Monday, February 20

Tuesday, February 21
Guided Meditation, 8:00-9:00 a.m., Room 256
PILS Meeting, noon, Room 188

Wednesday, February 22
Breakfast Club, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Marshall Gallery
Open Chess, 9:00-11:00 a.m., North Wing of the Library
Animal Law Panel, noon, Riley Courtroom, (Rm. 170)
American Constitution Society event, 4:00 p.m., Room 188
Minority Alumni Reception, 5:30-7:30 p.m., 20 S. Clark Street, Chicago, IL

Thursday, February 23
LAP Hours, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Room 149
1L Professionalism Series, 2:15-3:30, Riley Courtroom (Rm. 170)
Interview Bootcamp, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Marshall Gallery

Friday, February 24

THIS WEEK:

Open Chess: Challenge amateurs and experts to the Game of Kings every Wednesday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the North Wing of the Library. Whether you are starting out, haven’t played for a while, or are a seasoned expert, all are welcome to learn and play. Boards are provided and avid players will be there to help you get started or improve your game. See you there!

Northern Law Client Counseling Team Advances to Semifinals in ABA Regional Competition!
Congratulations are in order for the 2L team of Cody Chinery and Heather Fielder, who advanced to the semifinals in the 2016-2017 American Bar Association’s Regional Client Counseling Competition! The competition took place at DePaul University College of Law on Saturday, February 11, 2017, and the topic of this year’s competition was Privacy Law. Northern Law’s team was coached by Professor
Yolanda M. King, who attended the competition.

**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.**

**Public Interest Law Society:** PILS will hold a meeting **Tuesday, February 21, at noon in Room 188.** We will be discussing the PILS auction and what students can do to get volunteer credit to qualify for a PILS stipend.

**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.**

**American Constitution Society:** Join the ACS for “Civil Liberties in the Trump Administration” featuring discussion by ACLU representative Bharathi Pillai. **Wednesday, February 22 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 188.**

**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.**

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**PILS Pizza Sale:**  Monday, February 27 at noon in the Marshall Gallery. Sponsored by Themis.

**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 28, 8:00-9:00 a.m.** Meditation will be held in Room 256, just off of the Marshall Gallery.

**Courtroom as Classroom:** The Office of Career Opportunities presents "Courtroom as Classroom," an annual panel discussion with several federal judges, U.S. Attorneys and Federal Defenders that will give students a chance to learn about the professional side of the practice of law from those who know it best. Bus transportation will be provided from Swen Parson Hall to the Federal Courthouse in Chicago for this event. Go to Becky's desk in room 280 to sign up for the bus and contact Greg Anderson with any questions. The bus leaves at 12:30 p.m. and the event itself begins at 3:00 p.m., **Wednesday, March 1.**

**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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