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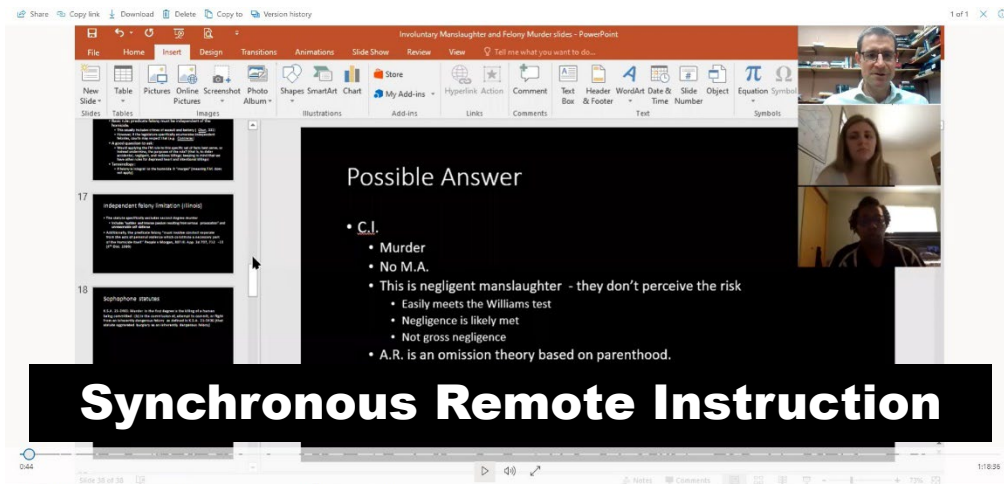
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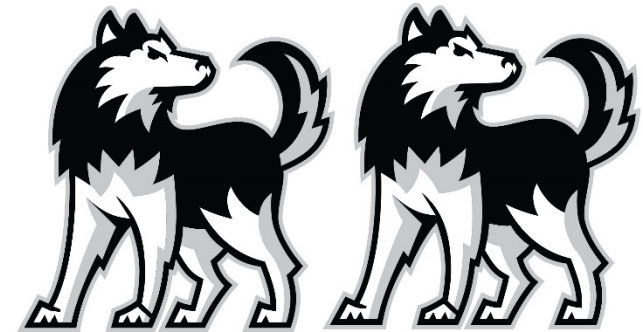
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North Wing Student Study Space



**PRACTICE
PHYSICAL
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6 FEET

**Stay 2 Huskies
away from others.**

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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:

- Do you need Public Benefits? *Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, Social Security.*
- 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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- Public Benefits
- Unemployment Compensation
- Estate Planning
- Rent and Eviction
- Expungement and Records Sealing
- Child Support Modification
- Orders of Protection

Clinics

- Health Law Advocacy Clinic (Aurora)
- Civil Justice Clinic (Rockford)
- Criminal Defense Clinic (Rockford)
- Prisoners' Rights Project (Rockford)



Experiential Learning



2020 Illinois Bar Exam



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

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The Illinois bar exam, which is held twice a year, was first delayed in July and pushed to Sept. 9 and 10. The exam will now be held online between Oct. 5 and 6. | Adobe Stock Photo

