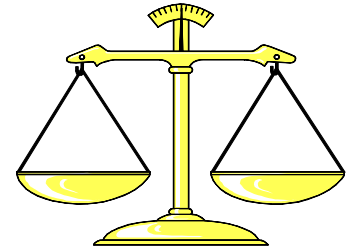


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WELCOME: The *Docket*, your friendly calendar of events, is published every Monday by Dean Mandell. Please refer to it for important announcements and information regarding meetings, speakers, seminars/workshops, etc. The deadline for items to be submitted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

Monday, Feb 6	ELS Pop Tab Campaign Box in the Marshall Gallery Throughout the Semester
Tuesday, Feb 7	Student Organization Meeting Room #188 12:00 noon Federalist Society Debate Riley Courtroom 5:00-6:00 p.m. Reception 6:00 BarBri Table Marshall Gallery 10:00—2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb 8	Themis Table Marshall Gallery 11:45 – 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, Feb 9	Kaplan PMBR Table Marshall Gallery 11:00—2:00 p.m.
Friday, Feb 10	

FROM THE DEAN’S OFFICE:

ADVANCED BAR SKILLS PROGRAM:

We are pleased to offer an advanced bar skills program to all third-year students during Spring 2012. The eight-week program will meet once a week for two hours on Mondays, beginning at 6 pm in Room #188. The course will cover both essays and MBE questions in the context of three commonly tested bar subjects. The Deans strongly encourage all third-year students planning to take any bar exam to attend the entire course.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION MEETING

The presence of an officer or a designated representative of each student organization is requested to be at a meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 7th in Room #188 at 12:00 noon. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information to make planning events and meetings for your organization go more smoothly. Topics covered will include room requests, food, finances and equipment needs. **It is important that someone from each group attends this meeting.** There are a number of things that go into planning an event or meeting; we want to help ensure your event or meeting is successful.

Christina Raguse, Director of Budget & Records; Melody Mitchell, Director of Alumni Events; and Prof. Therese Clarke, Law Library, will be present to answer questions. If you have any questions please contact Prof. Clarke at tclarke@niu.edu.

FEDERALIST SOCIETY

Tuesday, February 7, 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Riley Courtroom

Citizens Divided: Should Congress Limit \$ On Political Messages?

Allison Hayward, Vice President of the Center for Competitive Politics will be coming to discuss *Citizens United v. FEC* which held that the First Amendment prohibits government from censoring political

broadcasts in candidate elections that are funded by corporations or unions. An amendment has been proposed to overturn *Citizens United*. Did the Supreme Court get it right? Should the Constitution be amended to allow limitations on what businesses can spend on political messages? Is influence by corporations and labor unions over the political process a problem? What's the fairest way to deal with it?

4:45-5:00 p.m. Dinner, dessert, drinks & a showing of *What Citizens United Didn't Say?*

5:00-6:00 p.m. Debate between Allison Hayward & Professor Cordes

6:00-6:30 p.m. Reception in the Marshall Gallery, dessert and beverages served

ELS The Environmental Law Society will again be collecting Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. All you have to do is deposit pop tabs in the collection can located in the Marshall Gallery now until the end of the semester. Help ELS continue to support this great cause while recycling. The Environmental Law Society would also like to thank all those that contributed to last semester and last year's cell phone drive. The Crisis Center has been very appreciative of all our efforts. As they collect such phones all year round, do not hesitate to find an ELS Board member if you would still like to donate a cell phone that you did not have a chance to drop-off last semester. We will make sure it gets to the Crisis Center. More updates and activities to come this semester. Thanks everyone!!

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

To all students:

You have received letters describing the value and potential of pro bono service and the fact that the law school has now put into place the lawyer/student mentoring program discussed in that letter. Please submit your "pro bono interest forms" as soon as you can so we can plan for this Spring. Thanks.

