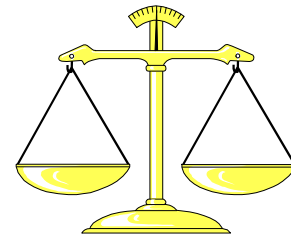


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WELCOME: The *Docket*, your friendly calendar of events, is published every Monday by Dean Mandell. Please refer to it for important announcements and information regarding meetings, speakers, seminars/workshops, etc. The deadline for items to be submitted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

Monday, Aug 17	WELCOME BACK!!
Tuesday, Aug 18	
Wednesday, Aug 19	
Thursday, Aug 20	
Friday, Aug 21	

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.

EVENTS

An activities information program will be held on Tuesday, August 25, in the Marshall Gallery at 10:00 a.m. The fair will give you the opportunity to explore the student organizations and speak with their representatives.

Save the date! The Annual Dean's Picnic will be held on Thursday, August 27th at 4:00 p.m. at the Oderkirk Property on Annie Glidden Road, next to Annie G's Restaurant.

ELS

The Environmental Law Society Book Sale— Buy your textbooks online from other NIUCOL 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 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.

ALUMNI OFFICE

Welcome back! We have an exciting year of events and receptions planned, and we hope to see you at some of them. These events are great networking opportunities with our graduates and other professionals, plus there's free food and drinks. We can assist with transportation for students as needed.

Please feel free to stop by our offices if you have any questions or just to say "hello." Melody Mitchell, the director of Alumni Events and Public Relations, is in Room #285; graduate assistants Kellie Owens and Katie Becker are in Room #276.

Reminder to 1Ls: Please complete and return your Publicity Release Forms to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.

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.

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).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & DEVELOPMENT

Welcome everyone. 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, depending on when it goes to print.

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

Student Ambassadors

Law students wanting to assist the Office of Admission with recruitment for on-campus activities such as Friday Class Visit Days or Saturday Open Houses are asked to complete the Student Ambassador form by September 4, 2009. We will be holding an informational meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at noon in the Chessick Courtroom, room 155. Lunch will be provided.

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>

Scholarships and Writing Competitions

Beginning the week of August 24, 2009, look to this section of the Docket for news on upcoming deadlines for writing competitions and scholarships available to current law students.

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