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

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES

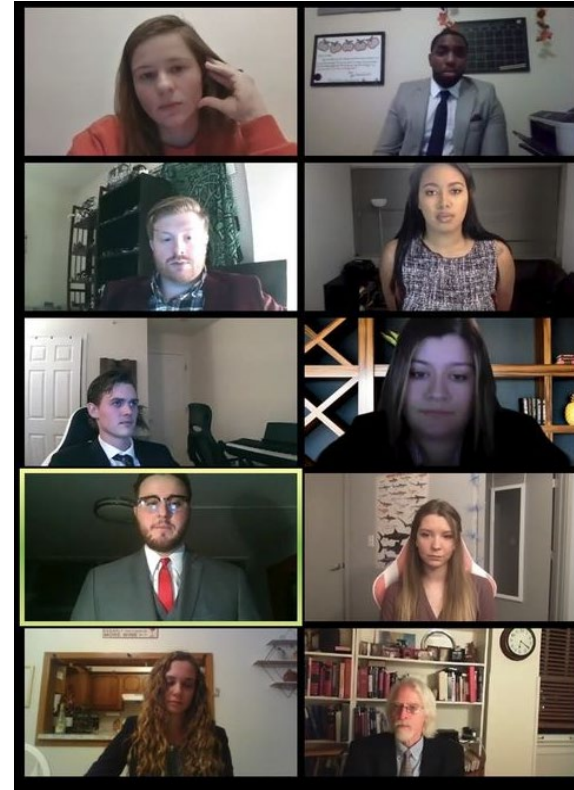
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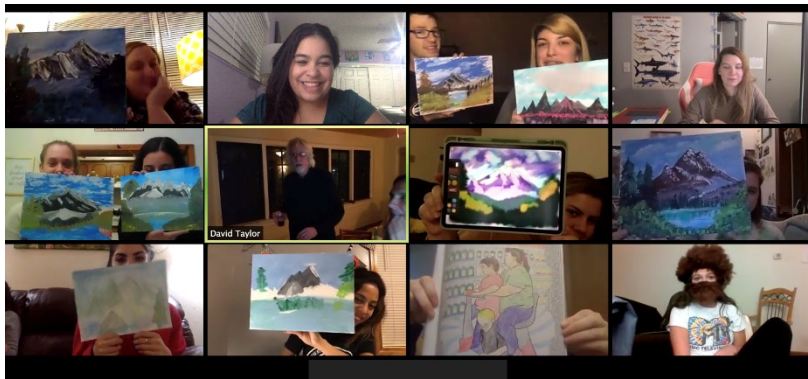
Student Engagement



Student Happy Hour with Faculty



**Trial Advocacy
2020 Mock Trial
Competition**



Student Painting Contest

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- ❑ Strengthen the COL Profile and Footprint
- ❑ Ensure Diversity, Equity & Inclusion In Action
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**Strengthen the
COL Profile and Footprint**

Social Media Profile and Hashtags



#NIULaw

#NIULawHasItAll

#NIULawIs4You



Aggressive Social Media Campaign



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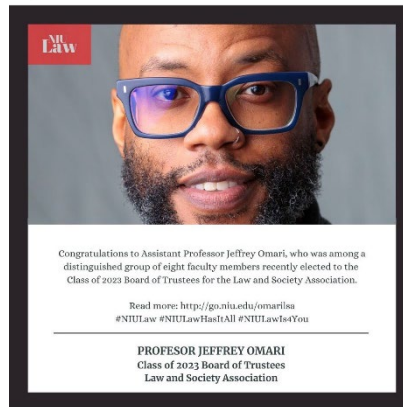
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Congratulations to Patrick Edgerton ('96) who was named a 2020 *Litigator of the Year* for Civil Litigation by the... See More



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



Investment in Faculty



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

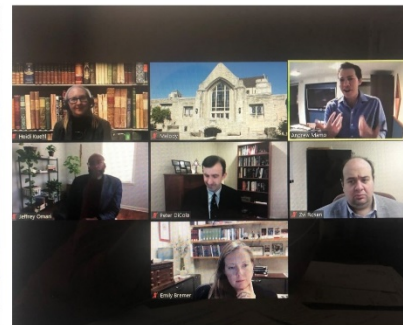
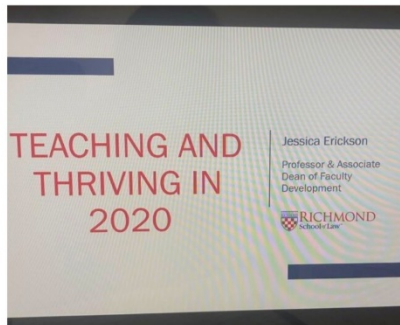
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October 2, 2020



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The 2020
conference was
the largest
conference to
date.



