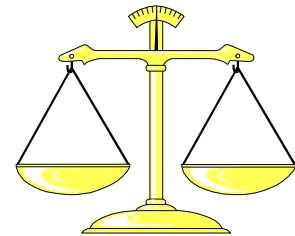


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The *Docket*, your friendly calendar of events, is published every Monday by Dean Mandell. Please refer to it for important announcements and information regarding meetings, speakers, seminars/workshops, etc. The deadline for items to be submitted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

Monday, Aug 31	TRIAL AD Meeting Riley Courtroom 12:00 noon
Tuesday, Sept 1	Street Law Meeting Room #170 12:00 noon PMBR Table Marshall Gallery 11:00–2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept 2	Christian Legal Society Meeting Room #187 12:00 noon
Thursday, Sept 3	
Friday, Sept 4	

THE FRENCH ARE HERE!

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 is hosting 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 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.

TRIAL AD SOCIETY Trial Ad will be having a meeting on Monday, August 31 in the Riley Courtroom at 12:00 noon. Anyone interested in participating, 1L, 2L or 3Ls are welcome. There are no prerequisites for membership, and students can do both Moot Court and Mock Trial.

STREET LAW Street Law will be holding an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 1, at noon in the Riley Court Room. Are you interested in helping the community by teaching important legal concepts? Come to our informational meeting and learn what Street Law is all about! Lunch will be provided.

CLS The Christian Legal Society will meet Wednesday, September 2 at noon in Room #187. All are welcome!

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 snelson@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 will have a table in the Marshall Gallery on Tuesday, September 1, from 11:00–2:00. Please stop by to get some goodies!!

- 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! Kaplan PMBR will honor BarBri deposits up to \$250 for our 1L Complete Course. The 1L Complete Course is priced at \$2,430 until November 13th! Pay a \$200 deposit to lock-in your rates!!
- 1 & 2Ls: Lock-in your tuition prices with a \$100 deposit and get study aids for your core classes now-substantive outline book and MP3 lectures.
- Free ONLINE MPRE Course available NOW if you are taking the November MPRE! No deposit is necessary. Enroll at www.kaplanpmb.com

**LAW
LIBRARY**

The computer lab in the law library will be closed on the following days and time for the weeks listed.

Weeks of:

September 14th

September 28th

October 12th

October 26th

Mondays: 10:00-10:50 and 2:00-2:50

Tuesdays 9:00-9:50, 2:00-2:50 and 3:00-3:50

Wednesdays 9:00-9:50, 10:00-10:50 and 2:00-2:50

**BUDGET
OFFICE**

All 1Ls: An official transcript from your undergraduate college showing your degree must be on file in the Office of Budget & Records. This needs to be done before the end of Fall 2009 semester. Your Official Transcript should be sent to: Northern Illinois University College of Law, Office of Budget and Records, Room #276, DeKalb, IL 60115.

1Ls, 2Ls and 3Ls: Make sure you have filled out your locker tag and turned it into room #276 by September 4th to avoid your lock being cut off. Locks will be cut off in the near future.

All Law Students: Please check your MYNIU record and verify that you are registered in the correct classes, check for any negative indicators, etc. If you have questions, please email: Diana at dramp@niu.edu or Robin Boyes at rboyes@niu.edu, or stop in the Office of Budget and Records, room #276. **Reminder:** the NIU z-email address is the official email. 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 as spam.

**ALUMNI
OFFICE**

Chicago Alumni Reception hosted by Northern Illinois University College of Law, Alderman Robert W. Fioretti ('78), John B. Lower ('81), and Alderman Howard B. Brookins, Jr. ('88):

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

5:30–7:30

Fioretti & Lower, Ltd.

222 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1550
Chicago, IL

Must bring valid photo ID to enter the building. Complimentary Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres. R.S.V.P. by September 9 (815) 753-9655 or lawevents@niu.edu.

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 31, 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

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 <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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