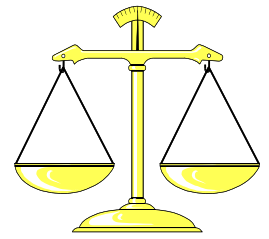


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The *Docket*, your friendly calendar of events, is published every Monday by Dean Mandell. Please refer to it for important announcements and information regarding meetings, speakers, seminars/workshops, etc. The deadline for items to be submitted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

Monday, Nov 16	Diane Schroer Presentation Riley Court Room 7:00-9:00 Reception Following Themis Bar Review Table Marshall Gallery 11:00-1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov 17	Delta Theta Phi 2 nd Annual Big Law-bowlski Mardi Gras Lanes 6:00 p.m. Zeke Giorgi Clinic Table Marshall Gallery 12:00-3:00 p.m. PMBR Table Marshall Gallery 11:00-2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov 18	BLSA Thanksgiving Dinner Marshall Gallery 11:30-1:00 p.m. 3L Pictures Chessick Courtroom 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Nov 19	BARBRI Marshall Gallery 10:00—2:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov 20	3L Pictures Chessick Courtroom 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov 21	

BLSA On November 18, 2009, the Black Law Students Association will be hosting their 15th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner! The event will be held in the Marshall Gallery from 11:30-1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Ticket sales begin on November 11th. Contact any BLSA member to purchase your ticket. This is surely an event you do not want to miss! If you have any questions or would like to donate food or time, please contact Ashley Jenkins at ashley.s.jenkins@gmail.com. See you on the 18th!

MOOT COURT SOCIETY **SAVE THE DATE!** There will be a reception honoring the External Moot Court Teams on Monday, November 23, at noon in the Marshall Gallery. The Law Review Board will also be there. Free food and drinks will be provided.

The Moot Court Society is pleased to announce that the Honorable William E. Holdridge of the Appellate Court, 3rd District, State of Illinois and Kelly J. Varsho '08, of Hinshaw & Culbertson, have agreed to serve on the final bench of Moot Court 28.

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/> Subscribe to the COL Blog so you can automatically be notified whenever new events or announcements are posted to the blog. Notifications can be sent to you via email, or via a newsreader/feedreader service. For instructions on how to set up your subscription, go to the COL home page at <http://law.niu.edu/>. Scroll down to the "Announcements" section, then click the link labeled "How to subscribe" beneath the link to the Events & Announcements Blog. If you have any questions about the blog or the subscription process, please contact Sharon Nelson, Interim Webmaster, at snelson@niu.edu or 753-2021.

Please see Barbara in room 172A to have your posters stamped before hanging.

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.

SPRING REGISTRATION!

It is anticipated that the spring schedule will be available on Friday, November 13. Meetings are scheduled with the 2nd and 3rd year students on November 19 to answer questions and share additional information concerning registration; 2Ls at 12:00 and 3Ls at 12:30 in Room #188. Registration itself will open for 3rd year students at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 23 and for 2nd year students at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24. First year students do not need to register for the spring semester. They will be registered by the College of Law Office of Budget and Records.

3L PICTURE DAY

Pictures will be on Wednesday, November 18th, from 12:00 until 4:00 p.m. and Friday, November 20th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The sign up sheet is on TWEN, the course name is “Sign-Up for 3L Photos” (you need to enroll in this course on TWEN). Five people can sign up for each fifteen minute time slot, for a total of twenty people an hour. Attire is professional; think courtroom attire or just look at previous year's pictures if you are unsure. Watch the Docket and your mailboxes for more information about ordering photos. If you have any question or problems with the TWEN site contact Mike Hantsch 3L Representative (mikehantsch@gmail.com) or Zach Townsend 2L Representative (ztowns85@yahoo.com).

DELTA THETA PHI

In honor of turning in Memo 2, and for 2Ls and 3Ls finishing another semester, Delta will be hosting its 2nd Annual Big Law-bowlski on Tuesday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Mardi Gras Lanes (in the Big Lots shopping complex). Cost will be \$5 for Delta members and \$10 for non-members for 2 games plus shoe rental. Pizza will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. A cash bar is also available. We look forward to seeing everyone.

