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THIS WEEK

**Professionalism and Ethics Society:** Fannie May Chocolate Bars are for sale by the Professionalism and Ethics Society. Six flavors are available: Peanut Butter Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate Mint Cookie, Caramel Milk Chocolate, Almond Milk Chocolate, Crisped Rice Milk Chocolate, and Milk Chocolate. *Buy four and share!* 1 for $1.75; 2 for $3; and 4 for $5. Proceeds will be used for our Business Suit Drive for law students this semester.

**Illinois State Bar Association:** All law students are invited to "Hanging Out a Shingle: What You Need to Know About Starting Your Own Law Practice." Brad Tengler (NIU COL Class of 2009) will be speaking on all the details involved with starting your own law practice. Brad is a successful solo practitioner in Rockford, IL who also runs a consulting firm through which he teaches attorneys how to open their own law practice. Topics include running the office, hiring secretaries, getting clients, office space options, creating your own billable rate, etc. This presentation will be targeted towards law students and will include information on what law students/new grads can do now to prepare for opening a
law practice in the future. The presentations will take place on **Wednesday, March 30, from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., in the Riley Courtroom.** Lunch from Rosati’s will be provided. See Brad's websites for more info: [http://www.hangingoutashingle.com/home](http://www.hangingoutashingle.com/home) and [www.tenglerlaw.com](http://www.tenglerlaw.com).

**First-Year Student Professionalism Program: Introduction to the Legal Profession:** The next professionalism program for first-year students is on **Wednesday March 30, from 4:00-5:15** in the Riley Courtroom. A reception with appetizers will follow the program in the Marshall Gallery. Our speaker will be Professor Nancy Levit, one of the authors of The Happy Lawyer: Making a Good Life in the Law. All are invited. Attendance is mandatory for first-year students.

**Public Interest Law Society:** All NIU Law students are invited to participate in the Public Interest Law Society's annual student auction being held on **Wednesday, March 30-31, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery.** Auction items will be set up with bidding sheets; you then write down your bid and keep an eye out to find out if it's been topped. Some excellent prizes to make your life as a law student easier will be available, and all the money raised will go towards funding public interest work for you, the students of NIU Law. Be sure to come out and bid!

**23rd Annual Francis X. Riley Lecture on Professionalism:** NIU Law will host its 23rd Annual Francis X. Riley Lecture on Professionalism on **Friday, April 1, from 4:00-5:00 p.m.** This year’s lecture will be given by former NIU College of Law Dean James J. Alfini. The Francis X. Riley Lecture on Professionalism was established in 1994 to honor the late Professor Emeritus Riley, who devoted his life to the law and legal education. The lecture series brings distinguished speakers to the Northern Illinois University College of Law to discuss current issues relating to the legal profession. The lecture will be followed by a reception and the **21st Annual Public Interest Law Society Auction at 5:00 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery.** *Don’t miss this annual tradition offering fun, food and networking opportunities with faculty, staff, fellow students and alumni!*

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Federalist Society Debate:** On **Monday, April 4, from 12:00-1:00 p.m., in Room 188,** the NIU College of Law Federalist Society will be hosting a debate over “The Power of the Executive: The Constitutional Challenge over DAPA” between Josh Blackman (Assistant Professor of Law at South Texas COL) and NIU Law Professor Robert Jones. Lunch will be provided.

**Race Nijudicata 5K Run/Walk:** Mark your calendar for the 2016 edition of our annual 5K Run/Walk and BBQ on **Saturday, April 9.** Dust off those running shoes, stretch out those legs, and get ready to hit the road. We want all runners, walkers, volunteers, and sponsors to participate in this exciting, Dean-inspired event! Prizes will be awarded in several categories. In addition to good exercise, the best part of the run/walk is at the end of the race where all are welcome to stay and enjoy a tasty BBQ lunch.

We are pleased to announce that once again this year's proceeds will go towards the Bar Scholarship Award, which will allow students to devote their full efforts to prepare for the bar exam. Come for the run...stay for the food!
Student Bar Association Barrister’s Ball: Law students, faculty, staff and alumni are invited to the Student Bar Association's annual Barrister's Ball at Faranda's Banquet Hall, 302 Grove Street in DeKalb on Saturday, April 9 from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. The ball begins with a social hour followed by a full banquet dinner, during which the SBA will make announcements and draw names for door prizes. All attendees will have an opportunity to win! After dinner, the ball will conclude with a DJ and dancing. Aside from a period during dinner, the bar will remain open all night. The desired dress for this event is business formal/cocktail, and you are welcome to purchase tickets for a guest. Tickets may be purchased by placing a check or cash in the library drop box by Thursday, April 3, or contacting Brian Cunningham to pay by credit card. The purchase price for tickets is $55 for students, $60 for faculty and staff and $70 for alumni. For questions, email sba.niu@gmail.com.

