### THIS WEEK:

**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](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](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 7, 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 8, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Marshall Gallery.**
NIU Law Ally Training Event: The Ally Program is a campus-wide program designed to foster a welcoming and supportive campus environment for LGBTQ individuals by creating a visible network of allies. As part of this event, ally training will be provided by Molly Holmes of the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center. The ally training will also be tailored to law students with topics discussing legal issues and the LGBTQ community. Prior to Molly beginning her portion of the ally training, there will be guest speakers talking about LGBTQ issues. Breakfast will be provided (bagels and coffee) by the NIU Law Breakfast Club, which will meet in conjunction with the event. Lunch will be provided for as well by the NIU Gay Straight Alliance. The event is also sponsored by Northern Law organization Lawyers Opposing Violence Everywhere (LOVE). Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Riley Courtroom, (Rm. 170).

LOOKING AHEAD:

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 p.m.- 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 p.m.-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. Next week, Professor Yolanda King, attorney Brie Crawford and tattoo artist Chris May will discuss tattoos as intellectual property. Thursday, February 16, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Riley Courtroom (Rm. 170).
**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.**

**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 also be selling shirts. There will also 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.).

**CLIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION:**

I am very pleased to announce that the winners of the NIU COL Client Counseling Competition are Cody Chinery and Heather Fielder, who will represent NIU at the American Bar Association Law Student Division's regional competition being held at DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, Illinois on February 11, 2017.

Professor King

**OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:**

**May 2017 Grads:**

- Online Graduation Application will need to be done between 2/04/17 and 2/10/17.
- We have a page on our website with Graduation information. This also includes local hotel information, maps for graduation parking, and maps of Holmes Student Center where the graduation ceremony and short reception will take place. Here is the link: [http://www.niu.edu/law/current-students/graduation-info.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/law/current-students/graduation-info.shtml)

**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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