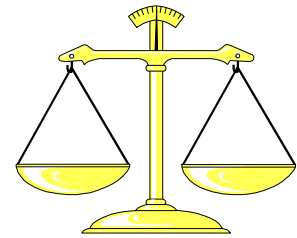


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WELCOME: The *Docket*, your friendly calendar of events, is published every Monday by Dean Mandell. Please refer to it for important announcements and information regarding meetings, speakers, seminars/workshops, etc. The deadline for items to be submitted to the *Docket* is **Thursday by 4:00 p.m. (room 172A or room 181).**

Saturday, Aug 22	DeKalb Corn Fest–For More Information go to www.cornfest.com
Monday, Aug 24	Delta Theta Phi School Supply Drive
Tuesday, Aug 25	Student Activities Fair Marshall Gallery 10:00 a.m. Delta Theta Phi School Supply Drive
Wednesday, Aug 26	Reception for French Students Marshall Gallery 4:30–6:00 p.m. International Law Society Meeting Room 173 12:00 noon Christian Legal Society Meeting Room 187 12:00 noon Delta Theta Phi School Supply Drive
Thursday, Aug 27	Dean’s Picnic DAVIS FOUNTAIN AREA 4:00 p.m. Delta Theta Phi School Supply Drive – LAST DAY

ACTIVITIES FAIR An activities information program will be held on Tuesday, August 25, in the Marshall Gallery at 10:00 a.m. The fair will give you the opportunity to explore the student organizations and speak with their representatives.

DEAN’S PICNIC The Annual Dean’s Picnic will be held on Thursday, August 27th at 4:00 p.m. at the Davis Fountain Area behind Swen Parson. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION.

THE FRENCH ARE COMING! THE FRENCH ARE COMING!

This summer 24 NIU COL students attended the 14th year of the College of Law Summer Program in Agen, France, hosted by the Université Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV. This fall the College of Law will, for the 3rd year, host a group of French law students from Bordeaux IV and the Centre Universitaire d’Agen here in DeKalb for a three week Introduction to the American Legal System. The French students will be arriving on Friday, August 21, and will be here until Thursday, September 10. Their program will consist of a series of lectures and visits to courts and other legal institutions. Their base

here in the COL will be the Chessick Courtroom. Please greet them when you see them around the law school. They are all eager to meet and get to know American law students. If you have any questions or want more information about the program, contact either Dean Gaebler or Professor Reynolds.

ILS RECEPTION FOR FRENCH LAW STUDENTS

The COL International Law Society will host a wine and cheese reception for the visiting French law students on Wednesday, August 26, in the Marshall Gallery from 4:30 to 6:00. Please stop by and greet our visitors.

The International Law Society will hold the first meeting of the year on Wednesday, August 26th at 12:00 noon in Room #173. Plans for the year and events with the French Students will be discussed. Elections will be scheduled.

DELTA THETA PHI

Delta Theta Phi is kicking off its annual School Supply Drive Thursday, August 20th and will run through Thursday, August 27th. We are collecting school supplies for students, kindergarten through fifth grade, who cannot afford them at Littlejohn Elementary School and Jefferson Elementary School here in DeKalb.

The sign up sheets will be passed around in classes and will also be placed in the glass case. Boxes for donations will be located in the library and the table across from the glass case by the legal writing professors' offices.

CLS

The Christian Legal Society will meet Wednesdays starting August 26 at noon in Room #187. 1Ls are especially encouraged to attend the first meeting, as we will be electing our 1L representative.

