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**THIS WEEK:**

*Breakfast Club.* All are invited to join the Breakfast Club on **Saturday, September 10,** from **9:00-11:00 a.m. in the north wing of the law library,** for coffee, bagels, and excellent conversation. This week, Professor Kuehl will offer insights and answer questions regarding online legal research – especially helpful for first-year students.

- Learn about **online research tips** to find cases and materials at lightning speed
- Enjoy **coffee & bagels** provided by Barb City Bagels

Through the rest of the semester, future Breakfast Club events will cover more issues of interest—hot legal topics, research, wellness, coffee, etc.
**IL SBA Elections:** Election polls to vote for your SBA 1L Representatives will open on the SBA TWEN site on **Monday, September 12, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.**! Polls close on **Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.** Results will be announced on **Friday, September 16, 2016.** Happy Voting!

**PILS, JILS, LOVE, & The Criminal Law Society** are hosting an informational meeting on **Wednesday, September 14, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom.** Lunch will be provided by Lexis.

**First Year Student Professionalism Series:** The next session in the 1L professionalism series will be held on **Wednesday, September 14, from 3:00-4:15 p.m., in the Riley Courtroom.** This will be an introductory class, including discussion of the syllabus and expectations for the class. All NIU Law 1L students are required to attend.

**Gay-Straight Alliance:** Statements of interest for 1L Representatives to the Gay-Straight Alliance are due by **September 14, at 5:00 p.m.** Interested applicants may submit a statement through the [GSA TWEN Page](mailto:gsatwen@niu.edu), or to [Z1785608@students.niu.edu](mailto:Z1785608@students.niu.edu). Many thanks to all applicants.

**Alumni Awards Reception:** Dean Eric Dannenmaier and the NIU Law Alumni Council invite you to attend a special reception honoring outstanding College of Law alumni and others. Award winners will be recognized in seven categories: Alumnus/a of the Year, Distinguished Service Award, Outstanding Service Award, Honorary Law Alumnus/a Award, Young Alumnus/a of the Year, Public Service Award and Mentor of the Year. The event will take place at the University Club, 76 E. Monroe Street in Chicago, IL, on **Wednesday, September 14, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** The reception is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to [lawevents@niu.edu](mailto:lawevents@niu.edu). Event URL: [http://www.niu.edu/law/news-events/alumni-events/alumni-awards-reception.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/law/news-events/alumni-events/alumni-awards-reception.shtml)

**Constitution Day is Saturday, September 17:** This year’s Constitution Day observance at the College of Law includes multiple events, and all are invited to attend. The planned events are:

- **Thursday, September 15, 4:30 p.m.:** American Constitution Society and Federalist Society are co-hosting a panel on Recent Supreme Court Cases in the Riley Courtroom (Rm. 170).
- **Friday, September 16, at Noon:** The Dean’s Office will stage a Dramatic Reading of the Bill of Rights on Bill of Rights Plaza (in front of Swen Parson Hall) at Noon
- **Saturday, September 17, 9:00-11:00 a.m.:** The Breakfast Club will host a discussion of Current Constitutional Controversies (North Wing Library).

**Class Gift:** The old banners in the Marshall Gallery will be taken down and replaced with new ones contributed by the graduating Class of 2016.

*Need a break from studying or writing that article for publication?* Play an instrument? Sing? Professor Cain is forming a combo for jamming and having fun. Students and faculty and all levels of play are welcome, and there will be an eclectic mix of music. If interested, please contact Professor Cain.
at pcain@niu.edu or 815-962-9980.

Subscribe to the "NIU College of Law Events and Announcement Blog": If you missed the latest event, speaker, breaking news, or free lunch, go to niucollegoflaw.blogspot.com. Scroll to the bottom right side of the page. It's so easy! Subscribe to the email or reader service. Once subscribed, you will receive periodic notifications of events, news and announcements directly into your email. These are the notifications subsequently published in the Docket--the NIU Calendar, the NIU College of Law Events Calendar, and the NIU College of Law website.

PLANNING AHEAD:

Researching in Non-Law Databases Brownbag Session: The NIU Law Library is holding a brownbag session on conducting research in non-law databases on Thursday, September 22, at Noon in Room 187. Databases available through Founders Library, including JSTOR and Academic Search Complete, will be discussed. One lucky attendee will also win a $10 Starbucks gift card. Bring your own lunch, but be sure to save room for Professor Clarke’s baked goods!

First-Year Student Professionalism Series - Diversity Dialogues Play: The second program in this series will be a performance of "Defamation: The Play," which is being held in conjunction with NIU’s Diversity Dialogues. The play is described as "a riveting courtroom drama that explores the highly charged issues of race, religion, gender, class and the law with a twist: the audience is the jury." All are invited to attend on Thursday, September 29, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the Holmes Student Center Carl Sandburg Auditorium. Attendance is mandatory for all NIU Law 1L students.

Legal Advocacy Training: Please join Lawyers Opposing Violence Everywhere (LOVE) on Saturday, October 1, from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., in the Riley Courtroom (Rm. 170) for a day dedicated to learning about and addressing the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. The Safe Passage Domestic Violence Shelter will lead our discussion throughout the day and will provide us with the necessary knowledge and tools to become successful legal advocates. Topics will include Domestic and Sexual Violence 101, Rape Myths and Rape Culture, Trauma and How it Impacts Behavior, Understanding Professional Roles on Victim Response, and more. Breakfast and lunch will be provided!

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:

“Please Excuse the Dust & Noise”

Over the fall semester, the law library will be moving books in the south wing of the library. If you are having trouble locating anything, just ask someone at the circulation desk and we will help you find it. The north wing of the law library will serve as the quiet study space during this time. Thank you for your understanding as we work towards making the law library a better space for you to study and do research.

Helpful law library website links include:

- [Hours](http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/hours.shtml)
- [Research and References Services](http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/researchservices.shtml)
- [Online Research Center](http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/onlineresearch/index.shtml)
- [Law Library Policies and Procedures](http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/policies/index.shtml)
- [Law Library News and Announcements](http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/news/index.shtml)
Please don’t 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. 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 statewide search for volunteer opportunities, comprehensive manuals, articles, and a calendar of training sessions and events to support those opportunities. Download to your device today!

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:

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  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

December 2016 Graduates: There is a two-step process to apply for graduation.
- First, email Julie Mahoney-Krzyzek for an appointment to complete your “Statement of Candidacy.” Appointments to be held between September 1 and September 9. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please email jmahoney@niu.edu ASAP with a couple of time slots of about 15 minutes where you would be able to meet.
- Second, apply for graduation online. This step must be completed between September 17 and September 23.

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.

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. 1Ls 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 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.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

Counseling & Consultation Services (CCS) – CCS provides professional mental health support for students currently enrolled at NIU. Their services include free individual and group counseling. They are located in Room 200 of the Campus Life Building and can be reached at 815-753-1206. Students needing assistance with personal/emotional concerns or crisis situations can also see a counselor without an appointment during walk-in hours, which are 11:00-3:30, Monday-Friday.

University Ombudsperson: The Office of the Ombudsperson provides students, faculty and staff with guidance to help solve a variety of university-related issues or conflicts. Although the staff cannot provide legal advice or advocate on a student’s behalf, the office offers confidential, neutral, informal and independent guidance. Sarah Klaper, NIU’s Ombudsperson, will listen to your concerns about a variety of topics, assess your situation and suggest options that may help you resolve the matter. The Office of the Ombudsperson is located on the 6th floor of the Holmes Student Center and is open from 8:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to set up an appointment, call 815-753-1414 or send an email to ombuds@niu.edu.

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