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**Ensure Diversity, Equity
& Inclusion In Action**



Race and the Law Conversations
presented by the NIU College of Law

**University of Chicago Law
Professor Sharon Fairley and
ACLU Advisor Paige
Fernandez on Police Reform**

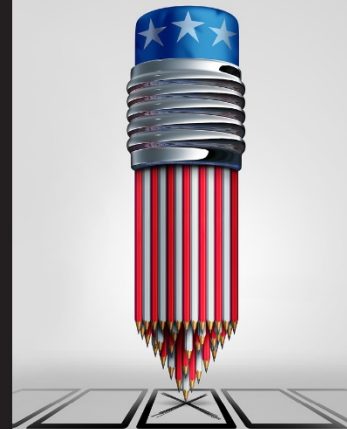
August 2020

Race and the Law Conversations

Race and the Law
Conversations

Voting Rights
and
Election Law

Wednesday
October 21, 2020



**Stanford Law Prof.
Pamela Karlan on
Voting Rights and
Election Law**

October 2020



Racial and Social Justice Webpage



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Racial and Social Justice Initiatives



Message from the Dean

We are in the midst of a powerful movement. Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Sandra Bland, Stephon Clark, Atatiana 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 to Host Diversity Open House on December 5](#)

[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](#)

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Expand Admissions & Enrollment Targets



Diversity Open House



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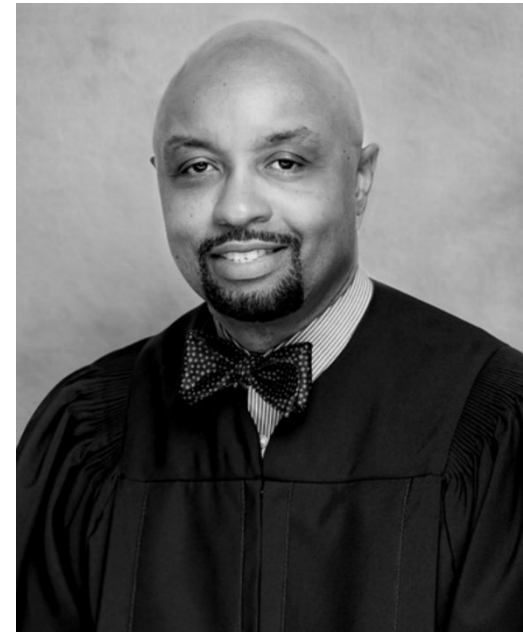
DIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE

