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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 7	HOLIDAY Delta Theta Phi BBQ 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept 8	Law Library Candidates on Campus Today thru September 15th
Wednesday, Sept 9	Christian Legal Society Meeting Room #187 12:00 noon
Thursday, Sept 10	Last Day for the French Students
Friday, Sept 11	

DELTA THETA PHI Delta Theta Phi welcomes students and faculty to its 2nd Annual Labor Day BBQ with the French students. The event will take place on Monday, September 7th at 5:00 p.m. at 502 West Lincoln Highway. There is parking across the street next to the Lagoon. Food and beer will be provided. The event is FREE for members and \$5 for non-members. Applications will be accepted at the BBQ for the Delta discount.

CLS The Christian Legal Society will meet Wednesday, September 9 at noon in Room #187. All are welcome!

SPECIAL EVENT Professor Arriola will serve as chair/discussant of an interdisciplinary panel in the fall's brownbag series on Law, Crime and Social Justice which has been organized by Visiting Professor Gwen Jordan in the Department of Sociology. The event will take place on **Wednesday, September 23rd, in room #170 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. (An alternative date will be set if the SMART facilities are not working.)** This program brings together people working on socio-legal issues and provides a forum for faculty, law and graduate students to present works in progress and stimulate discussion.

The panel on September 23rd includes Assistant Professor of Sociology Keri Burchfield, presenting on the paper "Not in my Neighborhood: Assessing Registered Sex Offenders' Experiences with Local Social Capital and Social Control" and Melissa Hayes, a legal history graduate from University of Wisconsin presenting on regulation of rural sexual

practices in the countryside in the 19th century. Melissa's paper is entitled "Those who are not Maidens Sex in the Countryside."

NEW "STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS" BLOG

A new blog, <http://niucollegeoflaw.blogspot.com/>, will be replacing the "Student Announcements" web page beginning Aug. 21. The blog supplements the information found in the Docket, which will continue to be posted to the web site in .pdf format every week at <http://law.niu.edu/law/calendar/docket/index.shtml>. Moving the information formerly posted on the "Student Announcements" web page to a blog format will allow students, faculty & staff to subscribe to the blog and receive updates automatically in their e-mail or a feedreader. All content is automatically archived so it will be possible to find posts of all previous news and announcements. In addition, "labels" used in the blog make it easy to view posts by category (e.g., general announcements, course updates, events, and information of interest to 1Ls, 2Ls or 3Ls). To subscribe, use the "subscribe" links (for either feedreaders or e-mail) found in the right hand column of the blog. If you have any questions about or comments on the blog please contact Sharon L. Nelson, interim COL webmaster, in the library at slnelson@niu.edu / phone 753-2021.

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.

ELS

The Environmental Law Society Book Sale– Buy your textbooks online from other NIU-COL 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.

LAW LIBRARY

The computer lab in the law library will be closed on the following days and time for the weeks listed.

Weeks of:
September 14th
September 28th
October 12th
October 26th

Mondays: 10:00-10:50 and 2:00-2:50
Tuesdays 9:00-9:50, 2:00-2:50 and 3:00-3:50
Wednesdays 9:00-9:50, 10:00-10:50 and 2:00-2:50

Candidates for the Law Library's vacant research and instructional services position will be visiting the campus between September 8 and 15. Major duties of the position

are to provide reference service, offer legal research instruction, and provide support to faculty and students in their research and in their use of educational technology. If you would like to meet the candidates, please contact Professor Clarke in the Law Library to obtain candidate resumes and to see a list of available meeting dates and times.

**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.

1Ls, 2Ls and 3Ls: Make sure you have filled out your locker tag and turned it into room #276 by September 4th to avoid your lock being cut off. Locks will be cut off in the near future.

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.

**ALUMNI
OFFICE**

Chicago Alumni Reception hosted by Northern Illinois University College of Law, Alderman Robert W. Fioretti ('78), John B. Lower ('81), and Alderman Howard B. Brookins, Jr. ('88):

Wednesday, September 16, 2009
5:30–7:30
Fioretti & Lower, Ltd.
222 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1550
Chicago, IL

Must bring valid photo ID to enter the building. Complimentary Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres. R.S.V.P. by September 9 (815) 753-9655 or lawevents@niu.edu.

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

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

September

The Justinian Law Society of Illinois

The Justinian Society of Lawyers provides annual scholarships to needy Italian-American law students attending area law schools. The Justinian Law Society is concerned with providing awards to qualified applicants demonstrating need, and requires that applicants submit evidence of Italian ancestry and we require some assurance that the individuals who are awarded scholarships will complete their legal studies. **Deadline for submission is September 12.** For more information, please visit <http://www.justinians.org/scholarship.html>.

Latham Diversity Scholarship Award

Latham Diversity Scholars Program, started in 2005, is designed to increase the number of diverse attorneys who want to pursue careers in global law firms such as Latham & Watkins, which has US offices in Chicago, Los Angeles, New Jersey, New York, Orange County, San Diego, San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Washington, D.C. Students must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school and intend to practice law in a major city of the United States. You must have successfully completed your

first year of a full-time JD program, with an expected graduation date of spring 2011, and you may not be the recipient of a similar scholarship award from another law firm. **Deadline for submission is September 15.** For more information, please visit <http://www.lw.com/Careers.aspx?page=CareersCommitmentToDiversity>

Puerto Rican Bar Foundation Scholarship

The Puerto Rican Bar Association of Illinois was started to attack the causes of the under-representation of Hispanic/Latino students at all levels of Higher Education particularly law school by educating the community at large as to this disparity; and building a financial base so that those qualified Hispanic/Latino students identified by the Board of the Puerto Rican Bar Association Fund will be able to go to college, law school, graduate school. **Deadline for submission is September 25.** For more information, please visit <http://www.prbalaw.com/Scholarship.html>.

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 www.linninn.org.

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>.

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