GSA

Second Annual LGBT Alumni Presentation: From Battling Terrorism to Fighting Discrimination: Diane Schroer's Heroic Journey from Special Forces Commander to Transgender Activist, with ACLU Attorney Sharon McGowan and Chicago Sun-Times Columnist Mark Brown.

Diane Schroer graduated from NIU in 1977 – as David Schroer – and went on to a decorated career as an Airborne Ranger who was hand-picked to head up a classified national security operation. But when she retired as a colonel after 25 years of distinguished service in the Army, she faced one of her biggest challenges yet; living her life as a woman and fighting discrimination from the country she had served.

The presentation will take place in Swen Parson Hall in the Riley Courtroom (#170) on November 16 from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. It is free and open to all. A light reception will follow the presentation.

The event is co-sponsored by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center, NIU College of Law, Department of Communication, NIU College of Law Gay-Straight Alliance <http://www.niu.edu/lgbt/resourcecenter/index.asp>

GSA 50/50 Raffle: Support your COL Gay-Straight Alliance and enter to win cash! Tickets are \$1 each and the drawing will be held on Monday, November 16 in conjunction with our special guest speaker event: Diane Schroer.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
DAVID C. SHAPIRO MEMORIAL LAW LIBRARY

SCHEDULE OF HOURS
NOVEMBER 30, 2009 - JANUARY 10, 2010

The Law Library will extend its hours for
Reading Period and Final Exams
beginning **Monday, November 30, 2009**
and ending **Thursday, December 17, 2009:**

Monday - Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Friday, December 18, 2009

7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, December 19, 2009
through
Sunday, January 3, 2010

CLOSED

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Mon, January 4 - Fri, January 8, 2010

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, January 9, 2010

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 10, 2010

1:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Monday, January 11, 2010 - Regular semester hours resume

Reference: (815)753-0519

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Fax: (815)753-9499

CHANGE IN INTERIM LAW LIBRARY SCHEDULE: In conformity with recently issued university guidelines regarding interim semester closure, the **Law Library will be closed Monday – Wednesday, December 21 – 23, 2009.** The library had been scheduled to be open on those days. The staff of the library regrets any inconvenience that this change in schedule may cause.

CLS Because of the BLSA Thanksgiving Dinner, the Christian Legal Society will not be meeting on Wednesday, November 18. Given that this would have been the last meeting of the semester, we will next meet after winter break. Good luck on finals!!

**ZEKE
GIORGI
CLINIC** **ATTENTION 2Ls and 3Ls!!** The Zeke Giorgi Legal Clinic will be holding a Recruitment Fair in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. The clinics being offered for the Spring 2010 semester are Domestic Abuse Clinic and Mediation Clinic. There will be information on these clinics, as well as information on the Elder Law Clinic and Criminal Defense Clinics, both of which will be offered Fall 2010 semester.

**ALUMNI
OFFICE** A NIU Law Reception will be held during the Illinois State Bar Association Mid-Year Meeting on Friday, December 11, at the Chicago Sheraton located at 301 E. North Water Street from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

PMBR Kaplan PMBR will have the LAST table day of the semester on Tuesday, November 17th, from 11-2!! We will honor November 13th prices at the table—save money by paying a deposit this semester!! 3Ls pay \$200 and 1 & 2Ls pay \$100 to lock-in. Stop by the table to see a Complete Course Demo-personalized study plan, on-demand lectures, and our online Qbank. 1Ls make sure to sign-up for the FREE Civ Pro Qbank at www.kaplanpmbr.com. Stop by for goodies at the table!

**THEMIS
BAR
REVIEW** There will be a Themis Bar Review table in the Marshall Gallery on Monday, November 16 from 11:00-1:00 p.m. Stop by to grab some free candy and information about our FREE online 1L Final Exam Review Lectures.

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

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/bgij/.

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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