IMMIGRATION LAW OPPORTUNITY

This summer, Hofstra University and the University at California San Diego are offering an intensive, three-credit, hands-on immigration course at the end of May. All classes will be on campus at UC San Diego from Sunday, May 22, to Sunday, May 29. The program includes lectures, practical training, court visits and course-specific field trips. Course coverage includes analysis of federal enforcement methods at the border; introduction of various legal, political, human and moral issues raised by enforcement methods; and study of immigration statutes and cases. Students may be required to attend three hours of lecture in advance of participating in the program, which will be made available via webcast.

Some highlights of the program include:

- Monday May 23 - tour the U.S.-Mexico border with Border Patrol
- Tuesday May 24 - tour the U.S. Consulate in Tijuana and meeting with the Non-Immigrant Visa Chief
- Thursday May 26 - tour the Otay Mesa Detention Facility with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and observation of detained immigration court proceedings with the Executive Office of Immigration Review
- Friday May 27 – observe sentencing proceedings in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California and panel discussion with an assistant U.S. Attorney, federal public defender, and representative from DHS.

Hofstra has extended their application deadline to April 15. To obtain an application, visit the Hofstra website: http://law.hofstra.edu/currentstudents/academics/summerprograms/borderenforcement/applyingtotheprogram/index.html
HELP WANTED

Research Assistant Wanted: Professor Tan is looking for a Research Assistant for next year. Please submit a resume, transcript and cover letter to him.

FROM THE LAW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Spring 2016 Announcements: Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to make your studying and research more comfortable in the law library. We always look forward to assisting you with any research requests at the reference desk. You should never hesitate to email us or stop by if you are struggling with a research issue or sources while conducting research this term. In addition:

- Take a few minutes to see the Stason Collection, in the alcove to the right as you enter the library. Blythe Stason, was one of the original members of the Lewis faculty when the College of Law began in 1975. He moved over to NIU when the university obtained the College of Law in 1979 and remained on the faculty for a number of years before retiring. After retiring he often returned to use the resources in the law library. When he passed away last year he remembered the library in his gifts. With input from his widow, a collection of materials was purchased that both enhance the law library and serve as a remembrance. We appreciate having been given the opportunity to create this collection and hope you will take the time to peruse the materials. A virtual display of the materials is also available at: http://niu.beta.libguides.com/c.php?g=420112&p=2865449
- Stop by the west end of the main entrance of the library to see the Women and the Supreme Court display.
- Have a quick reference question? Try our virtual reference service. Please email your questions to lawreference@niu.edu, and a reference librarian will promptly reply to your research requests during our regular reference hours.
- A short break in the middle of studying can do wonders for your mind and body. Stop by the current books alcove, popular reading collection, and new periodicals display as you enter the law library to see what is new. We offer comfortable seating near the books and journals, so you may peruse recent issues at your leisure. Happy reading!

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 members.

- **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
before travel occurs to ensure that your reimbursement will be processed with appropriate required documentation.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lawyer’s Assistance Program: The Lawyers’ Assistance Program (LAP) is a non-profit organization founded to help Illinois lawyers, judges, law students and their families cope with substance abuse or mental health problems (broadly defined to include stress, anxiety and depression). LAP’s services are provided at no cost to those who contact them and include education, counseling, referral, peer assistance and intervention. Many counseling and support services are provided by current or former attorneys who have shared the experiences and pressures of being a law student. Law students can call LAP for assistance for themselves and for their classmates and can also ask LAP for help with questions about how to deal with character and fitness issues. All client interactions with LAP are held in strict confidence under Illinois Supreme Court Rule 1.6. For more information about LAP and its services, call 800.LAP.1233 or 312.726.6614 or email them at gethelp@illinoislap.org. Information is also available on LAP’s website (www.illinoislap.org) or from Associate Dean Coles (Room 276).

Continuing Disclosure Obligation: All students are reminded that in order to comply with state bar examiners’ character and fitness requirements for admission to the bar, there is a continuing obligation to disclose immediately any and all circumstances and events occurring after the date of submission of an application for admission until the date of graduation, which may bear on a student’s character and fitness to join the Bar. This information includes, but is not limited to, circumstances surrounding the questions asked on the College of Law application for admission. For questions about the continuing disclosure obligation, please contact Associate Dean Coles. To obtain disclosure checklists for continuing disclosures of events occurring during law school enrollment (or for supplemental disclosures if relevant information was not included on a student’s original application for admission), please contact Lisa Hoebing in Room 276.

Graduation Information: For information regarding the Commencement ceremony on May 28, 2016, visit the NIU Law website at http://www.niu.edu/law/current-students/graduation-info.shtml. Included are a graduation schedule, hotel information, and the graduation cords policy.

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