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**THIS WEEK:**

*LAWYERS’ ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:* LAP is now offering their Student/Young Attorney group to the NIU campus via conference call every **Friday from 12:15-1:15 p.m.** It is a wonderful way for law students to make connections with fellow students at other schools throughout the state to discuss stressors that they are experiencing and also to network. To participate via conference call, please register with LAP via email at jdureno@illinoislap.org. Students will receive the conference call number at the time of registration.

*Notice to All Students:* The large scale printer is currently down with maintenance issues. It needs a replacement part. Rahul must order it so we are not sure when it will be up and running again. In the meantime, please use university document services. They have an online order form and are the least expensive option in the area, plus the student organizations can pay with a cost center number. The order form is at this link: https://niu.myprintdesk.net/DSF/SmartStore.aspx#!/Storefront. Log in the same way you would log in to MyNIU. If you have any questions, please contact Rahul.

*Student Handbook:* The new Student Handbook is now available at this link: http://www.niu.edu/law/_pdfs/student-handbook.pdf
**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 14, 8:00-9:00 a.m.** Meditation will be held in **Room 256**, just off of the **Marshall Gallery**.

**2nd District Appellate Court Oral Arguments:** Northern Illinois University College of Law is proud to welcome the State of Illinois Appellate Court for the Second District to convene and hear two oral arguments in the **Francis X. Riley Courtroom** at the NIU College of Law in DeKalb. **Thursday, February 16, 2017, 9:30-11:30 a.m.** Oral arguments will be followed by an informal question-and-answer session. A reception will then be held in the **Marshall Gallery**.

**Introduction to Mindfulness for Lawyers CLE:** This course introduces lawyers to mindful meditation. The course defines mindful meditation, discusses some of the science and research about its benefits, and introduces participants to a basic mindfulness exercise. The course also discusses how mindfulness can aid various lawyering skills and, in particular, explores how it can support the legal profession’s goal of civility. 1 hour of CLE credit will be available, professionalism approval pending. **Thursday, February 16, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Riley Courtroom (Rm. 170).**

**Challenges of Working with Vulnerable Populations CLE:** Many attorneys work with vulnerable populations throughout their career, especially in pro bono work. Specific ethical issues arise when working with clients facing homelessness, mental health and addiction issues. This course will start with an overview of the culture of poverty and the possible implications upon representation, particularly the hurdles to developing trust between an attorney and client. Presenters will also discuss the role of a lawyer and potential confidentiality challenges in working with vulnerable populations. Presenters will then examine ethical implications of working with clients facing mental health issues and provide tips for working with clients. Finally, other challenges to working with clients facing homelessness, mental illness or addiction (habituation to punishment and crisis mode) will be explored. **Thursday, February 16, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Riley Courtroom (Rm. 170).**

**Third Thursdays:** These special presentations will start at the law school and then move to Fatty's Pub & Grille in DeKalb for receptions immediately afterward. This week, Professor Yolanda M. King, attorney Brie Crawford and tattoo artist Chris May will discuss tattoos as intellectual property. **Thursday, February 16, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Room 186.**

**Library Expansion Reception:** Following our two CLE programs earlier in the day, join us for light hors d’oeuvres and beverages. See the progress of our new collaborative north wing library expansion project! All are welcome; attendance at the CLEs is not required. **Thursday, February 16, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Marshall Gallery.**

**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 21, 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 22, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Marshall Gallery.**

**Student Animal Legal Defense Fund:** In observance of National Animal Justice Week, SALDF will be hosting an Animal Law Panel with various animal law attorneys. **Wednesday, February 22 at noon in the Riley Courtroom (Rm. 170).** Food will be provided, and SALDF will sell shirts. Also, there will be a box in the Marshall Gallery through the end of February to collect supplies for the DeKalb Animal Shelter (food, cleaning supplies, bedding, garbage bags, etc.).

**Minority Alumni Reception:** Please join Dean Eric Dannenmaier and Illinois State Bar Association President Vincent Cornelius (’89) for the 14th Annual Minority Reception at the Illinois State Bar Association Office, 20 S. Clark Street, Suite 900 in Chicago. **Wednesday, February 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Please RSVP to lawevents@niu.edu or (815) 753-9655 by February 15th.

**Lawyers’ Assistance Program:** A clinician from the Lawyers’ Assistance Program (LAP) will be available to meet with NIU College of Law students in Room 149 (next to the Chessick classroom). **Thursday, February 23 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Appointments are available at 4 times throughout the semester.
Get FREE and CONFIDENTIAL help with: Stress, Anxiety, Depression, Focusing, Worries about Character & Fitness, Addiction, having a successful 1L transition. All discussion is confidential, and there is no record of the visit. 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 WELCOME. For an Office Hours appointment please email Chelsy Castro at ccastro@illinois.org

**1L Professionalism Series:** The Legal Assistance Program will present “Your Best Thinking in the Worst Situations: Improving Decision Making under Stress.” All first-year College of Law students are required to attend. **Thursday, February 23, 2:15-3:30 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom.**

**NIU Law Interview Bootcamp:** Join the Northern Law Office of Career Opportunities along with NIU College of Law alumni and faculty for a crash course in getting your first job in the legal profession. Times for this session are subject to change. **Thursday, February 23, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Marshall Gallery.**

**OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:**

**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. In order to ensure your reimbursement will be able to be processed, please contact us even if you have prior permission of a 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 the appropriate required documentation.

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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 12:00 p.m. on Thursdays.