### THIS WEEK:

**Public Interest Law Society:** PILS will be selling pizza and pop to raise money for public interest internship opportunities for law students. Come by and enjoy a delicious and inexpensive lunch from your friends at PILS on **Tuesday, October 11, at noon in the Marshall Gallery.**

**Women’s Law Caucus:** Together with the Women’s Rights Alliance, the Women's Law Caucus is co-hosting *Take Back the Night* — an international initiative with the purpose of creating safe communities and respectful relationships through awareness. The purpose of the event at NIU is to raise awareness of and bring an end to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual abuse and all other forms of sexual violence. Please join us on **Tuesday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Commons** as we walk the streets and *Take Back the Night* in a stand against violence."

**Book Discussion:** College of Law Dean Marc Falkoff leads a discussion on *Just Mercy* (campus-wide) on **October 12 at noon in Room 188.**

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Federalist Society Panel Discussion: Please join the Federalist Society on Thursday, October 13, at noon in Room 188 for a special discussion of the legacy of Justice Scalia by Professor Josh Blackman (South Texas College of Law) and Professor Robert Jones (NIU Law). Lunch will be provided.

Embracing Diversity Event: “A Conversation With . . . “ hosts Molly B. Holmes, Director of NIU’s Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, and Vera S. Verbel on “Gender Inclusive Bathrooms: What to Know and How to Accept” will be held on Thursday, October 13, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., in the Holmes Student Center University Suite. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. A sign-up sheet is available in Room 280 (Greg Anderson’s office); seating is limited. This is a small intimate dinner event that allows students to sit down and talk about the North Carolina House Bill 2 and subsequent Title IX Dear Colleague letter, share their views/stories, and foster conversation in a safe place.

NIU Law Breakfast Club: Join the NIU Law Breakfast Club in the north wing of the law library on Saturday, October 15, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Share in a lively discussion of topics of interest to law students. This week, Sharonda Roberson and Alonte Holliday are leading an open discussion on race and diversity at NIU. As always, coffee and bagels will be provided by Barb City Bagels.

PLANNING AHEAD:

Clinic Informational Meeting: The clinical faculty and students will be holding a clinic informational meeting on Monday, October 17, at noon in Room 187. This spring, we offer these clinical courses as part of the COL’s experiential learning program: the Civil Justice Clinic, the Criminal Defense Clinic and the Foreclosure Mediation Clinic. Please note that the Health Advocacy Clinic will not be offered in Spring 2017. These clinics offer students the chance to work with actual clients in a variety of settings on litigation, transactional and alternative dispute resolution matters. The clinic information meeting will provide an overview of each clinic. Current and former clinical students will discuss their clinical experiences, and the faculty will explain the clinic application process for spring. Reminder: Students matriculating at the College of Law beginning in Fall 2015 (current 2Ls in the class of 2018 or later) are required to complete a clinic or externship to graduate. 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; Alan Boudreau, Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor, Foreclosure Mediation Clinic, aboudreau@niu.edu.

Blood Drive: Mark your calendars! The NIU Law Christian Legal Society and Heartland Blood Center are hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 19 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery. Come be awesome and save a life! All donors will be receiving a free pint of Baskin Robbins ice cream!!!
**Dean's Town Hall:** All students are invited to a Town Hall on **Wednesday October 19, at noon in the Riley Courtroom.** The Dean will provide an update on university budget cuts, recent bar pass rates, the spring schedule, and plans for the Library North Wing renovation, followed by open discussion. The project design leader for the North Wing renovation will join the discussion to hear student ideas and input.

