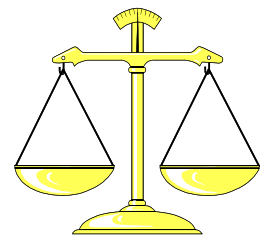


NIUCOL DOCKET



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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 23	Gavel Reception for External Moot Court Teams Marshall Gallery 12:00—1:00 p.m. 3Ls – Bar Exam Session Room #186 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov 24	
Wednesday, Nov 25	NO CLASSES – Thanksgiving Break Starts
Thursday, Nov 26	
Friday, Nov 27	
Saturday, Nov 28	

MOOT COURT SOCIETY 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.

ATTN: 3Ls **THE BAR EXAM: STUDENT INFO SESSION** will take place on Monday, November 23rd in room #186 at 4:15 p.m. Session topics include; bar exam topics, test strategies, format of exam, personal planning and time management.

SPRING REGISTRATION!

Registration 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 COL Office of Budget and Records.

ZEKE GIORGI CLINIC **Seeking Research Assistant:** Attorneys Paul Cain and Wendy Vaughn of the Zeke Giorgi Legal Clinic are seeking one Research Assistant for Spring 2010. The Research Assistant will not be required to come to the clinic in Rockford. Meetings regarding research assignments will be arranged with Paul Cain on Monday afternoons and with Wendy Vaughn on Wednesday afternoons on campus, or at other agreed upon times. To apply for this position, please contact Paul Cain or Wendy Vaughn at (815) 962-9980.

HUSKIE PATROL The Huskie Student Patrol works weeknights from 6:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. and provides a “Walk Safe” service to those who do not wish to walk alone at night. Call 753-9658 to arrange a “Walk Safe” escort. There is also a Late Night Ride Service that provides free, door to door rides to NIU students on a daily basis from 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. Call the Late Night Ride Service at 815-753-2222 and be prepared to provide your location, your destination, number of riders, your first name, a call-back number and any special needs.

**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

Circulation: (815)753-0507

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.

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.

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.

SURVEY Premier PR is conducting research on the attitudes and awareness of law students in regards to legal aid societies. They are in great need of students willing to complete their survey, and would appreciate any help at all in making the link to the survey below accessible to as many law students as possible.

[Http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=gCcmT_2bKPE9jghXdD1tWCww_3d_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=gCcmT_2bKPE9jghXdD1tWCww_3d_3d)

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

Bar Study Loans:

3Ls it is time to think about your bar study loans. The bar loan is a private loan, and a credit check will be performed. The loan helps finance bar exam costs, such as bar review course fees, bar exam deposits and fees, as well as living expenses. You may borrow bar study loans from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$15,000. You may apply for a Bar Study Loan through your current student loan lender, or you may use a completely different lender from your undergraduate loan lender. If you have not borrowed the maximum on your Federal Stafford Loans, you may want to use the balance to fund your bar exam preparation. Start your research on the bar loans early so that you get the best interest rate possible since the bar loan cannot be consolidated with your current Stafford Loans. All bar loan applications must receive a school certification signed by the Director of Admission and Financial Aid, Room 151.

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.acfsl.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/>.

January

Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest

The American Bar Association Business Law Section is sponsoring its 24th annual Mendes Hershman student writing contest to encourage and reward law student writings on a business law subject of general and current interest. First place winner will receive \$2,500, second place winner will receive \$1,000, and third place winner will receive \$500. All winner will be presented with their prizes at the Business Law Section Spring Meeting in Denver, CO. Each winner will receive all expenses paid by the Section to attend the 2010 Spring Meeting in Denver, CO to collect his/her prize. **Deadline for submission is January 8.** For more information, please visit <http://www.abanet.org/buslaw/hershman/>.

Letourneau Award Student Writing Competition

Every year, the American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) presents an award for \$1,000 for an outstanding original paper on Legal Medicine. Application criteria are: all authors must have previously achieved a baccalaureate degree or equivalent from an accredited institution and must be currently enrolled in an accredited law, medical, podiatric, nursing, dental, health science or health care administration program in the United States or Canada; no paper that has been previously published in any form will be considered; however, papers written for scholarly classes will be allowed as long as they have not been published; all papers submitted will receive consideration for publication in the *Journal of Legal Medicine* or other medical legal publications; and authors can submit their papers to only one of ACLM's student writing competitions. **Deadline for submission is January 9.** For more information, please visit www.aclm.org.

Hoffman Bioethics Student Writing Competition

Every year, the American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) presents awards for three outstanding original papers written by law or health professions students on topics in Bioethics. Application criteria are: all authors must have previously achieved a baccalaureate degree or equivalent from an accredited institution and must be currently enrolled in an accredited law, medical, podiatric, nursing, dental, health science or health care administration program in the United States or Canada; no paper that has been previously published in any form will be considered; however, papers written for scholarly classes will be allowed as long as they have not been published; all papers submitted will receive consideration for publication in the *Journal of Legal Medicine* or other medical legal publications; and authors can submit their papers to only one of ACLM's student writing competitions. First place award is \$1,000, second place award is \$500, and third place award is \$250. **Deadline for submission is January 9.** For more information, please visit www.aclm.org.

CLEO Fellows Business Law Scholarship

CLEO, the Council on Legal Education Opportunity, is a non-profit project of the American Bar Association Fund for Justice and Education, dedicated to diversifying the legal profession by expanding legal education opportunities for members of under represented groups. The CLEO Fellow Scholar must be a first or second year law student that participated in a CLEO pre-law summer institute program or a pre-law weekend program, is a member of the ABA Law Student Division and is interested in pursuing a career in business law. CLEO has awarded four to five \$1000 scholarships annually to CLEO Fellow Scholars. **Deadline for submission is January 29.** For more information, stop by the Office of Admission and Financial Aid, Room 151.

Larry M. Simonsmeier Award

The American Society for Pharmacy Law (ASPL) is a national organization of attorneys, pharmacists, and others interested in pharmacy law. ASPL recognizes outstanding scholarship related to pharmacy law with the

Simonsmeier Award sponsored by Pharmacists Mutual Insurance. Papers related to pharmacy law, food and drug law, drug policy, or related areas, published in or accepted for publication in any English-language peer-reviewed journal (including law reviews) during the period from January 2008 through December 2009 are eligible. **Deadline for submission is January 30.** For more information, please visit <http://www.aspl.org/default.asp?page=simonsmeier.htm>.

Ladas Memorial Award

The Ladas Memorial Award was established and is supported by the law firm of Ladas & Parry LLP in memory of the outstanding contributions to international intellectual property law made by the distinguished practitioner and author Stephen P. Ladas. The purpose of the award is to provide an incentive to further develop interest in the field of trademark law and to enhance the general understanding of this discipline. The award recipient will receive a \$2,000 cash award and a set of Dr. Ladas's three volume treatise. **Deadline for submission is January 15.** For more information, please visit www.inta.org.

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