Prof. Lawrence Schlam, Room #196B

Director of Pro Bono Initiatives

NOTE: Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO) offers a free tool to make getting involved in pro bono easier and better. The *Illinois Pro Bono App* gives attorneys and law students instantaneous access to a statewide database of volunteer opportunities that can be filtered by county, opportunity type, practice area, and skills acquired. In addition, the App offers comprehensive legal reference guides. These guides offer in-depth information on discrete areas of Illinois to assist you in your pro bono practice. The App is available for Apple and Android devices; just go to IllinoisProBono.org from your mobile browser to download. Professor Schlam, Director of Pro Bono Initiatives

LAW LIBRARY

The Computer Lab in the Law Library will be closed for use by the Basic Legal Research course, during the days and times listed below during the following weeks:

February 20th

February 27th

March 5th

March 19th

March 26th

Mondays: 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m.—Noon and 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Institute for Justice Law Student Conference

Founded in 1991, the Institute for Justice engages in cutting-edge litigation and advocacy both in the court of law and in the court of public opinion on behalf of individuals whose most basic rights are denied by the government like the right to earn an honest living, private property rights, the right to free speech and educational choice. The Institute for Justice is now accepting applications for 2012 Law Student Conference. IJ's annual law student conference is open to first and second year law students and will be held Friday, June 22 to Sunday, June 24, 2012 at the George Washington University in downtown Washington, DC. Law students interested in applying for the annual law student conference can find the online application at www.ij.org/students. **The application deadline is Thursday, March 1, 2012.** For more information on the Institute for Justice, our cases or our student programs visit www.ij.org/students or contact Krissy Keys at kkeys@ij.org.

BUDGET & RECORDS

MAY 2012 GRADUATES:

The standard policy at NIU COL is that a Dean's Certificate is prepared for all graduates by the Office of Budget & Records (Christina and Julie) and sent to IBABY. They will do this in May after verifying that you have fulfilled all requirements for graduation. However, if you are applying to take the bar exam in a state other than Illinois and that state requires a form similar to the Dean's Certificate then you will need to provide a copy of that form to the Office of Budget & Records.

Statement of Candidacy for Degree deadline is Friday, February 17, 2012. Please see Julie in Office of Budget & Records (SP276) to pick up your Statement of Candidacy for Degree form. You will then need to return it to Julie, along with \$75 check (made out to NIU) by the deadline.

If you have not had your picture taken by Digital Pix for the composite, you MUST contact them (Production Manager, bdrake@dpcpix.com 815-363-2800, ext. 206) **to make arrangements to have your photo taken by MARCH 1, 2012.**

REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS:

The NIU Z-email address is the official email. Please check it frequently to ensure receipt of all official notices, especially if you have forwarded the Z-email to another address. Communications do not always forward as expected and can be lost, dumped into trash or blocked.

ALUMNI OFFICE

The 9th Annual Minority Reception hosted by Dean Rosato and Vincent Cornelius ('89) will be held on February 23rd from 5:30—7:30 p.m. at Carnivale (702 W. Fulton Market, Chicago). Transportation will be available. Seating is limited and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The bus will be leaving at 3:00 p.m. and will return about 9:00 p.m.

College of Law License Plate frames are available for \$20. See Melody Mitchell.

Reminder to 1Ls: Please complete and return your Publicity Release Forms to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid as soon as possible.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & DEVELOPMENT

The Career Opportunities Office also publishes "The Career Corner", a weekly listing of jobs, career advice and opportunities for networking. This arrives through your email usually Monday or Tuesday mornings, depending on when it goes to print.

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

1Ls and 2Ls FAFSA Reminder:

It's that time of year again... if you plan on obtaining federal student loans for the 2012-2013 academic year, a FAFSA application should be completed by the University priority deadline of March 1, 2012. Remember that when you fill out the FAFSA all law students are considered independent and you do not need your parent's tax information. **We encourage all of you to complete your income tax forms so that you may complete your online FAFSA application prior to March 1.** You may access the online form at fafsa.ed.gov.

