THIS WEEK:

Clinic Informational Meeting: The clinical faculty and students will be holding a clinic information 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

Sign up for A Clinic!
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!!!
PLANNING AHEAD:

* Delta Theta Phi Pink Week Bake Sale: * As part of their annual Pink Week festivities to help raise money in the fight against breast cancer, Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity will be selling baked goods on Normal Road, behind Swen Parson Hall (weather permitting) on Monday, October 24, from 7:30-9:00 a.m. All proceeds will go to breast cancer awareness. Stop by to get a treat and help a worthy cause!

* First Year Student Professionalism Series: * The final program of the fall semester will be a presentation by Bryan Stevenson, author of "Just Mercy" on Monday, October 24, from 5:00-6:15 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom. All NIU Law 1L students are required to attend. At 6:30 p.m., Bryan Stevenson will address the university about *Just Mercy* in the Carl Sandburg Auditorium at the Holmes Student Center.

* Delta Theta Phi Tapas for Tatas: * As part of their annual Pink Week festivities to help in the fight against breast cancer, Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity will host Tapas for Tatas, a Spanish tapas lunch with all proceeds to go to breast cancer awareness. The lunch event will be held on Wednesday, October 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the Marshall Gallery.

* Phil Alpha Delta: * P.A.D. will be hosting a Tricks-or-Treats Bake-Off on Thursday, October 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery For $3, try a variety of baked goods and cast your vote for your favorite. There will be a prize for the best entry. If you are interested in bringing a baked good, please let Monique Perkins know (mperk1234@gmail.com).

* Delta Theta Phi Panel Discussion on Cancer and the Economy: * To conclude their annual Pink Week events to raise breast cancer awareness, Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity will host a panel discussion on Thursday, October 27, at 4:30 p.m., in the Riley Courtroom on the topic of environmental toxins and their connection to cancer. Speakers include: Dean Eric Dannenmaier, Professor Colleen Boraca, and NIU Biological Sciences Chair Professor Barrie Bode. All are welcome to attend and participate. After the panel, Delta will host a reception starting at 6:00 p.m. in the back banquet room at Fatty's Pub and Grille, 1312 W. Lincoln Highway in DeKalb. *This event is for adults aged 21 and over only.*

**LAW LIBRARY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

**Law Library Pumpkin Decorating Contest**
It's that time of year again! The Law Library is holding its annual pumpkin decorating contest for students, faculty, and staff. You can enter the contest by dropping off your decorated or carved pumpkin at the Law Library on Monday, October 24.

Even if you don’t submit a pumpkin, you can still participate by voting! Ballot boxes will be in the Library until noon on Friday, October 28. Be sure to cast your vote for the best pumpkin! The winner will be
announced at the Law Library Halloween Party on Monday, October 31, beginning at 11:30 a.m., and will receive a prize!

**Law Library Halloween Party.** The Law Library is hosting a Halloween party on **Monday, October 31, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Students, faculty, and staff are invited to join us for food and fun events like Boo Bowling and Autumn Tic-Tac-Toe! We will also be hosting a Horror Movie Trivia contest and announcing the winner of the Pumpkin Decorating Contest at the celebration! Be sure to stop by for treats and join in the fun!

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:**

Still need your resume reviewed/critiqued? The graduate assistants in the career services office are Christine Beaderstadt and James LeVault. If you need to meet with the GAs (resume/cover letter review) or Greg Anderson (employment), visit Becky Leneau, the Office Manager in Room 280, to set up that appointment. This office also 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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Homecoming!