FROM THE OFFICE OF DEAN MARK CORDES:

Dear NIU College of Law Students:

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the College of Law, I would like to welcome all incoming 1Ls and returning upper-level students as you begin the 2015-2016 academic year. Some changes have taken place over the last few months that I want you to know about, and I will be sending you periodic updates throughout the year as additional developments occur.
We are particularly pleased to welcome three new faculty members. Professor Genevieve Tokic, an associate from the tax group at McDermott Will & Emery, will teach courses in the areas of tax and international business. Previously, Professor Tokic served as an associate in the U.S. Corporate Finance Group of Norton Rose Fulbright in London, where she focused her practice on securities regulation and mergers and acquisitions. She has taught at the Texas Tech University School of Law and served as a visiting professor at NIU Law in 2011. She holds an LL.M. and undergraduate degrees from Northwestern University and a J.D. from the New York University School of Law.

Professor David Rosenfeld joins the NIU Law faculty from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), where he was Associate Director of the SEC's New York office. Professor Rosenfeld will teach contracts, securities law and other business-related courses. Prior to working at the SEC, Professor Rosenfeld was in private practice at Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York. He has taught at the University of Virginia, and served as a law clerk to the Honorable A. Raymond Randolph of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Professor Rosenfeld graduated from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review, and he received a Ph.D. in political theory from Columbia University.

Professor Daniel McConkie, a former Assistant U.S. States Attorney, will teach in the areas of criminal procedure, criminal law and ethics. Professor McConkie most recently served as a visiting assistant professor at Brigham Young University Law School. Prior to that, he was a prosecutor in California for eight years, first for the state and then for the federal government. As a scholar, he now writes about plea bargaining, which has almost entirely replaced jury trials in our justice system. Professor McConkie holds an Honors B.A. degree in history from the University of Utah, where he graduated cum laude, and a J.D. degree from Stanford Law School, where he was a Public Interest Fellow.

There have also been departures from the school. Dean Jennifer Rosato Perea, who led NIU Law for the past six years, left to take over as dean at DePaul College of Law. We will miss Dean Rosato’s incredible energy, enthusiasm, devotion to student success, and commitment to the College of Law. A dean search committee, chaired by Provost Lisa Freeman, is in the process of being formed, with the expectation that a new dean will be selected later this year.

We also saw the departures of Legal Writing instructor Chris Evers, who took a job at John Marshall law school, and IT Coordinator Ivan Matosevic, who took a job in Miami. We are currently assessing how to best fill those positions. And, of course, we continue to mourn the loss of Professor Larry Schlam, who passed away last March. Professor Schlam was the last remaining member of the original NIU College of Law faculty, and had taught thousands of our students over a span of four decades. His commitment to civil rights, justice for all, and protecting the most vulnerable in society was second to none, and he will be sorely missed.

Again, welcome to the new academic year. I wish you the very best in your studies and professional growth, and hope that the year will be a rewarding one in every way.

Dean Cordes
CLINICAL LAW PROGRAM STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS:

Thinking about taking a clinic this Fall? Interested in building your legal skills? Want a chance to provide quality legal services to actual clients in a supportive environment?

As part of the COL’s experiential learning program, we offer four 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 represent clients in a variety of settings on litigation, transactional and alternative dispute resolution matters.

The Clinic Application for Fall is available on the College of Law website. Applications are still being accepted on a rolling basis as long as space is available. The clinic application for Fall 2015 is available on the College of Law website.

Please note: The Civil Justice Clinic will have its seminar class on Monday from 4:00 to 5:50 p.m. The Criminal Defense Clinic will have its seminar class on Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:50 p.m.. The Health Advocacy Clinic will have its seminar class on Monday from 2:30 to 4:20 p.m.. The Foreclosure Mediation Clinic seminar class will be scheduled based on student availability. All clinic seminars will be held in Swen Parson Hall.

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the clinical faculty if you need any additional information about one of the clinics.

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LAW LIBRARY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Patron Conduct Policy. The Law Library is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for its patrons and staff that is conducive to teaching, learning, study and research. Towards that end, we have revised and reorganized our patron conduct policy. For the full text of the policy, please see the College of Law website under the Academics link.

Other Law Library Features. Other important links on the Law Library website include:
Students should not hesitate to ask the law librarians or staff when they have a research question or any general questions while getting acclimated to law school. Thanks! ~ Heidi

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:

Office Locations:
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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. No locker exchanges without verification of medical necessity.
- If you do not have a locker and would like one, you **must email** your request to Julie Mahoney-Krzyzek [jmahoney@niu.edu](mailto: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 removed. Replacing any locks that have to be cut off for this purpose will be your responsibility.

Mailboxes:
- New mailboxes have been created for all students. These are found in the front of the Law Library.
- The mailboxes 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 the mailboxes over the summer, you can pick the items up in SP285
- **Please check your mailbox regularly and do not let items accumulate.**
Email:
- **The NIU Z-email address is the official email for all students. You are responsible for all notices and other communications sent to that address regardless of whether or not you opened and read them.** Please check your Z-email 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.

Reimbursement Process:
- **Purchases:** For purchases on behalf of NIU College of Law events: **Expenses must be approved by the 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.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

*Welcome new students!! Welcome back returning students!* This year’s Graduate Assistants in the Career Opportunities & Professional Development Office are Rikkilee Moser, 3L, and Christine Beaderstadt, 2L. They will be available to help you with your resumes and cover letters. Also stop in to see them if you want to learn more about the benefits of being involved in the Public Interest Law Society (PILS). Need to meet with the GAs or with Greg? Visit Becky Leneau, the Office Manager in Room 280, to set that appointment up for you.

*Attention all 1Ls!* You will be assigned a mandatory orientation time, based on your class schedule, to familiarize you with our resources and services. We look forward to meeting each one of you! Keep a lookout for that information in your mailbox.

This office also publishes "Career Corner," a weekly newsletter that lists jobs, internships, career advice, upcoming seminars, and other networking opportunities. The newsletter arrives through your email, usually on Mondays (or on Tuesdays on a few occasions). Be sure to read it as there is a plethora of information and links at your fingertips — all to assist you in your educational and career goals (and hopefully to make your life a little less stressful). Be sure to adhere to the deadlines listed in this newsletter to avoid missing out on a great opportunity!
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 emailed 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.

ALUMNI OFFICE:

Welcome to NIU Law! We have an exciting year of events and receptions planned, and we hope to see you at all or some of them. These events are great networking opportunities with our alumni and other professionals, plus there's free food and drinks. We can assist with transportation for students if needed.

Please feel free to stop by our office if you have any questions or just to say “hello.” Melody Mitchell, Director of Alumni Events and Public Relations, Jacob Imm, Assistant Director, and our graduate assistant, Krystle McNeely, are all in Swen Parson 350, at the top of the stairs in the back corner of the Marshall Gallery.

Reminder to 1Ls: Please complete and return your Publicity Release Forms to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.

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The Docket is published every Monday by Associate Dean Kathleen Coles. Announcements for publication must be submitted to Lisa Hoebing in Room 276 or by e-mail to lhoebing@niu.edu no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays.