Current Operations During Pandemic

North Wing Student Study Space

Synchronous Remote Instruction

**PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING.**

Stay 2 Huskies away from others.
COVID-19 Legal Response Clinic

Do you have legal issues during COVID-19?

COVID-19 Legal Response Clinic

Free Legal Advice and Referrals available through the NIU College of Law

Aug. 17 – Nov. 17, 2020
Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Matters we can help with:
- Did you get laid off or fired? Unemployment Compensation.
- Are you unsafe in your home? Orders of Protection and Family Law.
- Are your affairs in order? Wills and Powers of Attorney.
- Do you have a criminal record? Expungement and Records Sealing.
- Are you behind on rent? Eviction.

We are here for you!
Call: 815-962-9980 or
Email: covid19clinic@niu.edu

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Clinics

- Health Law Advocacy Clinic (Aurora)
- Civil Justice Clinic (Rockford)
- Criminal Defense Clinic (Rockford)
- Prisoners’ Rights Project (Rockford)
Illinois bar exam delayed again, will be held remotely in October due to coronavirus concerns

Law students will take the exam online in October, but the delay means recent graduates are being asked to put the start of their careers on hold again.

By Matthew Hendrickson | @MHendricksonCST | Jul 23, 2020, 5:13pm CDT

81% of our first-time bar takers who sat for this October online bar exam passed.
Student Engagement

Student Happy Hour with Faculty

Student Painting Contest

Trial Advocacy 2020 Mock Trial Competition
Vision and Priorities

- Strengthen the COL Profile and Footprint
- Ensure Diversity, Equity & Inclusion In Action
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Social Media Profile and Hashtags

#NIULaw
#NIULawHasItAll
#NIULawIs4You
Aggressive Social Media Campaign
Recent NIU Law Accolades

- #2 in Nation on Employment Honor Roll
- Top 30 Law School for African Americans
- Top 50 Best Value Law School
- Top Law School for Criminal Law
- Top 5 Law School for Most Improved Bar Passage Rate
Faculty News Highlights

Associate Dean Yolanda King provided IP expertise for the Practicing Law Institute in NY.

Professor Maybell Romero published in the University of Chicago Law Review.

Professor Michael Oswalt was featured as an expert in an article on COVID-19 Unemployment Increases by State.

Professor Jeffrey Omari was elected to the Class of 2023 Board of Trustees for the Law and Society Association.
Chicagoland Junior Scholars Conference

Third Annual Chicagoland Junior Scholars Conference

Hosted by NIU College of Law
October 2, 2020

The 2020 conference was the largest conference to date.
Vision and Priorities

Ensure Diversity, Equity & Inclusion In Action
University of Chicago Law
Professor Sharon Fairley and
ACLU Advisor Paige Fernandez on Police Reform
August 2020

Stanford Law Prof.
Pamela Karlan on
Voting Rights and
Election Law
October 2020
Message from the Dean

We are in the midst of a powerful movement. Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Sandra Bland, Stephon Clark, Aalatiana Jefferson, Philando Castille, Tamir Rice, and Ahmaud Arbery—these names are just a few on a heartbreakingly long list that represents the systemic racism and numerous crimes committed against Black Americans right here in the United States. These Black lives mattered.

The movement to end systemic racism has sparked much-needed conversations about a number of issues including, but not limited to, racial inequality, police brutality, social justice, white privilege, mass incarceration, and civil rights. We are committed to making these conversations a priority at NIU Law and I encourage you to explore the variety of resources on this page. We still have much work to do in order to eradicate racism, make justice a reality for all, heal hearts and souls of a traumatized community, and bridge economic and social divides.

Please reach out to engage us as we all work to improve the lives and experiences of those who have been victimized for far too long. Together, even in the midst of turmoil, we can and will chart a better future for our community and the world.

Dean Cassandra L. Hill

Upcoming Events

Check back later for more events.

News

Professor Romero Published in UChicago Law Review on COVID and Criminal Justice

NIU Law Hosts Race and the Law Conversations on Voting Rights and Election Law

Professor Arriola Commemorates Justice RBG on WGN Radio's Legal Face Off

NIU Law Hosts Inaugural Race and the Law Conversations on...
Vision and Priorities

Expand Admissions & Enrollment Targets
Diversity Open House

DIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, December 5, 2020 | 12:00 - 1:30 PM
Register for this virtual program at: go.niu.edu/niulawdiversity

Join us for a unique look into the NIU College of Law with Dean Cassandra L. Hill, Acting Director Kellie N. Martial ('10), The Honorable Vincent F. Cornelius ('89), and Q&A with diverse law school student leaders.

Featured Speaker
Judge Vincent F. Cornelius ('89)
Diversity Pipeline Programs

Pipeline Goals

➢ Introduce freshmen to law school
➢ Prepare upperclassmen to apply
➢ Supplement efforts of institutions

Other Strategies

➢ Targeting affinity groups at NIU
➢ Special communications to pre-law advisors of HBCUs and HSIs
Completed Application Volume

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Our Students – Class of 2023

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

121 STUDENTS

Men 53%

Women 47%

Students of Color 24%

Caucasion/White 76%
Class of 2023 Profile

- 688 Applicants
- 121 Enrolled Students
- 24% Minority Students
- 47% Female Students
- 21% Out-of-State Residents
- 23 Median Age
- 149 Median LSAT
- 3.20 Median GPA
Double Huskies

- **NIU 3+3 Program Enrollees**
  - 5 (up from 1 last year)

- **“No LSAT” NIU Undergraduates**
  - 10 (up from 4 last year)

- **Pursue Additional 3+3 Programs**
  - Mathematical Sciences
  - Economics
  - Accounting
  - Finance
Vision and Priorities

Continue Student Success in Academics & Develop New Employment Opportunities
NIU Law exceeded the predictive model by 15 percentage points!
Outcomes – Job Placements

Class of 2019

- Law Firms: 57%
- Government: 20%
- Public Interest: 10%
- Education: 5%
- Business: 4%
- Judicial Clerkships: 3%
- Pursuing Advanced Degree: 1%

NIU
New Career Placement Initiatives

- Judicial Clerkship Committee
- Illinois Judicial Council Partnership
- Business Innovation Legal Clinic
Vision and Priorities

Enhance Alumni Engagement & Community Partnerships
Alumni Highlights

The Honorable Vincent F. Cornelius (‘89) was elected as Chair of the NIU Law Board of Visitors.

Lisa Nyuli (‘89) was installed as President of the Illinois Bar Foundation.

Omar Salguero (‘11) was elected President of the NIU Law Alumni Council.

Sonni Williams (‘99) was named the 2020 Alumna of the Year.

Illinois Representative Bob Morgan (‘05) was named a Top 40 under 40 Attorney.

Former Illinois Senator Toi Hutchinson (‘14) was named one of Chicago’s 50 Most Powerful Women.
Alumni Engagement

NIU Law
2020 Awards Reception

Wednesday, October 14 | 6-7 p.m.
Register at: go.niu.edu/LawAwards2020

Cocktails with Cassandra

Alumni Council Meeting
Vision and Priorities

Increase Resources: Revenue & Relationships
Faculty Revenue & Relationship Generating Committee

- Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Courses
- Grants
- Master of Laws (LLM)
- Non-JD Online Master’s Degree Program
- Summer Institutes for Lawyers and Non-Lawyers
- Part-Time Programs
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Questions?