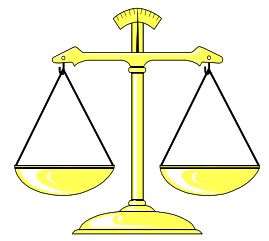


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The *Docket*, your friendly calendar of events, is published every Monday by Dean Mandell. Please refer to it for important announcements and information regarding meetings, speakers, seminars/workshops, etc. The deadline for items to be submitted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

Monday, Oct 19	
Tuesday, Oct 20	Kaplan PMBR Table Marshall Gallery 11:00-2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct 21	Christian Legal Society Bible Study Room #187 12:00 noon DuPage County Alumni Reception Maggiano's 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct 22	Themis Bar Review Table Marshall Gallery 11:00-2:00 p.m.
Friday, Oct 23	
Saturday, Oct 24	

**DEAN'S
OFFICE**

Please check the NIU COL website BLOG for the contents of the Docket as well as important announcements and updates throughout the week.
<http://niucollegeoflaw.blogspot.com/>

In an effort to reduce the number of group emails from student organizations, all such requests must be referred to Dean Mandell's office for approval. See the announcements above and check your e-mail for the Docket and important administration announcements.

Word 2007 is now installed on all the computers in the computer lab in the library.

CLS

The Christian Legal Society will hold a bible study on Wednesday, October 21, at 12:00 noon in Room #187. Jeff Ammons will lead the study on the book of Job. All are welcome.

GSA

The Gay-Straight Alliance will present a special guest speaker event: Diane Schroer, on Monday, November 16. Diane was born David Schroer. A highly-decorated Army Colonel, David retired and began transitioning to Diane after 25 years of serving our country. When offered a job as terrorism research analyst at the Library of Congress, the offer was rescinded because she was in the process of gender transition. The ACLU represented Diane in a Title VII sex discrimination lawsuit against the Library of Congress. In *Schroer v. Billington*, a groundbreaking 2008 decision, a federal district judge held that discriminating against someone for changing genders is sex discrimination under federal law. Diane and her attorney will be here to tell us her story.

**ZEKE
GIORGI
CLINIC**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. With this in mind, please help us continue raising awareness about the problem of domestic violence by attending "Shining the Light on Domestic Violence," sponsored by the 17th Judicial Circuit Court Family Violence Coordinating Council will be held October 27, 2009 from 5:30—6:15 p.m. at the Zeke Giorgi Legal Clinic, 319 W. State Street, Rockford, IL

**MOOT
COURT
SOCIETY**

ATTENTION ALL 2LS: The Moot Court Society invites you to an “information meeting” on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. in the Riley Court Room. We will be kicking off this year’s 28th Annual Prize Moot Court Competition with an informational session. The competition is a spring semester event, but this meeting will fill you in on everything you need to know about scheduling and planning next year. We will also discuss what you can expect from the competition. The Internal Moot Court Competition provides a valuable law school experience and an opportunity to build your resume. **Free food and drinks will be provided! See you all there! Tom Chan, Chief Justice of the Moot Court Society.**

PMBR

Kaplan PMBR will be in the Marshall Gallery on Tuesday, October 20th from 11:00-2:00 p.m. It is Kaplan PMBR STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY!! Pizza and soda will be at the table at 12:15—stop by and get some lunch! Get your questions answered about Kaplan PMBR. Special Promotions: Last day for 1 & 2Ls to pay \$50 deposits to lock-in your tuition rates. Pick up your Success Kit on Tuesday!! Spring Grads, pay your \$200 deposit at the table on Tuesday for our Illinois Complete Course (\$2,430) and get entered to win \$250 off your course. Additionally, Kaplan PMBR will honor competitor deposits up to \$250!! FREE means FREE-enroll for our FREE Online MPRE Course and pick up your substantive outline book!! Available NOW at www.kaplanpmb.com. Additional prizes and drawings at the table!!

THEMIS

Stop by the Themis Bar Review table in the Marshall Gallery on Thursday, October 22. Themis will be set up from 11:00-2:00 p.m. Make sure to pick up information about our free 1L Final Exam Review Lectures and November MPRE Review. Students who enroll Thursday in the MPRE Review may pick up their MPRE book at the Themis Table.

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/>

**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 week of October 26th.

**ALUMNI
OFFICE**

Upcoming receptions include:

DuPage County Alumni Reception
Wednesday, October 21, 2009
Maggiano’s
1847 Freedom Drive
Naperville, IL
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Melody at mmitchell@niu.edu or 753-9655.

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

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>

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 30.** For more information, please visit <http://www.serbbar.org/scholarship/>.

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.

December

American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers Writing Competition

The American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers is currently accepting submissions for its 2010 Writing Competition on a topic dealing with consumer financial services law. The awards include cash payments of \$2500, \$2000, and \$1000, a Certificate of Recognition from the College and travel expenses to attend the Spring 2010 meeting of the College. **Deadline for submission is December 1.** For more information, please visit www.acfsl.org.

Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice

The editors of the Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice is accepting articles for consideration that address the lives and struggles of underrepresented women. Particularly, they seek submissions that examine the intersection of gender with one or more other axes of subordination including, but not limited to, race, class, sexual orientation and disability. The article selected will be published in Volume 24-2, (Fall 2009) or 25-1 (Spring 2010) and will receive \$500. **Deadline for submission is December 1.** For more information, please visit www.boalt.org/bglj/.

Lewis and Clark Law School

The Lewis and Clark Law School's Animal Law Review is accepting submissions on all sides of current animal-related legal issues for its Volume 16: Issue 2, which is scheduled for publication in Spring 2010.

Submissions must be valuable to attorneys in corporate, governmental, non-profit, or private practice, as well as legislatures, policy-makers, students and all interested public. **Deadline for submission is December 1.** For more information, please visit www.lclark.edu/law/.

American Association for University Women Career and Development Grant

The American Association for University Women is accepting applications for its Career Development Grants which provide assistance to women, who through additional higher education, technical training, or participation in professional development institute, are making career changes, seeking to advance in current careers, or re-entering the workforce. Awards range from \$2,000-\$12,000. **Deadline for submission is December 15.** For more information, please visit www.aauw.org.

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