NEW "STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS" BLOG

A new blog, <http://niucollegeoflaw.blogspot.com/>, will be replacing the "Student Announcements" web page beginning Aug. 21. The blog supplements the information found in the Docket, which will continue to be posted to the web site in .pdf format every week at <http://law.niu.edu/law/calendar/docket/index.shtml>. Moving the information formerly posted on the "Student Announcements" web page to a blog format will allow students, faculty & staff to subscribe to the blog and receive updates automatically in their e-mail or a feedreader. All content is automatically archived so it will be possible to find posts of all previous news and announcements. In addition, "labels" used in the blog make it easy to view posts by category (e.g., general announcements, course updates, events, and information of interest to 1Ls, 2Ls or 3Ls). To subscribe, use the "subscribe" links (for either feedreaders or e-mail) found in the right hand column of the blog. If you have any questions about or comments on the blog please contact Sharon L. Nelson, interim COL webmaster, in the library at slnelson@niu.edu / phone 753-2021.

ALL STUDENTS

The new 2009 Student Handbook is available on the College of Law Website. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the Handbook, as it contains current College of Law policies and procedures, and helpful information about the school. The link is <http://law.niu.edu/law/academic/2009StudentHandbook.pdf>. Hard copies are also available outside of Dean Mandell's Office or in 172A.

GENDER & THE CONSTITUTION

A regular course meeting Mondays and Thursdays from noon to 1:15 p.m. and taught by Professor Arriola **needs more students!**

Expand your thinking about the drafting of constitutions, about how gender attitudes affect notions of equity and agency in constitutional design, how gender is thought of in the constitutional drafting processes of other countries, about the role that gender has played in movements to expand rights for marriage, etc.

To sign up contact Diana Grace (dramp@niu.edu) or Associate Dean David Gaebler or Professor Arriola (earriola@niu.edu)

ELS

The Environmental Law Society Book Sale— Buy your textbooks online from other NIU-COL students on our message board at <http://www.niuels.proboards.com>. Posting books for sale is a \$5 charge (refundable if you don't sell any). Contact any ELS officer for more information.

ATTENTION HEADS OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS!

Please send any updates to your organization's Web page, including officer changes, to Sharon L. Nelson, Interim COL Webmaster, in the Library; snelson@niu.edu or 753-2021. If your organization does not currently have a web page on the COL web site, we'd like to have your group represented! Contact Sharon for details.

PMBR

KAPLAN PMBR Welcomes back students and new 1Ls!! Please make sure to stop by the Kaplan PMBR table on Student Organization day this week on Tuesday, August 25th from 11:00–1:00. Here are some of our NEW offerings this year:

Want a chance to win \$25,000? Stop by the table to enter to win or go to www.kaplanpmbr.com to enter!!

3Ls: Kaplan PMBR now offers full bar exam coverage for 19 states including ILLINOIS!! Our LIVE course will run in Chicago for the February bar exam!! Studying in DeKalb? KPMBR offers FREE ONLINE access to course lectures and materials—no commuting at all!

1Ls: Try our FREE Civil Procedure Qbank at www.kaplanpmbr.com 100 customizable, multiple-choice questions available!

Free ONLINE MPRE Course available NOW if you are taking the November MPRE!! No deposit is necessary. Enroll at www.kaplanpmbr.com.

ALUMNI OFFICE

Welcome back! We have an exciting year of events and receptions planned, and we hope to see you at some of them. These events are great networking opportunities with our graduates and other professionals, plus there's free food and drinks. We can assist with transportation for students as needed.

Please feel free to stop by our offices if you have any questions or just to say “hello.” Melody Mitchell, the director of Alumni Events and Public Relations, is in Room #285; graduate assistants Kellie Owens and Katie Becker are in Room #276.

Reminder to 1Ls: Please complete and return your Publicity Release Forms to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.

Stop by the NIU Law tent and tailgate with fellow students, graduates, and professors.

Saturday, October 3
Homecoming & NIU Law Tailgating
Western Michigan vs. NIU
Game time: 2:30 p.m.

Take a break from your studies and join us in the NIU Homecoming Celebration. We will host a tailgate party at the College of Law tent over in Alumni Village near the stadium with free food and beverages. You may also purchase game tickets from us if you would like to sit in the "College of Law Section" on the stadium's West Side (free seating for students is on the East Side).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & DEVELOPMENT

Welcome everyone. Stop by the Career Opportunities Office, Room 280, and meet the Director, Greg Anderson and Staff Secretary, Monica Jinks. This year's graduate assistants are: Josh Ladwig 2L and Patrick Jesse 3L.

