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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 21	Peoria Alumni Reception Jim's Steakhouse 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept 22	
Wednesday, Sept 23	Interdisciplinary Panel Brown Bag Series Room #170 12:00-1:00 p.m. Christian Legal Society Meeting Room #187 12:00 noon Street Law Meeting Room #173 12:00 noon Lake & McHenry County Alumni Reception Stevens Riverside Plaza 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept 24	
Friday, Sept 25	
Saturday, Sept 26	Saturday Open House Tour Admissions Office 10:30 a.m.

SBA On behalf of the NIU Student Bar Association I would like to extend an invitation for you to attend our Inaugural Faculty Roast to be held on the evening of Friday, October 2. Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will start at 5:30 p.m. and the roast will be at 7:00 p.m. The event will take place in the Regency Room in the HSC. There is no need for you to worry because Professor Dan Reynolds has already agreed to be roasted. We are inviting students, alumni, and members of the NIU community to join us for this event. As an added bonus, Dean Rosato and Professor Reynolds have agreed to host a free CLE lecture earlier on the same date. I hope that you will join us for the roast and that you will pass the information on to anyone who you think will be interested. For tickets and/or more details contact Eric Johnson, President NIU SBA or email the SBA at SBA@niu.edu.

STREET LAW The Street Law student organization will hold a meeting at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 23, in Room #173.

DEAN'S OFFICE **Town Hall Meeting and 1L Section Meetings:** Dean Rosato, Dean Gaebler, and Dean Mandell will be holding an open forum for all students and an additional meeting for each 1L Section: The Town Hall Meeting for all students will be on Thursday, October 1, at 2:15 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom (Room 170).

1L Section Meetings: Section 1 will meet on Monday, October 5, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 186.

Section 2 will also meet on Monday, October 5, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 188.

Please inform Dean Rosato (jrosato@niu.edu) of any issues you would like the Deans to discuss.

**SPECIAL
EVENT**

Professor Arriola will serve as chair/discussant of an interdisciplinary panel in the inaugural session of the Law, Crime and Social Justice Brown Bag Series which has been organized by Visiting Professor Gwen Jordan in the Department of Sociology. The event will take place on **Wednesday, September 23, 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 23 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."

**KAPLAN
PMBR**

3Ls: Are you taking the MPRE on November 7th? Take Kaplan PMBR's FREE Online MPRE Review Course! No deposit required. Enroll today at www.kaplanpmbr.com. It is available NOW! Make sure to check-out Kaplan PMBR's Illinois Complete Course priced at \$2430 until November 13th. KPMBR will honor other company deposits up to \$250. Freeze your Kaplan PMBR prices with a \$200 deposit.

1 & 2Ls: Freeze your Kaplan PMBR prices with a limited time offer of \$50!! Do this with a Kaplan PMBR student rep or at the KPMBR table!! Get MP3 lectures and a substantive outline book covering your core courses this year. 1Ls, try the FREE Civ Pro Qbank at www.kaplanpmbr.com!! Test what you know in Civ Pro. **Kaplan PMBR is looking for social and responsible 1Ls to be student reps. Please send a resume to Amanda Sloniker at missmanda2@comcast.net

**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 weeks of:

September 28th

October 12th

October 26th

**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.

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**

Upcoming receptions include:

Peoria Alumni Reception
Monday, September 21, 2009
5:00-7:00 p.m.
Jim's Steakhouse
110 S. Jefferson
Peoria, IL

Lake & McHenry County Alumni Reception
Wednesday, September 23, 2009
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Stevens Riverside Plaza
Rt. 21 Milwaukee Avenue
Gurnee, IL

Wisconsin Alumni Reception
Tuesday, October 6, 2009
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Michael Best & Friedrich LLP
One South Pinckney Street, Suite 700
Madison, WI

Homecoming:

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 the 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). 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.

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, depending on when it goes to print.

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>

Student Ambassadors:

Volunteers are needed for an upcoming Open House on Saturday, September 26, 2009. Those who have signed up to be student ambassadors and are willing to help that day should contact Sean Hamidi at hamidisean@gmail.com.

Scholarships and Writing Competitions

September

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, graduate school and/or law 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.serbbbar.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 <http://www.linninn.org/marktbanner.htm>

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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