Monday, October 31  
Deadline for Spring 2017 Clinic Applications
Law Library Halloween Party, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
SALDF Meeting, noon, Room 188

Tuesday, November 1  
International Law Resources Brownbag, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Room 187

Wednesday, November 2  
Spring Externship Informational Meeting, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Room 150

Thursday, November 3  
Federalist Society Guest Speaker, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Room 188
Women’s Law Caucus, Panel Discussion, noon, Riley Courtroom

Friday, November 4  
U.S. v. Texas Discussion, noon, Room 188

Saturday, November 5  
Breakfast Club, Law Library north wing, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**THIS WEEK:**

**Student Animal Legal Defense Fund:** SALDF will hold a meeting on **Monday, October 31, at noon in Room 188.** Vegan snacks will be provided.

**American Constitution Society and Latino/a Law Student Association:** Please join ACS and LLSA on **Tuesday, November 1, at noon in Room 188** when Steven Monroy, Legislative Staff Attorney at the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), and NIU COL’s own Professor Maddali will discuss the recent Supreme Court case *U.S. v. Texas* — a case which MALDEF argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. In *U.S. v. Texas*, the Supreme Court split 4-4 and effectively upheld a lower court ruling that DAPA exceeds the Executive’s powers under the Constitution.

**The Women's Law Caucus:** The WLC would like to invite everyone to our panel discussion entitled "Madame President: Significance and the Future.” The panelists will be discussing the possibility of the first female president in the United States and what it means for America's future. Our panelists include: Professor Laurel Rigertas, Professor David Taylor and, from the Political Science Department, Professor Andrea Radasanu. The event will take place on **Thursday, November 3, at noon in the Riley Courtroom.** Lunch will be provided. Hope to see everyone there!
Federalist Society Guest Speaker: On Thursday, November 3, from 12:00-1:00 p.m., in Room 188, Ilya Shapiro from the Cato Institute will be discussing *Citizens United* and stare decisis. Lunch will be provided.

**PLANNING AHEAD:**

**NIU Law Breakfast Club:** All are invited to join us at Breakfast Club on Saturdays, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the north wing of the law library in Swen Parson Hall, for coffee, bagels, and excellent conversation. Upcoming topics include:

- November 5: **Coffee, what goes into a cup?** Kevin Trudo-roaster, barista, coffee expert.
- November 12: **TBD.** What would you like to discuss? What’s on your mind?

As always, **Coffee & Bagels** will be provided by Barb City Bagels.

**Lawyers' Assistance Program Office Hours:** A clinician from the Lawyers’ Assistance Program (LAP) will be available on **Thursday, November 10, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** to meet with NIU College of Law students in Room 149 (next to the Chessick classroom). Get *free and confidential* help with: Stress, Anxiety, Depression, Worries about Character & Fitness, Addiction (alcohol, prescriptions, gambling, etc.). 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.

**BLSA Thanksgiving Dinner:** Join the Black Law Students Association on **Thursday, November 17, in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery from 12:00-2:00 p.m.** for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Enjoy home-cooked comfort foods and stuff yourself until you need a nap. Perfect for anyone who won't be able to spend Thanksgiving with their family — or who’s just really hungry! A portion of the proceeds will go to the Hope Haven homeless shelter in DeKalb. Tickets for a plate are available for $10 from any BLSA member in the law school from November 2-11, and limited tickets will be available at the event. **Don't wait.** This event is hugely popular, so don't miss out!

**Professionalism and Ethics Society and the Family Law Society:** Please join us for this year’s Family Feud event on **Wednesday, November 16, at 5:30 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery**! Get your teams of 5 together—that's 4 students plus 1 Faculty or 1 Alumnus for food-drinks-games-raffles. Competition is expected to be fierce, so grab the most experienced faculty and alumni now (shhh, don't tell anyone that Jones and Walton are professionals). The cost for all this food, fun, and drink is only $55 per team. Only $50 per team when the team brings in one suit or business outfit donation for the suit drive — this event is also a drop-off point for business attire/suits for the spring PES suit-drive spectacular! Get those closets emptied out! Events will start with a pre-game social just prior to the tournament. Then, we gear-up for final rounds with pizza and libations!
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

Clinic Applications for Spring Semester: The priority deadline for applications for Spring 2017 clinics is Monday, October 31. All applications received by the end of the day on October 31st will be evaluated for spots in the three clinics we will be offering this spring: Civil Justice Clinic, Criminal Defense Clinic and Foreclosure Mediation Clinic. Please note that the Health Advocacy Clinic will not be offered in Spring 2017, but will return in future semesters. The spring clinic application and instructions will be available as a fillable PDF form. Applications will be submitted electronically from the PDF once you have completed the form. You will not be able to enroll in a clinic through MyNIU when you register for other classes.

If you have additional questions about clinics, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the clinical faculty: 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.

Spring Externship Informational Meeting: Come learn about externship opportunities for the spring of 2017. Hear about ways you can earn course credit for unpaid work with a state's attorney, public defender, judge, or government /non-profit organization. You will learn about how externing has helped students to develop legal skills, work with clients and lawyers, and build a professional, legal network. Applications will be available and you will have an opportunity to ask questions. For further information, please contact Professor Sheila Maloney at smaloney@niu.edu. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Room 150 — pizza and pop will be served.

LAW LIBRARY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Law Library Halloween Party. The Law Library is hosting a Halloween party on Monday, October 31, 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!

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.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Examination Rescheduling:** Exams are approaching quickly! If you have two exams scheduled on the same day or three exams scheduled on three consecutive calendar days, you are entitled to reschedule. To set up the rescheduling, please submit a signed and completed Petition to Reschedule Exam to Associate Dean Coles in Room 276. Except in situations involving extraordinary circumstances, petitions are due by **no later than noon on Tuesday, December 6.**

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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.

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