Would you like free help applying for FAFSA? The Student Financial Aid Office is holding FAFSA Completion Workshop which will be taking place every Friday from 10am to 2pm starting February 18th through May 6th in 245 Swen Parson Hall. There will be a kick-off event called **FAFSA Fun Fest on Friday, February 18th** which will include food, fun, and donated prizes to encourage students to file the FAFSA early

BRIDGE TO THE BAR SCHOLARSHIPS:

The initial Kenneth and Ellen Chessick "Bridge to the Bar Scholarships" will be awarded this Spring to five third-year students, to help these deserving students offset their expenses while they take the bar this summer. Each scholarship is \$5000. Details on the application process are forthcoming, and will be e-mailed to all third-year students who are scheduled to graduate in May 2012.

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 University Student Financial Aid Office, 2nd floor of Swen Parson Hall.** The following are some of the private lenders that are still providing bar loans. *Research any additional lenders and compare their interest rates before you sign.*

Sallie Mae Law Student Loan Program	www.salliemae.com/student-loans/bar-study-loan/
Graduate Leverage Bar Loan	www.graduateleverage.com/BarStudyLoan.aspx
Citibank Law Student Loans	www.studentloan.com/law
Wells Fargo Bar Exam Loan	www.wellsfargo.com/student/loans/professional/barexam/
Fifth Third Bar Study Loan	http://web.53educationlending.com/law-loans-bar-study.asp

Residency Requirements:

If you are planning to apply for in-state tuition rates for the Spring 2012 semester, Illinois residency must have been established by July 17, 2011. Please process the necessary documents by the deadline of **February 17, 2012**. Residency petitions, requirements and additional information is available at: <http://www.reg.niu.edu/regrec/residency/index.shtml>

SCHOLARSHIPS AND WRITING COMPETITIONS

FEBRUARY

Richard D Cudahy Writing Competition on Regulatory and Administrative Law

The Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition on Regulatory and Administrative Law is open to a wide array of

participants. Practicing lawyers, policymakers, academics, and law students all are encouraged to take part. The judging committee will include federal judges and leading academics. A winner will be selected in both the lawyer and student categories. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. The winning papers will receive special recognition at the ACS National Convention, on the ACS website, and potentially through other means agreed upon by the authors and ACS. Participants are encouraged to view this topic broadly and submissions are welcome on a variety of substantive areas. **Deadline is February 10, 2012.** <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition>

American Historical Association, Littleton-Griswold Research Grant for Research in U.S. Legal History
Only members of the Association are eligible to apply. The grants are intended to further research in progress and may be used for travel to a library or archive, for microfilms, photographs, or photocopying. Preference will be given to those with specific research needs, such as the completion of a project or completion of a discrete segment thereof. **Deadline is February 15, 2012.** Go to <http://www.historians.org/prizes/Littleton-GriswoldGrantInfo.htm>

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago Academic Scholarship Program

Approximately \$500,000 is available for Jewish college and graduate students who are identified as having promise for significant contributions in their chosen careers, and are in need of financial assistance for full-time academic programs primarily in the helping professions. Application deadline is **February 15, 2012.** Go to <http://www.jvschicago.org/scholarship/> for more information.

International Humanitarian Law Student Writing Competition

The Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law at the American University Washington College of Law and the American Society of International Law's (ASIL) Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict seek submissions for the second annual International Humanitarian Law Student Writing Competition. The Competition seeks submissions of academic papers on the topic of international humanitarian law (IHL). Last year the Competition received nearly 50 submissions from 17 different countries. **The deadline is Wednesday, February 15, 2012.** For detailed rules and submission guidelines, please visit www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student_ihl_writing_competition.cfm

American Constitution Society for Law and Policy

Possible topics: civil liberties, consumer rights, disability rights, freedom of speech, GLBT rights, human rights, immigration, labor law, voting and the political process, privacy, protection of health, safety, and the environment, racial equality, religion, separation of powers and federalism, and women's reproductive rights and reproductive freedom. The student authors of the top three papers will receive special recognition at the ACS National Convention in the summer of 2012 and a cash prize for their work. The winner will be awarded \$3000. Each of the two runners-up will receive \$1000. **Deadline for submissions is February 17, 2012.** <http://www.acslaw.org/chapters/studentcompetitions/writing>

The NIU Women Studies Program: Mothers Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Mothers Memorial Scholarship Fund honors those who are or act as mothers to members of the NIU community by providing scholarships to upper division and graduate students at NIU whose current activities and career goals include improving the lives of women. **Application deadline: 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 17, 2012.** Go to http://www.niu.edu/wstudies/mothers_fund/index.shtml for details on qualifications and directions on how to apply.

