

NIU COLLEGE OF LAW
AUGUST 2011 ORIENTATION SCHEDULE
(August 3, 2011 - Tentative)

**All sessions are scheduled in the Francis X. Riley Courtroom, Room 170,
in the College of Law, unless otherwise noted**

Monday, August 8, 2011

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| 8:30-9:00 | Check-in – Room 151 (Admissions Office) |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | Continental Breakfast – NIU College of Law Marshall Gallery
Breakfast is sponsored by the American Bar Association |
| 9:45 – 10:00 | Welcome |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | Administrative Orientation:
Welcome by Student Bar Association President
Registration/Records/Transcript requirements
Introduction to Career Opportunity and Development
Introduction to Alumni Services
Computer Information
Introduction to Pro Bono Opportunities and the Pro Bono
Certificate Program |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Break |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Class Photo |
| 11:15 – 12:30 | Lunch - Davis Fountain
Lunch is sponsored by the NIU College of Law Student Bar Association |
| 12:30 – 1:30 | Law School – Money Matters |
| 1:30 – 3:30 | Introduction to Case Briefing, Synthesis, and Analysis |
| 3:30 | Student-Guided Tours of Law School/Campus - Optional |

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

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| 9:00 – 10:00 | The Socratic Method: Skills Essential to Success in Law School |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Break |
| 10:15 – 11:45 | Critical Reading: In-Class Exercise |
| 11:45 – 12:45 | Lunch - On Your Own |
| 12:45 – 1:15 | Welcome by Dean Mandell, Associate Dean for Student Services |

- 1:15 – 2:45 How a Case Moves through the Court System
- 2:45 – 3:00 Break
- 3:00 - 3:45 Discussion of Professionalism in Law School
- 3:45 - 4:30 Discussion of the Importance of Career Networking

Wednesday, August 10, 2011

- 9:00 – 10:00 Briefing *Chandler v. Webster*: In-Class Exercise
- 10:00 – 10:10 Break
- 10:10 – 11:45 Discussion of *Chandler v. Webster*
- 11:45 – 1:30 Lunch - Marshall Gallery
Lunch is sponsored by Westlaw
- 1:30 – 3:30 Welcome by Illinois Appellate Court Judge Susan F. Hutchinson:
Professionalism in the Practice of Law
- 3:30 – 4:15 Introduction to the Illinois Lawyers' Assistance Program
- 4:30 Visit to NIU College of Law Zeke Giorgi Legal Clinic in Rockford - Optional

Thursday, August 11, 2011

- 9:00 – 10:15 Mock Class with NIU Faculty - Two Concurrent Sessions
- 10:15 - 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 12:00 Mock Class Debriefing with writing faculty and upper-level students – Two
Concurrent Sessions
- 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch - On Your Own
- 1:30 – 2:45 Writing a Law School Exam Answer - Organization and Analysis
- 2:45 – 3:00 Break
- 3:00 – 4:30 Student Panel Discussion – How to Succeed in Law School - Optional

Friday, August 12, 2011

(All university offices are closed on Friday)

- 9:00 – 10:00 Mock Exam (two concurrent sessions)
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:00	Review of Exam with the Academic Support Program tutors
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:00	Welcome by Dean Rosato and Introduction of Faculty, Faculty Welcome
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch - Marshall Gallery Lunch is sponsored by the Illinois State Bar Association