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

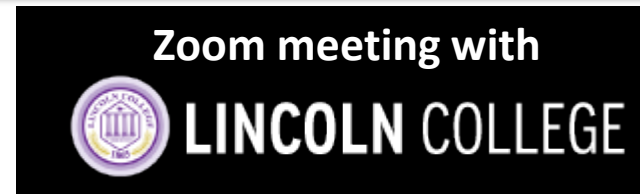


Pipeline Goals

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

Other Strategies

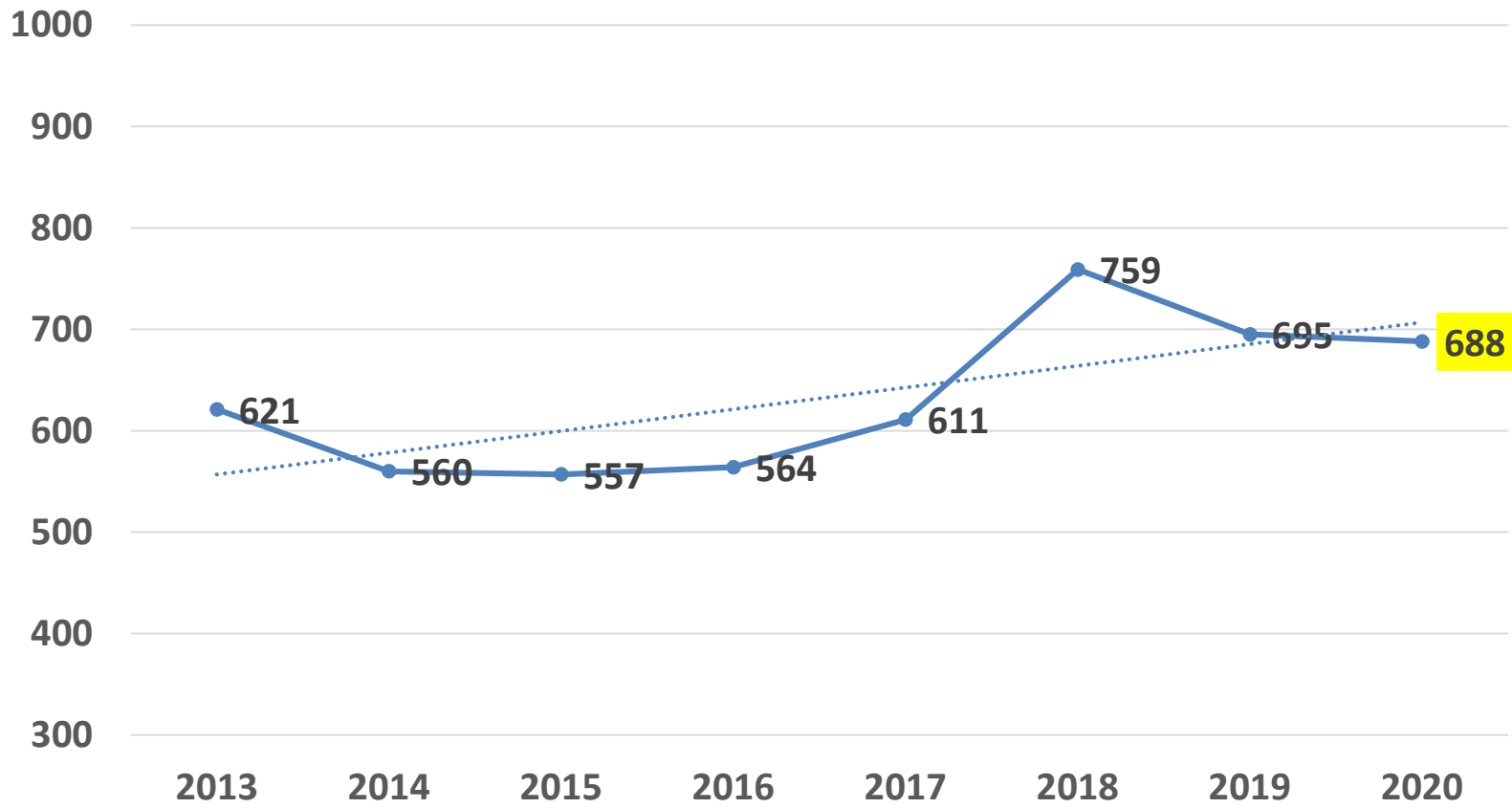
- Targeting affinity groups at NIU
- Special communications to pre-law advisors of HBCUs and HSIs



Completed Application Volume



Completed Applications



Our Students – Class of 2023



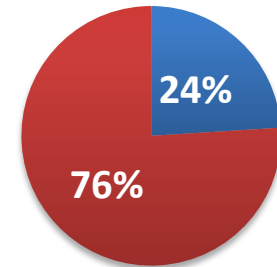
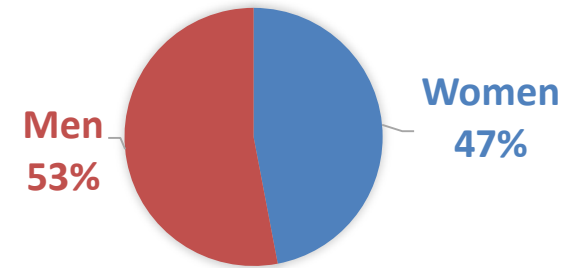
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COLLEGE OF LAW
CLASS OF 2023



121 STUDENTS



- Students of Color
- Caucasian/White

Class of 2023 Profile



- 688 Applicants
- 121 Enrolled Students
- 24% Minority Students
- 47% Female Students
- 21% Outof-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

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**Continue Student Success in
Academics & Develop New
Employment Opportunities**

Ranked #2 in the Nation



Top 10 schools for online education

Online LSAT advice

preLaw

A National Jurist publication

Concordia closes; Charleston freezes tuition; Mid-Atlantic schools profiled; Top schools in health, human rights and family law

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Employment Honor Roll

Widener University, Northern Illinois, Touro: While not as well known as Harvard or Columbia, these schools outperform all expectations when it comes to placing graduates in legal jobs. See all 45 schools that made our honor roll.

