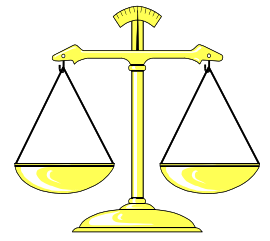


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The *Docket*, your friendly calendar of events, is published every Monday by Dean Mandell. Please refer to it for important announcements and information regarding meetings, speakers, seminars/workshops, etc. The deadline for items to be submitted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

Monday, Nov 2	Delta Theta Phi Apparel Sale – Through November 11 Themis Bar Review Table Marshall Gallery 11:00-2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov 3	Final Round 2L Mock Trial Competition Riley Courtroom 7:30 p.m. DuPage County Bar Association Pizza Night Pizza Villa 5:30-7:00 PMBR Table Marshall Gallery
Wednesday, Nov 4	Moot Court Informational Meeting Riley Court Room 12:00 noon
Thursday, Nov 5	
Friday, Nov 6	
Saturday, Nov 7	

MOOT COURT SOCIETY

ATTENTION ALL 2LS: The Moot Court Society invites you to an “information meeting” on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. in the Riley Court Room. We will be kicking off this year’s 28th Annual Prize Moot Court Competition with an informational session. The competition is a spring semester event, but this meeting will fill you in on everything you need to know about scheduling and planning next year. We will also discuss what you can expect from the competition. The Internal Moot Court Competition provides a valuable law school experience and an opportunity to improve your legal writing and oral advocacy skills. **Free food and drinks will be provided! See you all there! Tom Chan, Chief Justice of the Moot Court Society.**

2L MOCK TRIALS

The final round of the 2L Mock Trial Competition will be held Tuesday, November 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom. Twenty-five teams competed. Please come watch the final trial and see who will be crowned the champion. The Trial Advocacy Society wishes to thank the many 3Ls and 1Ls who gave their time to be judges, jurors, and witnesses. The competition would not have been a success without your assistance.

DEAN’S OFFICE

Please check the NIU COL website BLOG for the contents of the Docket as well as important announcements and updates throughout the week.

<http://niucollegeoflaw.blogspot.com/>

In an effort to reduce the number of group emails from student organizations, all such requests must be referred to Dean Mandell’s office for approval.

ALUMNI OFFICE

Upcoming receptions include a Pizza Night with the DuPage County Bar Association on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at Pizza Villa from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Free food and drinks!!

LLSA The Latino Law Students Association Executive Board wishes to thank everyone that assisted, volunteered and/or purchased tickets to this year's Tostada Sale. The event was a huge success and LLSA is extremely grateful for all of the encouragement during the sale. We hope that everyone was able to enjoy the meal and that we can continue to count on everyone's support for future events. Again, thank you everyone and best wishes in your studies!

**DELTA
THETA
PHI** Orders for Delta's law school apparel sale will be taken until November 11 for holiday orders. The apparel features various types of NIU College of Law logos, which make excellent holiday presents, as the campus bookstore has a very limited selection. Orders for the holidays should be available the first week of finals. Delta members receive a 10% discount. Order forms will be placed in everyone's mailboxes and can be returned to Josh Ladwig. If anyone has any questions about orders, they may email Josh at ladwigjr@uwalumni.com.

3L PICTURE DAY

The date of November 18 from 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in the Chessick courtroom has been chosen for 3Ls to get their pictures taken. Students should sign up for time slots on TWEN, instructions for which will be sent out via email. Contact Mike Hantsch, SBA 3L Representative with any questions.

GSA The Gay-Straight Alliance will present a special guest speaker event: Diane Schroer, on Monday, November 16.

**THEMIS
BAR
REVIEW** There will be a Themis Bar Review table in the Marshall Gallery on Monday, November 2 from 11:00-1:00 p.m. Stop by to get some free candy and information about our FREE online 1L Final Exam Review Lectures and FREE November MPRE Review Course.

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/>

**LAW
LIBRARY** The Law Library has recently added subscriptions to 3 additional BNA databases:

- *Environmental Reporter: Weekly publication with online issues going back to January of 1996, covering developments in courts, Congress, federal agencies, state legislatures, industry, and environmental organizations.
- *Environmental & Safety Library: This database combines continuously updated compliance tools with a research collection of federal and state laws, regulations, and documents.
- *Health Law Reporter: Weekly publication with online issues going back to February of 1996. It covers legal developments that influence the health care industry, including new cases, federal and state legislation, rules from federal regulators, and enforcement trends.

Access these databases from the BNA link on the library's home page. Off-campus access to BNA databases is available to students, faculty & staff of the College of Law; contact a librarian for details.

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

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

November

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.

Steven Knezevich Trust Application (Serbian Heritage)

For more information, contact the law firm of Hack & Brodkey, S.C., 200 E. Ravine Dr., Mequon, WI 53092. **Application deadline is November 30.**

December

American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers Writing Competition

The American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers is currently accepting submissions for its 2010 Writing Competition on a topic dealing with consumer financial services law. The awards include cash payments of \$2500, \$2000, and \$1000, a Certificate of Recognition from the College and travel expenses to attend the Spring 2010 meeting of the College. **Deadline for submission is December 1.** For more information, please visit www.accfsl.org.

Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice

The editors of the Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice is accepting articles for consideration that address the lives and struggles of underrepresented women. Particularly, they seek submissions that examine the intersection of gender with one or more other axes of subordination including, but not limited to, race, class, sexual orientation and disability. The article selected will be published in Volume 24-2, (Fall 2009) or 25-1 (Spring 2010) and will receive \$500. **Deadline for submission is December 1.** For more information, please visit www.boalt.org/bgj/.

Lewis and Clark Law School

The Lewis and Clark Law School's Animal Law Review is accepting submissions on all sides of current animal-related legal issues for its Volume 16: Issue 2, which is scheduled for publication in Spring 2010. Submissions must be valuable to attorneys in corporate, governmental, non-profit, or private practice, as well as legislatures, policy-makers, students and all interested public. **Deadline for submission is December 1.** For more information, please visit www.lclark.edu/law/.

American Association for University Women Career and Development Grant

The American Association for University Women is accepting applications for its Career Development Grants which provide assistance to women, who through additional higher education, technical training, or participation in professional development institute, are making career changes, seeking to advance in current careers, or re-entering the workforce. Awards range from \$2,000-\$12,000. **Deadline for submission is December 15.** For more information, please visit www.aauw.org.

The Procter & Gamble Company/Dinsmore & Shohl LLP Diversity Scholarship

The Procter & Gamble Company and Dinsmore & Shohl LLP are seeking candidates for a unique new program that includes clerking at the two organizations and a \$10,000 scholarship. The chosen student will spend six weeks as a paid summer clerk in the legal department of The Procter & Gamble Company's worldwide headquarters in Cincinnati and another six weeks in Dinsmore & Shohl LLP's Cincinnati office. A mentor from

each organization will provide professional and personal development assistance. **1Ls must submit applications between December 1 and 31.** For more information, please visit <http://www.dinslaw.com/>.

Dinsmore & Shohl LLP Diversity Scholarships

Dinsmore & Shohl LLP is offering a number of scholarships of up to \$10,000 with paid summer associate positions to qualified applicants. Scholarship recipients will be Summer Associates in one of the firm's offices during the summer and will be assigned a mentor – a Dinsmore & Shohl LLP lawyer – at the time the scholarship is awarded. The mentor will be available to the Scholar as a dedicated resource to assist with professional development. **1Ls must submit applications between December 1 and 31.** For more information, please visit <http://www.dinslaw.com/>.

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