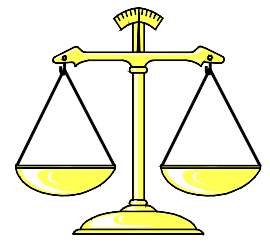


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The *Docket*, your friendly calendar of events, is published every Monday by Dean Mandell. Please refer to it for important announcements and information regarding meetings, speakers, seminars/workshops, etc. The deadline for items to be submitted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

Monday, Sept 28	
Tuesday, Sept 29	MOOT COURT ORAL ARGUMENT RILEY COURT ROOM 12:00 NOON-1:00 Real Estate Law Society Bake Sale Marshall Gallery 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Kaplan PMBR Table Marshall Gallery 11:00—2:00
Wednesday, Sept 30	Christian Legal Society Meeting Room #187 12:00 noon Real Estate Law Society Bake Sale Marshall Gallery 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct 1	TOWN HALL MEETING FOR ALL STUDENTS RILEY COURTROOM 2:15 p.m. PILS Meeting Room #170 12:00 noon
Friday, Oct 2	SBA Inaugural Faculty Roast HSC Regency Room 5:30 Cash Bar 7:00 Roast
Saturday, Oct 3	NIU vs. Western Michigan Homecoming Tailgating 11:00 a.m. Game 2:30 p.m.

DEAN'S OFFICE

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: The Town Hall Meeting for all students will be on **Thursday, October 1**, at 2:15 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom (Room 170).

1L Section Meetings:

Section 1 will meet on Monday, October 5, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 186.

Section 2 will also meet on Monday, October 5, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 188.

Please inform Dean Rosato (jrosato@niu.edu) of any issues you would like the Deans to discuss.

MOOT COURT

Please join us in helping to prepare NIU's Moot Court Team for their upcoming external competition at the John Marshall Law School.

DATE: Tuesday, September 29, 2009

TIME: Noon-1:00 p.m. Riley Courtroom Room #170

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.

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 the 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
Tailgating 11:00—2:00 p.m.
Game time: 2:30 p.m.

General reminder regarding NIU Alert Text Messaging System:

In the event of an emergency, the NIU Alert System enables the university to send a text message alert to your cell phone. This system will only be used in the event of an imminent and verifiable danger or threat affecting the general campus population. If you would like to sign up for this service, please visit the web site <http://www.niu.edu/alert/>

PILS PILS will be having a meeting open to the entire student body at noon on Thursday, October 1, in Room #170 to kick off raffle ticket sales! We will be discussing the details of the raffle including how it is going to run this year, specifics on all the prizes, how the drawing will work, how to get tickets, who to turn them in to and many other important details. Be prepared to kick off this year’s raffle and starting earning money for the coming summer stipends. Hope to see everyone there!

RELS The Real Estate Law Society is having a bake sale in the Marshall Gallery from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29th and Wednesday, September 30th.

**KAPLAN
PMBR** Get our 1L or 2L Success Package for \$50—that’s 50% off our regular price of \$100. Hurry! This offer is valid through Wednesday, October 14th. Your \$50 deposit will LOCK-IN your Tuition rates and get you study aids for your classes now. Get a substantive outline book with multiple-choice questions and MP3 lectures of all your core classes. You can take advantage of this offer ONLINE until September 30th by entering promo code SUCCESS09 at check-out. Try our FREE Civ Pro Qbank at www.kaplanpmbr.com. FREE Online MPRE Course available NOW!! No deposit required or strings attached!! Enroll at www.kaplanpmbr.com.

THEMIS Stop by the Themis Bar Review table in the Marshall Gallery and find out about the most effective bar review available at an affordable price. Themis is the only review course to offer enrollment with NO money down to lock-in a \$1395 price for any exam jurisdiction where Themis is available. Once you create an account, Themis provides access to free study resources and benefits in an easy-to-use online format that maximizes flexibility, convenience, and unparalleled personal service. Fall 2009 FREE benefits include:

1Ls: Final Exam Review lectures that provide guidance in preparation for your final exams.