As a 1L, you 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.

The Career Opportunities Office also publishes "The Career Corner". A weekly listing of jobs, career advice and opportunities for networking. This arrives in your mailbox usually Monday or Tuesday mornings, depending on when it goes to print.

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid:

If you still need to request student loans above the guaranteed Direct Stafford Loans of \$20,500, the Direct Graduate Plus Loan Application Form is available on the main university Student Financial Aid Office website: <http://www.niu.edu/fa/forms/index.shtml>

Residency Requirements:

If you are planning to apply for in-state tuition rates for the Spring 2010 semester, Illinois residency must have been established by July 11, 2009. Please process the necessary documents by the deadline of February 11, 2010. Residency petitions, requirements and additional information is available at: <http://www.reg.niu.edu/regrec/residency/index.shtml>

Scholarships and Writing Competitions

Beginning the week of August 24, 2009, look to this section of the Docket for news on upcoming deadlines for writing competitions and scholarships available to current law students.

September

NAPABA Law Foundation Scholarships

The NAPABA Law Foundation Scholarships are awarded each fall to law students who demonstrate a commitment to serve or contribute to the Asian Pacific American community as future leaders. Since 1995, the first year in which Foundation Scholarships were granted, 53 students have received scholarships totaling over \$90,000. **Deadline for submission is September 5.** For more information, please visit <http://www.napaba.org/napaba/showpage.asp?code=scholarships>.

The Justinian Law Society of Illinois

The Justinian Society of Lawyers provides annual scholarships to needy Italian-American law students attending area law schools. The Justinian Law Society is concerned with providing awards to qualified applicants demonstrating need, and requires that applicants submit evidence of Italian ancestry and we require some assurance that the individuals who are awarded scholarships will complete their legal studies. **Deadline for submission is September 12.** For more information, please visit <http://www.justinians.org/scholarship.html>.

Latham Diversity Scholarship Award

The Latham Diversity Scholars Program, started in 2005, is designed to increase the number of diverse attorneys who want to pursue careers in global law firms such as Latham & Watkins, which has US offices in Chicago, Los Angeles, New Jersey, New York, Orange County, San Diego, San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Washington, D.C. Students must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school and intend to practice law in a major city of the United States. You must have successfully completed your first year of a full-time JD program, with an expected graduation date of spring 2011, and you may not be the recipient of a similar scholarship award from another law firm. **Deadline for submission is September 15.** For more information, please visit <http://www.lw.com/Careers.aspx?page=CareersCommitmentToDiversity>

October

Serbian Bar Association of America

All persons of Serbian birth, ancestry or connubial relationship who are enrolled in an accredited law school in any state of the United States of America are eligible for the SBAA's annual scholarships. There will be two \$2,000 scholarships, one \$1,000 scholarship, and one \$500 scholarship. Deadline for submission is October 1. For more information, please visit <http://www.serbbbar.org/scholarship/>.

Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship for law

students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Law students who meet the selection criteria and have entered into a JD program at an ABA-accredited law school in the United States are eligible to apply. Deadline for submission is October 9. For more information, please visit http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/index.php?option=com_bwabout&id=4.

Helen C. Kinney Scholarship

DAWL began in 1980 when the Hon. Helen Kinney, DuPage's first woman judge, called the small number of women then practicing law in the county together in her courtroom. All second or third-year women law students, with a DuPage County connection, enrolled in an accredited law school in Illinois are eligible for the Judge Helen C. Kinney Scholarship. The Foundation anticipates awarding scholarships of at least \$1,000 each to deserving women law students. Deadline for submission is October 31. For more information, please visit <http://www.dawl.org/index.php>.

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