**THIS WEEK:**

**Latino Law Student Association:** LLSA will be selling conchas (mexican sweet bread) and atole (a warm, sweet beverage) on **Monday, November 2**, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. for Dia de Los Muertos. Stop by the entrance just outside of Professor Mandell's office and get a taste of seasonal treats.

**Christian Legal Society Guest Speaker:** The CLS is hosting Judge Robert B. Spence of the Illinois Second District Appellate Court for a discussion and Q&A on Christianity and the Law. All are welcome. The discussion will take place on **Tuesday, November 3**, at **12:00 p.m. in Room 173**.

**Black Law Students Association:** BLSA will be collecting winter clothes for men, women and children. Starting the first week of November there will be a box in the Marshall Gallery that will be delivered during Thanksgiving break to Hope Haven. BLSA will also be having our **Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 12, from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery**. Pre-sale tickets will be sold from November 2 to November 9. Limited tickets will be sold at the door. A portion of all proceeds will go to Hope Haven.

**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.

Practice Tracks: Come to this special event featuring practicing attorneys and gain some clarity on a multitude of legal practice areas. Find out what it takes to create a successful career in the legal profession from the people who know! The event will be held on the second floor of the Chicago Bar Association's headquarters at 321 S. Plymouth Ct. in Chicago on Thursday, November 5, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. NIU Law students should sign up for this free event in Room 280 by Tuesday, November 3, at 1:00 p.m. Free bus transportation to and from the event will be provided, but you have to sign up!

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.

THINKING ABOUT TAKING A CLINIC THIS SPRING?

The clinical faculty and students will be holding a clinic information meeting (date and time pending). Watch for further details. 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 OPPORTUNITIES:

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.

Career Corner: Be sure to read the Career Corner bulletin published regularly by the Office of Career Opportunities and Professional Development. If you have not been receiving emails with the bulletin, contact Becky Leneau at rleneau@niu.edu.
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.), IICLEs, 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.

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:

May 2016 Graduates: An email will be sent to you next week from our office containing graduation course requirement/credit check information. Additional information regarding the process for applying for graduation will be included. Please read it carefully.

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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