3Ls: Sign up Tuesday for a November MPRE Review course offered by Themis. Access available beginning October 5 and Directed Study begins October 24.

**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 28th

October 12th

October 26th

**ALUMNI
OFFICE**

Upcoming receptions include:

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

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**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 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.

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.

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.

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

Friday, October 9	Friday Class Visit Day Begins at 9:30 a.m.
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Financial Aid:

The FAFSA application should be completed by the priority deadline of March 1 every year before the fall semester that you need Direct Stafford Student Loans. The current 2009-2010 cost of attendance budget for the law school for student loan eligibility purposes is \$30,260 for in-state tuition and \$42,764 for out-of-state tuition. Direct Stafford Student Loans are guaranteed for \$20,500, the remainder of the cost of attendance may be borrowed with a Direct Graduate Plus Loan. 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 at <http://www.niu.edu/fa/forms/index.shtml>

Information for scholarship recipients, research assistants and graduate assistants: Please note that tuition waivers are taken into account for your student loan eligibility. For example, if you receive a full in-state tuition waiver of \$12,504 that amount is subtracted from your cost of attendance of \$30,260 for in-state tuition. Therefore, you are only eligible to obtain student loans for approximately \$17,756 for the year. If you have additional questions regarding your financial aid eligibility, please feel free to stop by the Office of Admission & Financial Aid, Room 151.

If you have not received a refund of your student loan funds, make sure that you completed the online entrance counseling and electronically signed the master promissory note 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 Open House on Saturday, September 26, 2009. Those who have signed up to be student ambassadors and are willing to help that day should contact Sean Hamidi at hamidisean@gmail.com.

Scholarships and Writing Competitions

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

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 <http://www.linninn.org/marktbanner.htm>

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>

November

Jack Carey Scholarship

The Cook County Public Defenders Association established the Jack Carey Scholarship in memory of John Thomas (Jack) Carey. Applicants must be eligible for a 711 license and be able to commit a minimum of 15 hours per week for one semester with the Cook County Public Defender's Office, if they receive the award. A total of three scholarship stipends, each in the amount of \$2,500, will be awarded every school year. **Deadline for submission is November 1.** www.cookcountypd.org.

Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program

The Georgetown University Law Center is accepting essays if you are interested in participating in the Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program. Essays must indicate how both your personal career goals, as well as the cause of women's rights, would be advanced through your participation in WLPPFP. **Deadline for submission is November 2.** For more information, please visit <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/wlppfp/>.

South Suburban Bar Association's Henry A. Gentile Memorial Scholarship

Residents of the South Suburbs of Cook County who intend to practice law in the south suburbs upon graduation are encouraged to apply for this \$1,500 scholarship. Financial need will be considered by the Scholarship Committee. Each applicant must submit a resume with a cover letter no more than 200 words long that indicates "why they want to practice on the South-side". **Deadline for submission is November 6** and must be mailed in to: South Suburban Bar Association Scholarship Committee, attn: Daniel D. Hinich, 17926 S. Halsted St., Suite 3S. Homewood, IL 60430. Applicants will be expected to attend an interview on November 14, 2009 and those awarded the scholarship must attend a Dinner Dance on December 4, 2009. For more information please visit the Office of Admission & Financial Aid in Room 151.

Association of Securities and Exchange Alumni Writing Competition

The Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (“ASECA”) is now accepting submissions for its writing competition on any subject in the field of securities law. Three cash prizes will be awarded. First place is \$5,000; second place is \$3,000; and third place is \$2,000. Award winners will also be invited to the ASECA annual dinner in Washington, D.C. on February 5, 2010. The first place winner will be reimbursed for travel and lodging up to \$1,000. **Deadline for submission is November 13.** For more information, please visit www.secalumni.org.

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