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NIU LAW DOCKET

| Monday, August 22 | Deadline to RSVP for Rockford Reception |
| Tuesday, August 23 | Federalist Society Informational Meeting, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Rm. 188 |
| Wednesday, August 24 | 1L Orientation Workshop 12:00-1:00 p.m., Rm. 188  Vincent F. Cornelius Reception, 5:00-7:00 p.m., The Marshall Gallery |
| Thursday, August 25 | “The Use of Force Policing” Panel Discussion, Noon, Riley Courtroom (Rm. 170)  Dean’s Picnic, 4:00 p.m., Oderkirk Property, 131 N. Annie Glidden Road |
| Friday, August 26 | |

THIS WEEK:

**Lawyers Opposing Violence Everywhere (LOVE):** LOVE is looking to fill their Secretary and Treasurer positions for 2016-2017. Interested candidates may send a brief paragraph to Z1785610@students.niu.edu explaining why that candidate would like to fill the position. Any questions may be directed to Hayley Botts at the above e-mail address.

**Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA):** This year is looking to be good for members of the Gay-Straight Alliance. To make sure you don't miss any of the exciting news and to see how you can get involved, click [here](#) to automatically enroll in the GSA TWEN page. See everyone in cyberspace! Andrew J. Mertzenich, President.

**NIU Law Reception in Rockford:** On Thursday, September 1, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., please join us at a reception to welcome the NIU Law Class of 2019 to the study and practice of law. We would like to give the new class the opportunity to meet lawyers from various practice areas to talk about the practice of law, law school, and clinical opportunities. The reception will be held at the Zeke Giorgi Legal Clinic in the Talcott Building, 319 W. State Street in Rockford, IL. Food and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to lawevents@niu.edu by August 22.
**Federalist Society Informational Meeting:** Join the NIU Law Federalist Society for an informational meeting on **Tuesday, August 23, from 12:00-1:00 p.m., in Room 188.** Find out more about the society and what benefits and opportunities you can take from becoming a member.

**NIU Law Orientation 2.0:** As part of the continuing orientation for NIU Law first-year students, 1Ls will be required to attend two afternoon sessions. The first, the *Valuing Diversity Workshop*, is focused on the value of diversity in the classroom and the profession, and on the role implicit bias plays in our everyday lives. The guest speaker will be Katrina Caldwell, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Northern Illinois University. This workshop will be held on **Wednesday, August 24, from 3:00-4:15 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom (Room 170).** The second session, called *Money Matters*, is a seminar on financial responsibility during law school that is required by the American Bar Association. This seminar will take place on **Wednesday, August 31, from 3:00-4:15 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom (Room 170).** Again, attendance is mandatory for all NIU Law 1L students for both of these sessions.

**Alumni Council Reception:** Please join Dean Eric Dannenmaier and the NIU Law Alumni Council at a reception honoring Vincent F. Cornelius ('89) as the newly installed 140th President of the Illinois State Bar Association. The reception will be held on **Wednesday, August 24, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery.** Light refreshments and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to lawevents@niu.edu.

**“The Use of Force in Policing: A Panel Discussion”**: Professor Dan McConkie and Professor Mitchell Pickerill from the Political Science Department will discuss when the police are justified in using force, how much force they should use, and the social implications of this charged topic. This discussion will take place on **Thursday, August 25 at noon in the Riley Courtroom (Room 170).**

**Dean’s Picnic:** The SBA’s annual Dean's Picnic, which is open to the entire law school community, will be held on Thursday, August 25, at 4:00 p.m. at the Oderkirk Property, 131 N. Annie Glidden Road. Food and drink will be provided.
PLANNING AHEAD:

ILSA/AGEN Program: The International Law Student Association and the AGEN Program invite you to join them on August 29 at noon in the Riley Courtroom (Room 170) for a talk on Brexit and its implications. Professor Sébastien Platon, Professor of Law at Université de Bordeaux, will speak on what transpired to cause Great Britain's exit from the European Union, and the effects it has had on the global economy. He is visiting the College of Law for three weeks in association with the exchange program with Université de Bordeaux, and is an expert in the law of the European Union.

CLINICAL LAW PROGRAM:

The clinical law program is still accepting applications on a space-available basis for the fall semester. Currently, there are spaces available in all four clinics. You cannot register for a clinic using MyNIU. The Office of Budget and records will register you after you have turned in your application and it has been approved by the clinical professor.

