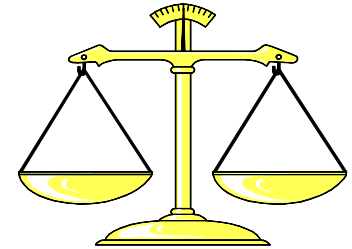


# NIUCOL DOCKET



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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).**

<b>Monday, Sept 14</b>	
<b>Tuesday, Sept 15</b>	
<b>Wednesday, Sept 16</b>	<b>RELS Meeting Chessick Court Room 12:00 noon Christian Legal Society Meeting Room #187 12:00 noon Illinois Legal Aid Online Speaker Riley Courtroom 12:00 noon Chicago Alumni Reception Fioretti &amp; Lower, Ltd. 5:30–7:30</b>
<b>Thursday, Sept 17</b>	<b>LLSA Reception at Gil &amp; Cruz Law Firm in Aurora, IL 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, Sept 18</b>	<b>Class Visit Day Admissions 9:30 a.m.</b>

### **From the Dean’s Office:**

**H1N1 flu virus:** The College of Law recommends that all students and staff take sufficient precautions to protect themselves from contracting and spreading any flu-type symptoms in our community. Should any member have any flu-type illness, please inform the Dean’s Office and stay home until you are symptom-free. Faculty will be notified of your absence and your absence will not be considered in the number of absences permitted for the semester. For H1N1 absences, you will not be required to obtain a doctor’s note to be excused. For additional information regarding H1N1, see <http://www.niu.edu/flu/index.shtml>.

**Laptop Exams:** The Faculty of the College of Law has approved the use of laptop computers for all non-multiple choice and non-take home exams beginning in the Fall of 2009 exam period.

**Town Hall Meeting and 1L Section Meetings:** Dean Rosato, Dean Gaebler, and Dean Mandell will be holding an open forum for all students and an additional meeting for each 1L Section in the near future. We will inform you of the dates as soon as they are available. Please inform Dean Rosato, ([jrosato@niu.edu](mailto:jrosato@niu.edu)), of any issues you would like the Deans to discuss.

**Research Assistant Position:** Dean Rosato is seeking a research assistant for 10 hours per week for the 2009-2010 academic year. A 2L or 3L student is needed to assist Dean Rosato on special projects relating to legal education, the legal profession, and health law. Strong research and writing skills are desired.

Interested students should send a resume and cover letter to Tita Kaus, Administrator, Office of the Dean, Swen Parson Hall, Room 270. The submission must be received before September 21, 2009.

- LLSA** Join the Latino Law Student Association in celebrating Hispanic Heritage month and welcoming Dean Jennifer Rosato. Be sure to bring your business cards to network with NIU alumni and other attorneys at the reception at Gil & Cruz Law Firm at 6:00 p.m.
- RELS** The Real Estate Law Society will be holding an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at noon in Room #155 (Chessick Court Room). All current and prospective members are encouraged to attend.
- CLS** The Christian Legal Society will meet Wednesday, September 16 at noon in Room #187. All are welcome!
- SBA** On behalf of the NIU Student Bar Association I would like to extend an invitation for you to attend our Inaugural Faculty Roast to be held on the evening of Friday, October 2. Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will start at 5:30 p.m. and the roast will be at 7:00 p.m. The event will take place in the Regency Room in the HSC. There is no need for you to worry because Professor Dan Reynolds has already agreed to be roasted. We are inviting students, alumni, and members of the NIU community to join us for this event. As an added bonus, Dean Rosato and Professor Reynolds have agreed to host a free CLE lecture earlier on the same date. I hope that you will join us for the roast and that you will pass the information on to anyone who you think will be interested. For tickets and/or more details contact Eric Johnson, President NIU SBA or email the SBA at [SBA@niu.edu](mailto:SBA@niu.edu).
- SPECIAL EVENT** Professor Arriola will serve as chair/discussant of an interdisciplinary panel in the inaugural session of the Law, Crime and Social Justice Brown Bag Series which has been organized by Visiting Professor Gwen Jordan in the Department of Sociology. The event will take place on **Wednesday, September 23, in room #170 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. (An alternative date will be set if the SMART facilities are not working.)**

This program brings together people working on socio-legal issues and provides a forum for faculty, law and graduate students to present works in progress and stimulate discussion.