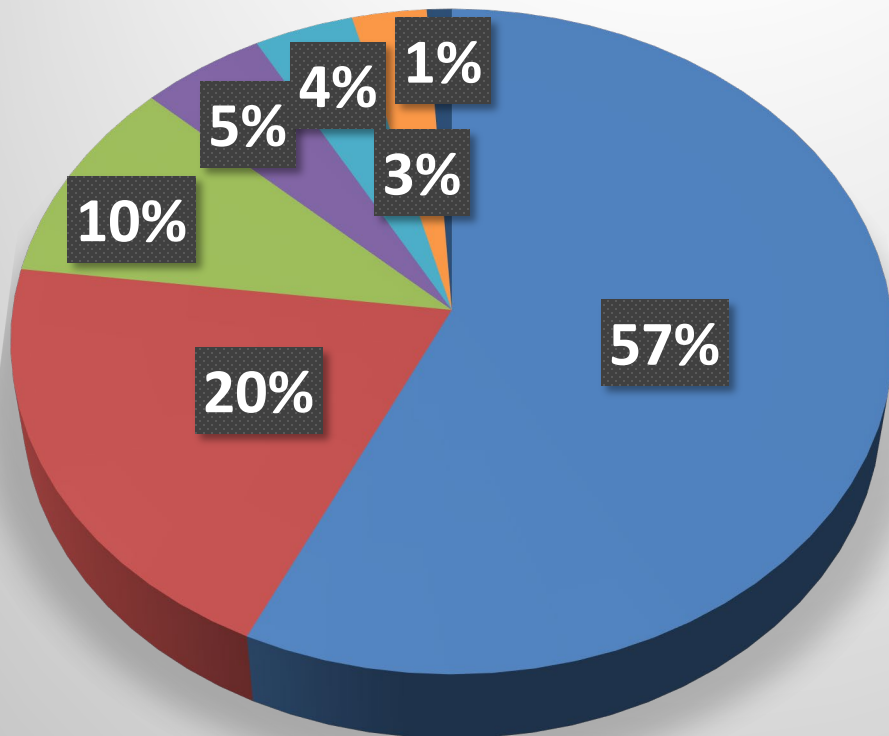
EMPLOYMENT HONOR ROLL	AVG PREDICTED	ACTUAL	AVG DIFF	EM
Widener Law Commonwealth	69.0%	87.0%	18.0%	Fa
Northern Illinois Univ.	71.3%	86.7%	15.4%	Ur
Touro Law Center	65.8%	80.9%	15.1%	Ca
Mercer University	76.8%	89.4%	12.6%	Ur
Seton Hall University	81.4%	91.8%	10.4%	Be
Concordia University *	63.8%			
Univ. of Missouri - KC	78.6%			
Washburn University	76.8%			
Pace University	75.2%			

NIU Law exceeded the predictive model by 15 percentage points!

Outcomes – Job Placements



Class of 2019



- Law Firms
- Government
- Public Interest
- Education
- Business
- Judicial Clerkships
- Pursuing Advanced Degree

New Career Placement Initiatives



- Judicial Clerkship Committee
- Illinois Judicial Council Partnership
- Business Innovation Legal Clinic

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**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

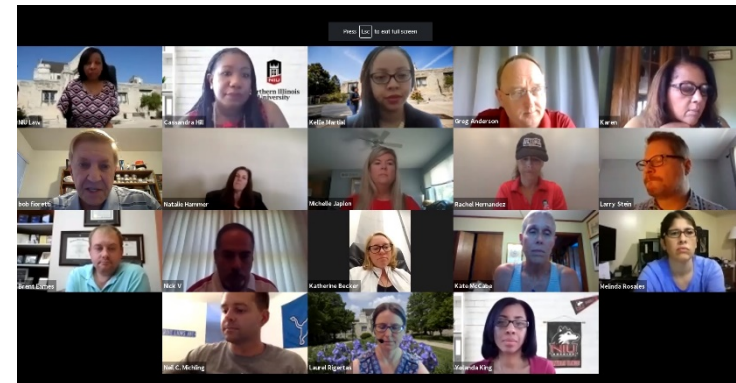


NIU Law
2020 Awards Reception
Wednesday, October 14 | 6-7 p.m.
Register at: go.niu.edu/LawAwards2020

			
S. Williams ('99) Alum of the Year	M. Hafezi ('10) Young Alum of the Year	Hon. T. Wilson ('94) Distinguished Service	Hon. L. Perez ('00) Public Service
			
D. Nuñez ('11) Outstanding Service	Prof. L. Schmall Honorary Alum	J. Amato Mentor of the Year	



Cocktails with Cassandra



Alumni Council Meeting

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**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?

