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**THIS WEEK**

**Externship Informational Meeting:** On **Monday, April 18, at noon in Room 150**, come learn about legal externship opportunities for summer and fall 2016. Hear from faculty and students about ways you can earn course credit for unpaid work with a state's attorney, public defender, judge, or government or non-profit organization. Students will be there to talk about how externing has helped them to develop real legal skills, work with clients and lawyers, and build a professional, legal network. Applications will be available and you will have an opportunity to ask questions. Pizza and pop will be served.

**Scholarship Presentation:** Professor Genevieve Tokic will present her work-in-progress paper, “Taxing Greed”, to the NIU College of Law on **Wednesday, April 20 at noon in Room 188**. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend the presentation, which is the final scholarship presentation for the semester. Food will be served.

**Law Review Second Informational Meeting:** On **Wednesday, April 20, at noon in the Riley Courtroom**, please attend a second NIU Law Review informational meeting to find out how to complete the second step of the law review write-on process. Lunch will be provided and you can ask any questions you still have.
1L Panel on Registration: The Student Bar Association invites all 1L students to come to a panel discussion to let you know what courses are being offered, explain how to plan ahead, and answer any questions you have as you prepare to register yourself for law classes for the first time. The panel will meet on Thursday, April 21, at noon in Room 173.

Law Review Banquet: The Northern Illinois University Law Review will be holding its annual banquet Friday, April 22, at 5:30 p.m. at Faranda’s, 302 Grove Street in DeKalb. The banquet is a celebration of the work done by the Law Review over the past year. If you have received your invitation, please RSVP to Rikkilee Moser at rmoser117@gmail.com by Friday, April 8, with the name of your guest and your dinner/dessert selections.

LOOKING AHEAD

Last Day of Class Party: On Tuesday, April 26, at noon, in the Marshall Gallery, the Student Bar Association will be holding a party to celebrate the last day of law classes for the academic year. Food and drinks will be provided along with important end-of-the-year announcements. All law students are strongly encouraged to attend.

“Embracing Diversity Award” Application Announcement: The College of Law invites rising second- and third-year law students to apply for its “Embracing Diversity” award. The award recipient will create, manage and oversee a series of talks and community conversations addressing issues of socio-economic diversity (broadly defined), and may help coordinate a College of Law Faculty Symposium focused on similar issues. The successful applicant will receive $5,000 for the fall semester, with the award renewable for a second semester upon a showing of satisfactory progress by the student. It is also possible that the award will be split between two applicants who will work together as a team for the entire year, for an award of $5,000 each for the year.

The award recipient will work under the supervision of a committee selected by the Dean of the College of Law. Each semester, the award recipient will be expected to organize both an “Embracing Diversity Featured Speaker Presentation” and one or two “Conversation With ...” dinners each semester. The dinners will ordinarily consist of eight to ten current College of Law students and a guest speaker to discuss and promote understanding of socio-economic diversity issues. The goal of these events will be to heighten student awareness of diversity issues as they prepare to enter their professional careers, and to help build positive relationships with those whom they may in future represent.

Applicants must be full- or part-time second- or third-year law students in good academic standing in the College of Law for the 2016-2017 academic year. The successful candidate should have an interest and desire to work on behalf of socio-economic diversity issues, broadly defined, within the College. Applications must include a current résumé, an unofficial law school transcript, and a short essay that explains why the applicant would like to assist with the diversity series and that discusses what impact participation in the program will have on his or her career. Completed applications are due by April 25 in the mailbox of Professor Yolanda King. Late applications will not be accepted. Questions about the Embracing Diversity speaker series, award, or application process may be directed to Professor King, Professor Widman, or Associate Dean Falkoff.
The Embracing Diversity speaker series and student award are generously funded by Vera Verbel. Persons who are related by blood, marriage or adoption to Ms. Verbel or who have a personal or business relationship with her must disclose such facts in their application materials.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Thinking about taking a clinic this Summer or Fall? Clinic applications are still being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The priority application deadline for Fall 2016 will be at least one day after both 2Ls and 3Ls can register for fall classes. Applications will be accepted on a space-available basis after the priority deadline.

As part of the COL’s experiential learning program, we offer these clinical courses: the Civil Justice Clinic, the Criminal Defense Clinic, the Foreclosure Mediation Clinic, and the Health Advocacy Clinic. These clinics offer students the chance to work with actual clients in a variety of settings on litigation, transactional and alternative dispute resolution matters. A copy of the Clinic Application and application instructions are available here: http://www.niu.edu/law/_pdfs/experiential/clinic-application.pdf.

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; and Alan Boudreau, Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor, Foreclosure Mediation Clinic, aboudreau@niu.edu.

HELP WANTED

ASP Graduate Assistant: Professors Hunter and Stange are soliciting applications for four open graduate assistant positions in the Academic Success Program for the 2016-2017 Academic year. We anticipate hiring both rising 2L students and rising 3L students. Applicants must have completed the first year of law school with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better. Details regarding the position and application process are posted outside Professor Hunter’s and Prof. Stange’s offices.

The deadline for applications is Monday, April 18. 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 (jeannah@niu.edu) or Stange (mstange@niu.edu).

Research Assistant Wanted: Professor King seeks a part-time research assistant for the 2016-2017 academic year. The position is especially suited to students who have experience and/or demonstrated interest in intellectual property law, specifically copyright and right of publicity. Potential or actual law review experience is ideal. Please submit via email a letter of interest, resume, and unofficial law school transcript to Professor King (yking@niu.edu) by Monday, May 2, at 5:00 p.m.
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](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

December 2015 & May 2016 Grads:

- You should have received an important email this week with information regarding events happening on **Tuesday, April 26**. Regalia pick-up, class picture and unveiling of class composite will all be happening that day! Please read your email for details.
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 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.

**WRITING CONTEST**

National Law Review 2016 Student Writing Contest: The National Law Review is hosting the 2016 Law Student Writing Contest, with winning, practice-oriented articles to be published monthly on the NLR website. The suggested topics this year are cyber-security issues; Election 2016 coverage; tax issues; First Amendment issue; gun control; and employment issues. Articles covering current issues in other areas of law will also be considered. Entries for April must be submitted by email **no later than April 20, 2016** to lawschools@natlawreview.com. For complete submission guidelines, see the National Law Review website. This is a great opportunity for law students to publish – an NIU Law 3L had a winning article in 2014.

**OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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](http://www.niu.edu/law/current-students/graduation-info.shtml). Included are a graduation schedule, hotel information, and the graduation cords policy.

College of Law and University Communications: All students are reminded that official communications from the College of Law and the university are sent to students’ Z-mail numbers. Be sure to check daily for those communications and arrange to have them automatically transfer to your personal e-mail account, if appropriate to ensure prompt attention to official notices and requests. **Please note that you are responsible for the contents of these official communications whether or not you have read them, and failure to read and respond promptly may lead to adverse consequences.**

Rescheduling Exams: Upper-level students who have three examinations scheduled on three consecutive calendar days or who have two examinations scheduled on the same day may petition to reschedule **one** of the examinations. All such petitions must be filed with Dean Coles **by no later than**
noon on Thursday, April 28. Generally, the requested date for a rescheduled exam should be after, not before, the regularly scheduled exam. Please also indicate whether you request to take the exam in the morning or the afternoon. Rescheduled exams will normally begin at either 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. After April 28, exams will only be rescheduled upon the filing of a petition demonstrating “extraordinary circumstances”, with supporting documentation. Petition forms are available on the NIU Law web site under “Current Students – Forms” or from Lisa Hoebing in Room 276.

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