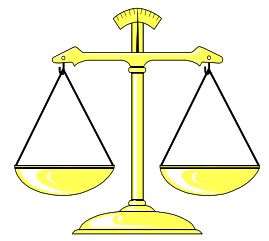


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The *Docket*, your friendly calendar of events, is published every Monday by Dean Mandell. Please refer to it for important announcements and information regarding meetings, speakers, seminars/workshops, etc. The deadline for items to be submitted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

Monday, Oct 5	Meeting for Section 1 – 1Ls Room #186 10:00 a.m. Meeting for Section 2 – 1Ls Room #188 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct 6	Kaplan PMBR Bar Exam Information Session Room #188 12:00 noon Christian Legal Society Discussion Room #170 4:00 p.m. Wisconsin Alumni Reception Madison, WI 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct 7	Second Amendment Society Meeting Room 290C 12:00 noon Christian Legal Society Meeting Room #187 12:00 noon ELS Speaker Room #170 - Lunch Provided 12:00 noon Tickets Available for ILS Octoberfest
Thursday, Oct 8	
Friday, Oct 9	Class Visit Day Admissions 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, Oct 10	

NEWS FLASH!!

The NIU team competing at the John Marshall International Moot Court Competition in Information Technology and Privacy Law beat the John Marshall team and the University of Wisconsin on October 2, to advance to the round of 16. In the round of 16 on October 3, NIU beat South Texas to advance to the Quarter Final against Texas Wesleyan. As of the Docket printing, NIU is preparing for the Quarter Final Round!!

DEAN'S OFFICE

Dean Rosato, Dean Gaebler, and Dean Mandell will be holding a meeting for each 1L Section:

1L Section Meetings:

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

Section 2 will 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.

CLS

The Christian Legal Society will be hosting a discussion “God’s Place in Public Schools” on Tuesday, October 6, at 4:00 p.m. in Room, #170. Professor Cordes will be leading the discussion, which will address Supreme Court jurisprudence on the issue of whether religious activities may take place in public schools, included but not limited to Milford Central School vs. Good News Club. All are encouraged to attend.

SAS

The Second Amendment Society will be having a meeting on Wednesday, October 7 in Room 290C at 12:00 noon. The topic of discussion will be this year’s activities and events. All are welcome to attend.

ELS Please join the Environmental Law Society on October 7th at noon in Room 170 for lunch with Professor Brendon Swedlow, an Assistant Professor and renowned scholar of Environmental Science and Risk Regulation. He will discuss his upcoming seminar on Environmental Policy and the fields of Environmental Law in which future lawyers could potentially practice. There will be free food and drinks.

ILS The International Law Society will hold its annual Oktoberfest on Thursday, October 15, starting at 4:30 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery. Come join us for food, beer, music and more. A bags tournament will also be held! Tickets will be \$5 for food and drinks, \$5 for beer and \$8 for food, drinks and beer. Tickets can be purchased from members in advance for an additional \$1 off. Tickets are available for purchase beginning Wednesday, October 7th

General reminder regarding NIU Alert Text Messaging System:

In the event of an emergency, the NIU Alert System enables the university to send a text message alert to your cell phone. This system will only be used in the event of an imminent and verifiable danger or threat affecting the general campus population. If you would like to sign up for this service, please visit the web site <http://www.niu.edu/alert/>

KAPLAN PMBR Kaplan PMBR will hold a Bar Exam Information session on Tuesday, October 6th from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Room #188. LUNCH PROVIDED! Learn bar exam basics—what you need to know!! How is Kaplan PMBR different than the competition AND why you should take it! 3Ls, come pick-up your FREE substantive outline book for the MPRE and get your online course activated—available NOW! 1 & 2Ls, pay \$50 to lock-in your rates and get study aids for your courses NOW. Success Kits will be available for pick-up on Tuesday at the info session. Hope to see you on Tuesday!

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:
October 12th
October 26th

ALUMNI OFFICE **Upcoming receptions include:**
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

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.

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

Friday, October 9	Friday Class Visit Day Begins at 9:30 a.m.
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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>

Scholarships and Writing Competitions

October

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>

November

Jack Carey Scholarship

The Cook County Public Defenders Association established the Jack Carey Scholarship in memory of John Thomas (Jack) Carey. Applicants must be eligible for a 711 license and be able to commit a minimum of 15 hours per week for one semester with the Cook County Public Defender's Office, if they receive the award. A total of three scholarship stipends, each in the amount of \$2,500, will be awarded every school year. **Deadline for submission is November 1.** www.cookcountypd.org.

Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program

The Georgetown University Law Center is accepting essays if you are interested in participating in the Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program. Essays must indicate how both your personal career goals, as well as the cause of women's rights, would be advanced through your participation in WLPPFP. **Deadline for submission is November 2.** For more information, please visit <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/wlppfp/>.

South Suburban Bar Association's Henry A. Gentile Memorial Scholarship

Residents of the South Suburbs of Cook County who intend to practice law in the south suburbs upon graduation are encouraged to apply for this \$1,500 scholarship. Financial need will be considered by the Scholarship Committee. Each applicant must submit a resume with a cover letter no more than 200 words long that indicates "why they want to practice on the South-side". **Deadline for submission is November 6** and must be mailed in to: South Suburban Bar Association Scholarship Committee, attn: Daniel D. Hinich, 17926 S. Halsted St., Suite 3S. Homewood, IL 60430. Applicants will be expected to attend an interview on November 14, 2009 and those awarded the scholarship must attend a Dinner Dance on December 4, 2009. For more information please visit the Office of Admission & Financial Aid in Room 151.

Association of Securities and Exchange Alumni Writing Competition

The Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. ("ASECA") is now accepting submissions for its writing competition on any subject in the field of securities law. Three cash prizes will be awarded. First place is \$5,000; second place is \$3,000; and third place is \$2,000. Award winners will also be invited to the ASECA annual dinner in Washington, D.C. on February 5, 2010. The first place winner will be reimbursed for travel and lodging up to \$1,000. **Deadline for submission is November 13.** For more information, please visit www.secalumni.org.

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