**Lawyers' Assistance Program Office Hours:** A clinician from the Lawyers’ Assistance Program (LAP) will be available to meet with NIU College of Law students **Friday, October 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Room 149** (next to the Chessick classroom). Appointments are also available later in the semester. Get **free and confidential** help with: stress, anxiety, depression, focusing, worries about character & fitness, addiction (alcohol, prescriptions, gambling, etc.), and having a successful 1L transition. All discussion is confidential, and there is no record of the visit. A LAP clinician will be available to talk confidentially. The clinician will also have literature and resources on hand to address many ethical or bar application related questions. No member of the administration is involved, ensuring absolute confidentiality. **Walk-ins are welcome!** For an office hours appointment, please email Chelsy Castro at ccastro@illinois.org

**SBA Casino Night:** Join the SBA for Casino Night on **Friday, October 21, from 7:30-10:00 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery.** Complimentary hors d’oeuvres, game chips, soda, beer and wine will be provided. Tickets may be purchased in advance for $25 (email: sba.niu@gmail.com) or at the door for $30.

**LAW LIBRARY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

- The Law Library’s LexisNexis Digital Library subscription now includes a complete study aid package (such as the *Understanding* series) and allows for an unlimited number of checkouts (previously only one student at a time could use online study aids). Access the LexisNexis Digital Library from the Law Library’s home page at [http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/index.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/index.shtml) under “Most Used Resources.”

- Online chat/text services are now available: see the “Ask a Librarian” section in the lower right hand corner of the Law Library’s home page. The chat/text service is staffed during weekday reference desk hours (Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.). After hours, you can email or text the service and a librarian will get back to you the next business day.

- An update to the previous announcement about collection moves (shifting): Shifting of the collection will be happening in both the north and the south wings during the fall semester instead of just the south wing. If you are having trouble locating anything, just ask at the Circulation Desk and we will help you find it. Thank you for your understanding as we work towards making the Law Library a better space for you to study and do research.
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:

1Ls have been assigned a mandatory orientation time, based on your class schedule, to familiarize you with our resources and services. The appointment notice has been put in your student mailbox. We look forward to meeting each one of you! The graduate assistants in this office are Christine Beaderstadt and James LeVault. If you need to meet with Greg Anderson (employment) or the GAs (resume/cover letter review), visit Becky Leneau, the Office Manager in Room 280, to set up an appointment. This office publishes "Career Corner," a weekly newsletter listing jobs, internships, career advice, upcoming seminars, and other networking opportunities. Be sure to peruse it as there is a plethora of information and links at your fingertips — all to assist you in your educational and career goals. Be sure to calendar pertinent deadline dates to avoid missing out on that opportunity!

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:

Email:

- The NIU z-email address is the official email for all students. Please check it 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. You are responsible for all official notices sent by z-email, whether or not you have opened and read them.

Reimbursement:

- For purchases on behalf of NIU College of Law events, expenses must be approved by the Dean and 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 the Office of Budget & Records even if you have prior permission of faculty or staff member.

Office Locations:

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OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Midterm Exams: Law school policy requires that final exams be graded anonymously, and most faculty prefer to grade midterms anonymously as well. Accordingly, the College of Law has created exam numbers for students to use on midterm exams. You will need to get your exam number from Le Ann Baie in the Faculty Secretaries’ Office. When you take your exams, you must identify yourself on your examination by your exam number only. If you are using ExamSoft, you will start your first answer by typing your exam number. Also note that the College of Law takes issues of academic honesty very seriously. Accordingly, there is a set of exam rules that applies to all exams taken at the College of Law. A copy of the rules was emailed to all students and is also available from Dean Falkoff or Dean Coles. Please read it and familiarize yourself with the exam rules.

Exam Accommodations: With mid-term examinations ongoing, students with exam accommodations from the Disability Resource Center (DRC) should contact Dean Coles for instructions. Examination forms should be turned in to LeAnn Baie in the Faculty Secretaries’ Office or Lisa Hoebing in Room 276 and should not be given to any instructor. Students who may be in need of exam accommodations but do not yet have a letter of accommodation should contact the DRC for an appointment at 815-753-1303 or drc@niu.edu. The DRC is located on the fourth floor of the NIU Health Services Building.

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