## NIU LAW DOCKET

**March 27, 2017**  
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| Monday, March 27 |  
| Tuesday, March 28 | Guided Meditation, 8:00-9:00 a.m., Room 256  
| Wednesday, March 29 | Open Chess, 9:00-11:00 a.m., North Wing of the Library  
| | Family Law Society presentation, noon, Room 186  
| Thursday, March 30 | LAP Office Hours, 10:00 a.m., Room 149  
| | Federalist Society presentation, noon, Room 188  
| Friday, March 31 | Law Review Symposium, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Altgeld Hall  
| | Barrister's Ball, 6:30-11:45 p.m., Acquaviva Winery, Maple Park, IL  

**NOTE:** A key card access system has been added to the door between the north end of the building and the north wing. After 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and all day on Saturday and Sunday access from the north end of the building to the north wing will be available to members of the College of Law via their NIU OneCard. The doors will still be open during the day and the key card access will permit members of the College of Law access after regular business hours. If your card provides access into the law library after 6:00 p.m., it is active for the north end access. When using the north end key card system, lightly press your card to the reader for it to read the card. Please direct any questions you have regarding the north end access system to Prof. Therese Clarke, tclarke@niu.edu.

**THIS WEEK:**

**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, March 28, 8:00-9:00 a.m.** Meditation will be held in **Room 256**, just off of the **Marshall Gallery**.
Open Chess: Challenge amateurs and experts to the Game of Kings every Wednesday, March 29, 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!

Family Law Society: Courtroom Nuts and Bolts. The Family Law Society presents a discussion on what to expect when you start working in a courtroom. Wednesday, March 29 at noon in Room 186. Guest speakers will be Hon. Marci Buick and Hon. Ron Matekaitis of Illinois’ 23rd Judicial Circuit in DeKalb County. Topics will include: Tips on Preparing for Trial, Social Media & Exhibits, Common Attorney Mistakes & Ways to Avoid Them, Attorney Habits that Make Judges Happy, and How to be an Effective Family Law Attorney.

Lawyers' Assistance Program Office Hours: 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). Appointments are available at 4 times throughout the semester. Get FREE and CONFIDENTIAL help with: Stress, Anxiety, Depression, Focusing, 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 WELCOME. Thursday, March 30, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Room 149. For an Office Hours appointment, please email Chelsy Castro at ccastro@illinois.org

The Federalist Society: Jordan Lorence from Alliance Defending Freedom will join us for this presentation. He is a prominent First Amendment attorney who has argued many cases in front of the United States Supreme Court (including one a week before this event). Please join us to hear his insights in this very special presentation. Thursday, March 30, at noon, Room 188.

Law Review Symposium: The Northern Illinois University Law Review would like to invite everyone to our 2017 Symposium, entitled "Making Murderers: Legal Implications of Wrongful Convictions and the Death Penalty." Presenters will discuss police interrogation methods, the changing landscape of eyewitness testimony, the death penalty, and will highlight a recent wrongful conviction case. The event will take place on Friday, March 31, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Altgeld Hall Board of Trustees Room. The event is free for students, faculty, and staff. The Criminal Law Society will provide lunch immediately following the Symposium in the Marshall Gallery. If you have any questions, please email Symposium Editor, Rachel Krmenec, at rkrmenec@niu.edu.
Student Bar Association: Please join us for the NIU College of Law's Annual Barrister's Ball Friday, March 31, 6:30-11:45 p.m., hosted by the Student Bar Association at the Acquaviva Winery in Maple Park, IL. Complimentary bus transportation will be provided. Ticket prices are $75 per person and $140 per couple. Be sure to get your tickets!

LOOKING AHEAD:

Summer and Fall Clinical Law Program Information Meeting:
Thinking about taking a clinic this Summer or Fall?
The clinical faculty and students will be holding a clinic information meeting on Monday, April 3rd at noon in Room 150. This summer and fall as part of the COL’s experiential learning program, we will offer four clinics: the Civil Justice Clinic, the Criminal Defense Clinic, the Health Advocacy Clinic and the Foreclosure Mediation Clinic. These clinics provide students the chance to work with actual clients in a variety of settings on litigation, transactional and alternative dispute resolution matters. This 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 Summer and Fall 2017. Lunch will be provided.
Summer clinic applications will be due Monday, April 10. Fall clinic applications will be due after fall registration opens later in the semester. Reminder: Students matriculating at the COL beginning in Fall 2015 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.
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24th Annual Francis X. Riley Lecture: NIU Law will host its 24th Annual Francis X. Riley Lecture on Professionalism on Friday, April 7th, 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Francis X. Riley Courtroom (Room 170). This year’s lecture will be given by Illinois State Senator from the 40th District and NIU Law alumna Toi Hutchinson (’14). The Francis X. Riley Lecture on Professionalism was established in 1994 to honor the late Professor Emeritus Riley, who devoted his life to the law and legal education. The lecture series brings distinguished speakers to NIU Law to discuss current issues relating to the legal profession. The lecture will be followed by a reception and the 22nd Annual Public Interest Law Society Auction, 5:00-9:00 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery. CLE credit is pending.
OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:

May 2017 & Dec 2016 Grads:

- Commencement Announcements are now available to be picked up on a first come, first served, basis in Room SP285 (Office Budget & Records - Office hours 8:00 a.m. – noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

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, so to ensure your reimbursement will be able to be processed, please contact us even if you have prior permission of 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 appropriate required documentation.

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The Docket is published every Monday by the Office of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. 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.