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**THIS WEEK:**

**Guided Meditation:** The College of Law will host guided meditation as a means to reduce stress and increase focus during the semester. All are welcome. **Tuesday, January 31, 8:00-9:00 a.m.** Meditation will be held in **Room 256**, just off of the Marshall Gallery.

**Bar Exam Application Presentation:** This event has been rescheduled from last week. Apologies to anyone who attended on Jan. 25th. Vanessa Williams from the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar will make a presentation about the bar exam application process for NIU College of Law 3L students on **Wednesday, February 1, at noon in Room 188**. This is a brown bag – bring your lunch. She will discuss the application process and be able to answer your questions. This is your one chance to talk face-to-face with someone from IBOAB so you are strongly encouraged to attend.

While it may still be too early to submit your application, you should rough it up BEFORE the presentation. Go to www.ilbaradmissions.org and print off a hard copy of the application to use as your working copy (you will submit most of your application online). You can print off a copy by hitting “Information & Applications” on the homepage.

The application is a time-consuming process. You are encouraged to get it done as soon as possible. The application deadline is February 15.
**How to Get a GA/RA Panel Discussion:** Northern Law students are invited to come and hear information on how to apply for graduate assistant/research assistant (GA/RA) positions, as well as other positions throughout the university. 3L students who currently have GA and RA positions will be on hand to discuss their positions. Bring your lunch! **Wednesday, February 1, at noon in the Riley Courtroom (Rm. 170).**

**Federalist Society Presentation on Supreme Court Precedent:** Join the NIU Federalist Society for a presentation by Professor Michael Paulsen from University of St. Thomas School of Law. The topic is "The Constitutional Power of Lower Court Judges to Disregard Supreme Court Precedent." **Thursday, February 2, at noon in Room 188.**

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Guided Meditation:** The College of Law will host guided meditation as a means to reduce stress and increase focus during the semester. All are welcome. **Tuesday, February 7, 8:00-9:00 a.m.** Meditation will be held in **Room 256**, just off of the Marshall Gallery.

**NIU Law Breakfast Club:** Join us at Breakfast Club Wednesday mornings for coffee, bagels, and excellent conversation. Coffee & bagels will be provided by Barb City Bagels. This week's subject is advocating for suffering clients with Professor Colleen Boraca. **Wednesday, February 8, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Marshall Gallery.**

**NIU Law Ally Training Event:** The Ally Program is a campus-wide program designed to foster a welcoming and supportive campus environment for LGBTQ individuals by creating a visible network of allies. As part of this event, ally training will be provided by Molly Holmes of the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center. The ally training will also be tailored to law students with topics discussing legal issues and the LGBTQ community. Prior to Molly beginning her portion of the ally training, there will be guest speakers talking about LGBTQ issues. Breakfast will be provided (bagels and coffee) by the NIU Law Breakfast Club, which will meet in conjunction with the event. Lunch will be provided for as well by the NIU Gay Straight Alliance. The event is also sponsored by Northern Law organization Lawyers Opposing Violence Everywhere (LOVE). **Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Riley Courtroom, (Rm. 170).**
CLIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION:

I am very pleased to announce that the winners of the NIU COL Client Counseling Competition are Cody Chinery and Heather Fielder, who will represent NIU at the American Bar Association Law Student Division's regional competition being held at DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, Illinois on February 11, 2017.

Professor King

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:

May 2017 Grads:

- Online Graduation Application will need to be done between 2/04/17 and 2/10/17.
- We have a page on our website with Graduation information. This also includes local hotel information, maps for graduation parking, and maps of Holmes Student Center where the graduation ceremony and short reception will take place. Here is the link: http://www.niu.edu/law/current-students/graduation-info.shtml

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.

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