As part of the COL’s experiential learning program, we offer these four clinical courses: the Civil Justice Clinic, the Criminal Defense Clinic, the Foreclosure Mediation Clinic, and the Health Advocacy Clinic. These clinics offer students the chance to work with actual clients in a variety of settings on litigation, transactional and alternative dispute resolution matters. A copy of the Clinic Application is available on the NIU Website.

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the clinical faculty if you need any additional information about one of the clinics: 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.

LAW LIBRARY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Welcome to the David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library! We look forward to seeing all of you soon in the law library and answering any research questions that you might have while studying and completing your coursework during law school. We have been working over the summer on creating more open space for student studying and further facilitating access to legal materials through collection shifting and purchasing of appropriate online materials for law students. Please be sure to check out our Nutshell nook, Reserve collection, Popular Reading collection, recent law periodicals display, the Stason collection (which is named after a professor emeritus of the law school
and includes selected international maritime and international human rights books), and the mindfulness collection in the main entrance of the library. The reference librarians are also available throughout the day and during evenings/weekends to assist with any research questions that you may have throughout the fall or spring terms. Just ask in person, via email, or through chat/virtual reference (coming soon after Labor Day!) whenever you have a question.

Helpful law library website links include:

- **Hours** ([http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/hours.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/hours.shtml))
- **Research and References Services** ([http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/researchservices.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/researchservices.shtml))
- **Online Research Center** ([http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/onlineresearch/index.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/onlineresearch/index.shtml))

You should not hesitate to ask a law librarian at the reference desk or a staff member at the circulation desk whenever you have research questions or any other general questions while getting acclimated to law school. Thanks! ~ Professor Kuehl

**PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES:**

*Looking for Pro Bono Opportunities in Illinois?* If you are looking for pro bono opportunities, please visit [www.LawStudents.IllinoisProBono.org](http://www.LawStudents.IllinoisProBono.org). On that site, students can download a free app that offers three tools: (1) legal resources on Illinois law, (2) volunteer postings search, and (3) upcoming legal events, including MCLE training. The app is available for Apple and Android devices and bolsters volunteer work by offering a

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & DEVELOPMENT:**

Welcome all returning and new students! This year's graduate assistants in the Office of Career Opportunities & Development are Christine Beaderstadt, 3L, and James LeVault, 2L. They will be available to help you with your resumes and cover letters. Stop in to see them if you want to learn more about the benefits of being involved in PILS. Need to meet with the GAs or with Greg? Visit Becky Leneau, the Office Manager in Room 280, to set up an appointment.
ILs will be assigned a mandatory orientation time, based on your class schedule, to familiarize you with our resources and services. We look forward to meeting each one of you! Keep a lookout for that information in your mailbox.

This office also publishes "Career Corner," a weekly newsletter that lists jobs, internships, career advice, upcoming seminars, and other networking opportunities. The newsletter arrives through your email, usually on Mondays (on Tuesdays on a few occasions). Be sure to read it as there is a plethora of information and links at your fingertips — all to assist you in your educational and career goals (and hopefully to make your life a little less stressful). Be sure to adhere to the deadlines listed in this newsletter to avoid missing out on that opportunity!

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:

Office Locations:
- Christina L. Raguse, Director Office Budget & Records
  Room: SP281A2 (in student affairs suite)
  Email: craguse@niu.edu
  Phone: 815-753-6580
- Julie Mahoney-Krzyzek, Office Manager
  Room: SP285 (across hall from elevator)
  Email: jmahoney@niu.edu
  Phone: 815-753-1620

Mailboxes:
- New mailboxes have been created for all students.
- These are for correspondence only. Do not put books, DVDs, clothing, etc. in them. There simply is not enough room for extra items, and it is very hard on the hanging files.
- Please check your mailbox regularly and do not let items accumulate.

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 Process:
- 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 us even if you have prior permission of faculty or staff member.

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID:

Information Regarding Scholarships and Writing Competitions. Each year, there are a number of opportunities for students to obtain additional financial assistance to help pay for the costs of attending law school. In particular, many scholarships and writing competition prizes are available, and the number of students applying for many of them is often low (increasing the chances of success for individual applicants). For a list of these scholarship and writing competitions, see the file that is being e-mailed along-side this week’s edition of the Docket and is made available in separate copies on tables on the first and second floor of the law school. Do not miss the many opportunities available this Fall, as indicated in those listings. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at 815-753-8595 or lawadm@niu.edu or stop by Room 151.

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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.

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!