, October 28, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in Room 170.** Lunch will be provided.

**Student Bar Association:** The Student Bar Association would like to invite members of the NIU College of Law community to an open forum to discuss the governing documents for the SBA. We welcome positive and critical feedback and would like input from the student population as we attempt to improve the SBA for this and future years. The forum will be held on **October 28 at 4:00 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom.** Can’t make it to this open forum, but still want to leave us a concern or comment? Just write a note and drop it in Matthew Flores' (3L) mailbox; it does not need to be signed. As a reminder, you can view and download the current Constitution and By-Laws from the SBA page on TWEN.

**The 17th Judicial Circuit Court Family Violence Coordinating Council:** Please join us for the 14th Annual Shining the Light on Domestic Violence Ceremony. The brief ceremony will recognize and honor the work that has been done to improve safety for victims of domestic violence. The ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, October 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., at the Zeke Giorgi Legal Clinic, Talcott Building, 319 West State Street, Rockford, Illinois.**

**NIU Law Palsgraf:** The law school's annual Halloween party will be held at River Heights Golf Course in DeKalb (get your costumes ready!) on **Friday, October 30, from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.** Tickets will be available from the SBA, and transportation will be provided. Stay tuned for more details on how you can get your tickets. *****EVENT ONLY FOR NIU LAW STUDENTS 21 AND OVER*****

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Illinois State Bar Association Attorney Panel:** A panel discussion, "If I Knew Then What I Know Now,", will be held on **Wednesday, November 4, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom** (Room 170). Sponsored by the NIU chapter of the ISBA, this event is an attorney-speaker panel, during which students will hear from working lawyers what advice they would give to their younger selves about law school and working as a new attorney now that they have seen the professional world. Speakers include Anna Sacco-Miller (the Lee County State's Attorney), Michael Wong (civil law attorney from Smith-Amundson in St. Charles), and two attorneys from the Kane County Public Defender's Office. **This is a great networking opportunity.** Time will be provided at the end for students to mingle with the attorneys. Jimmy John's sandwiches will be provided.

**Phi Alpha Delta:** PAD is selling business cards in packages of 500. The price is $14.00 for PAD members and $16.00 for non-PAD members. Flyers showing a sample of the cards and order forms are
in the student mailboxes. Order forms and a cash or check payment may be submitted to the manila folder in Monique Perkins' mailbox by Friday, November 6.

2L Mock Trial Competition: The preliminary rounds and quarter-finals of the 2L Mock Trial Competition concluded this week. The semi-finals will be held Monday, October 26, at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. The finals will be Thursday at 7:00 p.m. All trials will be held in Riley Courtroom, and spectators are welcome. Please check the Trial Advocacy Society bulletin board outside room 187 for information on who will be competing. At the conclusion of the final round, TAS will be hosting Bar Review at Molly’s to celebrate the competition. If you have questions, please contact Professor David Taylor or a member of TAS.

THINKING ABOUT TAKING A CLINIC THIS SPRING?

The clinical faculty and students will be holding a clinic information meeting on Thursday, November 12th at Noon in Room 150. As part of the COL’s experiential learning program, NIU Law offers these clinical courses: the Civil Justice Clinic, the Criminal Defense Clinic, the Foreclosure Mediation Clinic, and the Health Advocacy Clinic. The clinics offer students the chance to work with actual clients in a variety of settings on litigation, transactional and alternative dispute resolution matters. This meeting will provide an overview of each clinic. Current and former clinical students will discuss their clinical experiences, and the faculty will explain the clinic application process for Spring. Lunch will be served. 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, Associate Professor of Law and Director of Clinics, amaddali@niu.edu; Paul Cain, Clinical Professor, Criminal Defense 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

EMPLOYMENT AND EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

ASP Graduate Assistant Wanted: Professors Hunter and Stange are soliciting applications for an open graduate assistant position in Property. We anticipate hiring one current 2L for the Academic Success Program for the Spring 2016 semester; however, current 3L students are also welcome to apply. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and must have received a grade of “B” or better in the first-year Property course. Details regarding the position and application process are posted outside Professor Hunter’s and Professor Stange’s offices. The deadline for applications is Monday, October 26. Please submit your resume, transcripts, and application letter via email to mstange@niu.edu no later than 3:30 p.m. on that date. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Hunter or Stange.
Research Assistant Wanted: Professor Tan will be hiring a Research Assistant next semester. If interested, please drop off a resume and letter of interest to the faculty secretary in Room 190 by Monday, November 2.

