THIS WEEK

Women's Law Caucus Mentor/Mentee Breakfast Mixer: Please join us for the Women's Law Caucus Breakfast Mentor/Mentee Mixer on Thursday, October 1, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery. Meet your mentor and get started on your plan for getting through law school. Enjoy complimentary juice, coffee, donuts, and pastries!

Elder Law Networking Opportunity. The Illinois Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (Naela) invites law students to attend their Unprogram, a twice-annual, one-day informal and very informative program on topics in elder law. Included will be discussions of retirement and other benefits, Medicaid, special needs planning, nursing home contract review, estate planning, guardianships, and legislative developments. The Unprogram will be held on Friday, October 2, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the DePaul O’Hare campus, 8770 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago, IL 60631. The student fee for attendance is a special rate of $50, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Additional program information and registration materials are available at http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eb4zd07q13c4bf58&llr=c9shxsbabon

National LLSA Conference: The 19th annual National Latino Law Student Association Conference will be hosted by Northwestern University School of Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and Northern Illinois University College of Law at Loyola's Campus, 25 E. Pearson Street, and Northwestern's Law Campus, 375 E. Chicago, from October 1 to 3, 2015. For more information, see http://nllsa.org/conference/
LOOKING AHEAD:

**Invitation to Mass and Reception:** NIU Law students have been invited by the Catholic Lawyer’s Guild to attend this year’s Red Mass in Chicago, followed by a reception honoring Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart for his work in helping the mentally ill, encouraging restorative justice and helping eradicate human trafficking. The mass will be held on **Tuesday, October 6, at 5:15 p.m.** at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, and the reception will follow at Loyola University, 111 East Pearson, 16th floor, both **in Chicago**. For further information or to RSVP to attend, follow the prompts at [www.chicagoredmass.org](http://www.chicagoredmass.org) or contact Patti Zimmerman (zimmerman.patricia@gmail.com).

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:

**Attention December 2015 Graduates:**

- If you are planning on graduating at the end of the Fall 2015 semester, please contact Julie Mahoney-Krzyzek (SP285) and make an appointment to complete your Statement of Candidacy. Appointments will begin October 1, 2015. This is the first of a two-step process for applying for graduation. You will be given instructions on the second step when you meet with Julie. **Both steps must be completed by October 31, 2015.**

**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 will be made 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. 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 inside the front entrance of the Law Library
- These mail folders 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.
- **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 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.

**LAW LIBRARY:**

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. Happy researching!

What's new this Fall? Lots!

**Space and Collection Changes:** Over the Summer the law library staff, assisted by NIU carpenters, painters, carpet-layers, janitorial staff and a host of others, have worked hard to give the library a fresh new look with improved floor plans, collection layouts, collaborative and quiet study areas, service points, and more. Changes include:

- New carpet throughout the library
- New tables & chairs that can be easily moved for collaborations
- New portable whiteboards
- Enlarged study carrels in the South Wing
- New informal seating areas near the entrance and in the North Wing
- New artwork from the NIU Art Museum's collections
- Combined Circulation & Reference desks for "one stop shopping"
- New Browseable Reserves collection: popular study aids and other materials are now out on open shelves instead of kept behind the Circulation Desk
- The top 20 U.S. law reviews & practitioner journals are also out on open shelves for easier browsing
- IICLEs, the Illinois Practice Series, and Nutshells have their own designated areas instead of being scattered throughout the collection
- Foreign, international and comparative law materials are now all in the North Wing
- Most large federal sets are now in the North Wing
- The South Wing is now designated a Quiet Study area
- And last but not least, a new (mobile-friendly!) website

**Changes in Law Library Hours:** In response to increasing traffic from students during the morning hours, the law library will now be open at 7:30 a.m. (Monday-Friday). The full listing of revised hours is on the [law library’s website](#).

**One-Card Access:** Having trouble accessing the law library with your OneCard (after 6:00 p.m.)? Please contact Professor Clarke (tclarke@niu.edu) to report your OneCard issue, and she will work on getting it fixed.

Enjoy the start to your Fall term and just let the law librarians and staff know if there is anything that we might do to make your studying more comfortable or to assist with your research! ~ Professor Kuehl

**1L MID-TERM EXAMS:** Mid-term examinations begin this week for first-year students. Be sure to read all email and other correspondence and instructions from deans and faculty carefully, particularly if you are planning to type your exam using required ExamSoft software.

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