THE WEEK:

**The Women's Law Caucus:** The WLC is having a Mentorship Breakfast on **Wednesday, September 28, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Marshall Gallery.** If you signed up for the WLC mentorship program, this will allow you the opportunity to meet with your mentor/mentee before classes begin, and enjoy some delicious breakfast and coffee. Hope to see you there!

**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.**
Reseaching in Non-Law Databases Brownbag Session (rescheduled from 9/22 to 9/29): The NIU Law Library is holding a brownbag session on conducting research in non-law databases on Thursday, September 29, from 12:00–1:00 p.m. 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 Prof. Clarke’s baked goods!

*Phi Alpha Delta:* P.A.D. will be hosting a midterm question and answer session next Thursday, September 29, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 188. 1Ls — bring your questions about upcoming midterms and 2L and 3L students will answer them for you. Topics include: how to prepare for midterms, time management during the exam, the style of each midterm, and topics covered on midterms in the past. Snacks will be provided. This event is open to all law students.

*2L Appellate Brief Pancake Breakfast:* All 2Ls please join the SBA and legal writing professors for a pancake breakfast on September 30 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. in the Marshall Gallery.

*Build Your Negotiation Skills by Participating in the ABA LSD Negotiation Competition:* The College of Law will be sending two teams to the ABA Law Student Division Negotiation Competition this fall. [http://abaforlawstudents.com/events/law-student-competitions/practical-skills-competitions/negotiation-competition/](http://abaforlawstudents.com/events/law-student-competitions/practical-skills-competitions/negotiation-competition/). This is a chance to build your negotiation skills and compete against other law schools throughout the nation. You do not have to have taken Negotiation or Mediation to participate in the competition, and participation provides one academic credit. The first round of the competition will take place in early November. To apply for the NIU team, please fill out an application at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NegotiationCompetition](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NegotiationCompetition). The application deadline is Friday, September 30, at 5:00 p.m. Four students will be selected based on their responses to the application. For more information, contact Professor Boudreau at aboudreau@niu.edu.

*NIU Law Breakfast Club:* Join us in the north wing of the law library for the NIU Law Breakfast Club, on Saturday, October 1, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. for a lively discussion of topics of interest to law students. This week, our topic will be environmental law with Dean Dannenmaier. You are also invited to join us after the discussion for a canoe trip, weather permitting. As always, coffee & bagels will be provided by Barb City Bagels.

*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 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!
New Family Law Society Board Members: The FLS is pleased to announce its board members for 2016-2017: President, Wendi Werren; Vice President, Cassandra Hirth; Secretary/Treasurer, Suzi Broderick; Social Chair, Nicole Santiago; 3L Rep, Aaron Novy; 2L Reps, Andrew Morris and Raquel Chavez; and 1L Reps, Ashley Galmore, Kristin Grossman, Krysta Judah, and Stephanie Silkey. Professor Vaughn is the FLS faculty advisor.

PLANNING AHEAD:

Bluebooking for Seminar Papers Brownbag Session: Writing your seminar paper can be daunting; Bluebooking it properly can be even more so. Have no fear! Join Professor Clarke on a journey through the wonderful world of the Bluebook, with an emphasis on Bluebooking the types of sources commonly cited in seminar papers. The session will be held on Tuesday, October 4, from 12:00–1:00 p.m. in Room 187. Bring your own lunch. Prof. Clarke will bring baked goods, and one lucky attendee will also win a $10 Starbucks gift card!

7th Circuit Fellows’ Fall Program for Law Students: A networking event hosted by Littler Mendelson LLP will be held from 5:30-7:00 p.m., on Friday, October 7, at 321 North Clark Street, Suite 1000 in Chicago. The reception will be followed on Saturday, October 8, by a labor and employment law program hosted by the Chicago law firm of Winston & Strawn, 35 West Wacker Drive, 47th floor. The Saturday program will include sessions on the Fissured Workplace, Class Actions as the New Collective Bargaining, Hot Topics and Transitioning to Practice. These events are free of charge, but an RSVP by Wednesday, October 5, is required for both the program and the reception. To RSVP, please contact Jennifer Motley at 410-972-4712 or jmotley@laborandemploymentcollege.org. For additional information, contact Marjorie Kuda or Liz Heckenast.

LAW LIBRARY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

• The Law Library’s LexisNexis Digital Library subscription now includes a complete study aid package (such as the Understanding series) and allows for an unlimited number of checkouts (previously only one student at a time could use online study aids). Access the LexisNexis Digital Library from the Law Library’s home page at http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/index.shtml under “Most Used Resources.”

• Online chat/text services are now available: see the “Ask a Librarian” section in the lower right hand corner of the Law Library’s home page. The chat/text service is staffed during weekday reference desk hours (Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.). After hours, you can email or text the service and a librarian will get back to you the next business day.

• An update to the previous announcement about collection moves (shifting): Shifting of the collection will be happening in both the north and the south wings during the fall semester instead of
just the south wing. If you are having trouble locating anything, just ask at the Circulation Desk and we will help you find it. Thank you for your understanding as we work towards making the Law Library a better space for you to study and do research.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:

1Ls have been assigned a mandatory orientation time, based on your class schedule, to familiarize you with our resources and services. The appointment notice has been put in your student mailbox. We look forward to meeting each one of you! The graduate assistants in this office are Christine Beaderstadt and James LeVault. If you need to meet with Greg Anderson (employment) or the GAs (resume/cover letter review), visit Becky Leneau, the Office Manager in Room 280, to set up an appointment. This office publishes "Career Corner," a weekly newsletter listing jobs, internships, career advice, upcoming seminars, and other networking opportunities. Be sure to peruse it as there is a plethora of information and links at your fingertips — all to assist you in your educational and career goals. Be sure to calendar pertinent deadline dates to avoid missing out on that opportunity!

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS:

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:

- 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 the Office of Budget & Records even if you have prior permission of faculty or staff member.

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OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Midterm Exams:** Law school policy requires that final exams be graded anonymously, and most faculty prefer to grade midterms anonymously as well. Accordingly, the College of Law has created exam numbers for students to use on midterm exams. You will need to get your exam number from Le Ann Baie in the Faculty Secretaries’ Office. When you take your exams, you must identify yourself on your examination by your exam number only. If you are using ExamSoft, you will start your first answer by typing your exam number. Also note that the College of Law takes issues of academic honesty very seriously. Accordingly, there is a set of exam rules that applies to all exams taken at the College of Law. A copy of the rules was emailed to all students and is also available from Dean Falkoff or Dean Coles. Please read it and familiarize yourself with the exam rules.

**Exam Accommodations:** With mid-term examinations ongoing, students with exam accommodations from the Disability Resource Center (DRC) should contact Dean Coles for instructions. Examination forms should be turned in to LeAnn Baie in the Faculty Secretaries’ Office or Lisa Hoebing in Room 276 and should **not** be given to any instructor. Students who may be in need of exam accommodations but do not yet have a letter of accommodation should contact the DRC for an appointment at 815-753-1303 or drc@niu.edu. The DRC is located on the fourth floor of the NIU Health Services Building.

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