The panel on September 23 includes Assistant Professor of Sociology Keri Burchfield, presenting on the paper "Not in my Neighborhood: Assessing Registered Sex Offenders' Experiences with Local Social Capital and Social Control" and Melissa Hayes, a legal history graduate from University of Wisconsin presenting on regulation of rural sexual practices in the countryside in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Melissa's paper is entitled "Those who are not Maidens: Sex in the Countryside."

#### **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](mailto: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.**

**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; [slnelson@niu.edu](mailto:slnelson@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.

**LAW LIBRARY** The computer lab in the law library will be closed on Mondays from 10:00—10:50 and 2:00—2:50; on Tuesdays from 9:00—9:50, 2:00-2:50 and 3:00-3:50; and on Wednesdays from 9:00-9:50, 10:00-10:50 and 2:00-2:50 during the weeks of:  
September 14<sup>th</sup>  
September 28<sup>th</sup>  
October 12<sup>th</sup>  
October 26<sup>th</sup>

**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

**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](mailto:dramp@niu.edu) or Robin Boyes at [rboyes@niu.edu](mailto: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** A Chicago Alumni Reception hosted by Northern Illinois University College of Law,

**OFFICE**

Alderman Robert W. Fioretti ('78), John B. Lower ('81), and Alderman Howard B. Brookins, Jr. ('88) is scheduled Wednesday, September 16, 2009 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at:

Fioretti & Lower, Ltd.  
222 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1550  
Chicago, IL

**You must bring a valid photo ID to enter the building. Complimentary Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres will be served.**

**Other upcoming receptions include:**

Peoria Alumni Reception  
Monday, September 21, 2009  
5:00–7:00 p.m.  
Jim's Steakhouse  
110 SW Jefferson  
Peoria, IL

Lake & McHenry County Alumni Reception  
Wednesday, September 23, 2009  
5:30–7:30 p.m.  
Stevens Riverside Plaza  
Rt. 21 Milwaukee Avenue  
Gurnee, Illinois

Wisconsin Alumni Reception  
Tuesday, October 6, 2009  
5:30–7:30 p.m.  
Michael Best & Friedrich LLP  
One South Pinckney Street, Suite 700  
Madison, WI

## **Homecoming:**

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). 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.

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & DEVELOPMENT**

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.

**Attention all students: A representative from Illinois Legal Aid Online will speak to our students on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the Riley Auditorium. Students will hear about: 1) The LiveHelp Project – an instant messaging tool that allows individuals looking for legal information and resources on-line to ask a remotely located operator (i.e. law students) for help in finding that information; and 2) The website maintained by Legal Aid Online which provides law students information on legal Pro Bono opportunities throughout Illinois.**

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>

### **Student Ambassadors:**

Volunteers are needed for an upcoming class visit day on Friday, September 18, 2009. Those who have signed up to be student ambassadors and are willing to help that day should contact Daniel Nunez at [daninunezuiuc@gmail.com](mailto:daninunezuiuc@gmail.com).

## **Scholarships and Writing Competitions**

### **September**

#### **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>

#### **Puerto Rican Bar Foundation Scholarship**

The Puerto Rican Bar Association of Illinois was started to attack the causes of the under-representation of Hispanic/Latino students at all levels of Higher Education particularly law school by educating the community at large as to this disparity; and building a financial base so that those qualified Hispanic/Latino students identified by the Board of the Puerto Rican Bar Association Fund will be able to go to college, law school, graduate school. **Deadline for submission is September 25.** For more information, please visit <http://www.prbalaw.com/Scholarship.html>.

### **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.serbbar.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](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/index.php?option=com_bwabout&id=4).

### **Mark T. Banner Scholarship**

The Linn Inn Mark T. Banner Scholarship was created in the name of the late Mark T. Banner, a former Linn Inn founder and Master, a leader in the field of patent law, and the son of Donald W. Banner. The purpose of the scholarship is to foster the development of intellectual property lawyers with commitment to ethics, professionalism, and civility. The scholarship is open to all students attending an ABA accredited law school, and interested in pursuing a career in intellectual property. The amount of the award is \$5,000. **Deadline for submission is October 10.** For more information, please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org).

### **Hellenic Bar Association**

The Hellenic Bar Association began in February 1951, and is the oldest and largest Greek-American law association in the state of Illinois. The requirements are: all applicants must be of Hellenic descent, must be enrolled as a second or third year law student at an accredited law school, and must be either an Illinois resident or must be attending law school in Illinois. **Deadline for submission is October 10.** For more information, please visit <http://www.hellenicbar.org/>.

### **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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