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**THIS WEEK:**

**Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) and Christian Legal Society (CLS):** The GSA and the CLS will host a joint informational meeting on September 6 at Noon in Room 187. Bring your own lunch, and both organizations will provide information on this year's events, how to get involved on the Executive Boards, and more.

**Kane County Bar Association Networking Reception:** Please join the KCBA for a networking reception at Eduardo's in DeKalb on Wednesday, September 7, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Meet lawyers from the area and find out more about how the KCBA can help you in your career. Drinks and appetizers will be available.

**The MPRE is fast approaching!** Registration deadline is soon. The professionalism and ethics society will be hosting a panel of upper level students, who have taken and passed the MPRE to provide information on sign-p deadlines, fees and registration instructions, in addition to study tips. The panel will be held on September 8 from Noon-1:00 p.m. in Room 186. All those needing to take the MPRE are encouraged to attend. To those students currently taking Professional Responsibility, attendance is highly recommended! Lunch will be provided by Themis, along with a free Themis MPRE study guide for each attendee. Following the informational portion of the meeting, there will be time for Q & A.
**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:**

**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 (Room 170). This will be an introductory class, including a syllabus and expectations for the class. All NIU Law 1L students are required to attend.

**Alumni Awards Reception:** Dean Eric Dannenmaier and the NIU Law Alumni Council invite you to join us for 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 Alumni/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, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** The reception is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to 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)

**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.

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)
- Research and References Services (http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/researchservices.shtml)
- Online Research Center (http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/library/onlinereseach/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. 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:

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

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 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on 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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