LAW LIBRARY:

Access to LexisNexis Digital Coming Soon! The law library has been able to secure digital access to our Mathew Bender treatises, our LexisNexis Illinois materials, selected Federal primary materials (USCS, court rules, etc.), IICLEx, NITA guides, and more as part of our current LexisNexis subscription at no additional cost. As part of this new arrangement, we were able to obtain faculty, student, and alumni digital access to these materials, and the NIU College of Law community will be able to digitally check out a title for a certain time period (which varies slightly based on the type of material) to a computer through a web browser or through mobile device (download the OverDrive App or use the web browser on your mobile device). Your username and password for the LexisNexis Digital library will be your NIU College of Law ZID number and password. Access will begin in early October, and we’ll be giving training sessions to the NIU College of Law community throughout the month. Please join us for one of the October training sessions or table days in the Marshall Gallery! Information about the dates of the sessions will be forthcoming. Questions? Contact: Professor Heidi Kuehl (hkuehl@niu.edu) or Professor Therese Clarke (tclarke@niu.edu).

Introducing the Law Library Resource of the Week Challenge! Each week the law library will highlight a resource of the week. The first student in each class (1L, 2L, 3L) to accurately complete the challenge associated with the resource will receive a sweet treat and be highlighted on the library digital display. The resource questions may appear on the digital display, in the Docket or on the law library web site.

Law Library Pumpkin Decorating Contest. The library is hosting a pumpkin decorating contest. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to enter the contest by dropping off their creations at the library on Monday, October 26. Ballot boxes will be in the library until noon on the 28th. Cast your vote for the best pumpkin. Also, join us in the law library for a Halloween celebration on October 28 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Pumpkin winners will be announce at the celebration. There will be treats for all and prizes for the big winners. Take a study break and join in the fun!

Play Halloween Bingo! The law library is sponsoring a Halloween Bingo game. Answer the questions to fill your bingo card (see Docket email attachment for the questions and card). Bring correct answers to the reference desk to have a box marked off and bring your completed cards to the reference desk by noon on October 28. The names of all students who correctly complete cards will be entered into a drawing for a gift card, which will take place at the law library’s Halloween celebration on October 28. Winners need not be present to win, but we would really like to see you there! Take a break and do a bit of spooky research!
OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:

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 will **need the 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 appropriate required documentation.

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Grading Policy:** The NIU Law Faculty has approved the following policy for courses with more than 30 students:

- In all first-year courses with more than 30 students, the mean grade shall be between 2.70 and 2.90 inclusive.

- In all upper-level courses with more than 30 students, it is strongly suggested that the mean grade be between 2.8 and 3.2 inclusive. In addition, a minimum of 15% of the grades in all such courses shall be A- or above, and a minimum of 25% of the grades shall be B+ or above.

Individual exceptions may be granted to the above requirements by the associate dean upon a satisfactory showing by the instructor that student performance in a particular class deviated significantly from the norm.

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The *Docket* is published every Monday by Associate Dean Kathleen Coles.
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1. In the city of Naperville, when must the little goblins end trick-or-treating? (B)

2. I am a witch living in the city of Sycamore, I have five black cats (two were just born a month ago), is it lawful for me to keep all my cats? (O)

3. Salem is a talking cat. His owner, Sabrina lives in Augusta, Georgia and she wants to set up a roadside show to earn money. Does a talking cat need a business license? (O!)

4. Mordecai has decided to become a pirate. His catch phrase is “Yo, Ho, Ho and a bottle of rum!” Can he trademark this in order to use it on his pirate merchandise? (A)

5. You need to sell your house at 1428 Elm Street, Sleepy Hollow, Illinois fast! Must you disclose the poltergeist in the basement to prospective buyers (it is a friendly poltergeist). (H)

6. Edgar egged Herman and Lillian’s home. As he ran away he slipped on the yolky mess on Lillian and Herman’s porch. Who is liable for his injuries and why? (H!)

7. Is a mere pumpkin seed sufficient consideration to form a contract? (E)

8. Does the long arm of the law stretch to cover Lucifer, who resides in Hadeas on the other side of the river Styx? Provide a case to support your answer. (€)

9. Your neighbor left a cauldron out with candy on Halloween. The note attached to it read “Trick-or Treat. Smell my feet. Take only ONE piece of candy to eat!” You were really hungry after a hard day at work and poured the entire cauldron into your bag and ate it all that night. In addition to a candy hangover, the next day you were charged with theft of personal property and aggravated gluttony. What is the requisite mens rea for theft in Illinois? In what statute is the mens rea found? (E!)
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