Austin Sawicki Memorial Scholarship

The Austin Sawicki Memorial Scholarship Fund is established to provide scholarships to upper division and graduate students at NIU who make major contributions to NIU Women's Studies and/or lives of women at NIU and to honor the memory of Austin Sawicki. **Deadline is Friday, February 17, 2012.** Please visit www.niu.edu/wstudies/initiatives/sawicki_scholarship.shtml.

The 2012 Bert W. Levit Essay Contest

The Bert W. Levit Essay Contest is sponsored by the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability and Long & Levit LLP. This year's contest hypothetical involves an international law firm and ethics questions concerning how the firm handles engagement letters, office restructuring, and taking on new matters in a cross-

jurisdictional scenario. Please visit <http://bit.ly/Levit2012>. **Deadline is February 17, 2012.**

4th Annual Law Student Symposium, Saint Louis University School of Law

Following a blind grading of all submitted papers by SLU LAW faculty, six finalists will be chosen to present their papers before students, faculty, and practicing attorneys in the SLU LAW Courtroom. The student with the best paper will receive a \$500 cash prize while the student who gives the best oral defense of their paper will receive a \$200 cash prize. The competition is open to all current 2L and 3L students and is not restricted to one area of law. Therefore, any unpublished case note, comment, or seminar paper would be eligible. Submissions must be postmarked by **Wednesday, February 22nd at 5pm**. For more information, see <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Louis-University-2012-Law-Student-Symposium/194145314016247>.

Berkeley Technology Law Journal 2012 Writing Competition

Topics include but not limited to: intellectual property, antitrust, First Amendment, entertainment and new media, telecommunications, biotechnology, internet and cybercrime. Deadline for submission is **February 24, 2012**. For more information, see <http://btlj.org/2012/01/17/spring-2012-writing-competition/>

The National Law Review Student Writing Competition

Just a reminder that submissions are now being accepted for consideration for publication in the March issue of the [National Law Review \(NLR\)](http://www.natlawreview.com). Please see <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Please note that although students are encouraged to submit articles Environmental and Energy, Insurance and Intellectual Property Law, they may also submit entries covering current issues related to other areas of the law. The deadline for entries is **Tuesday, February 21, 2012**. If you have any questions regarding this competition, please contact lawschools@natlawreview.com

MARCH

Trandafir Writing Competition

Each year, Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, in conjunction with the University of Iowa College of Law International and Comparative Law Program, conducts an annual world affairs student writing competition. *Any topic of contemporary international business or economic concern with a legal nexus is eligible*. Publication and prize of \$2,000. **Deadline is March 1, 2012**. For details please visit: http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html

ALDF ADVANCEMENT OF ANIMAL LAW SCHOLARSHIPS

The Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) Advancement of Animal Law Scholarships are available to second- and third-year law student members of our student chapters and will be awarded based upon demonstrated commitment to ALDF's mission, "to advance the interests and protect the lives of animals through the legal system." Applicants should be committed to the advancement of animal law through active involvement with their Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) chapter while in law school and anticipated participation in the field after graduation. **Deadline is March 2, 2012**. For details visit: <http://aldf.org/article.php?id=718>

Affordable Housing and Community Development Law Writing Competition

Papers should address any legal issue regarding affordable housing and/or community development law. Winner receives a prize of \$1,000, publication, and a trip to attend the annual conference in Washington DC. **Deadline is March 2, 2012**. For details visit: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/affordable_housing.html

Sarah Weddington Writing Competition in Reproductive Rights Law

LSRJ annually awards two student authors the Sarah Weddington Writing Prize for New Student Scholarship in Reproductive Rights Law. This year's theme is: "Legislating Stereotypes: Reproductive Rights Rollback in the

States." For information about the application and selection process, please download the [2012 Call for Submissions](#). **Deadline is March 5, 2012.**

Central Illinois Women's Bar Association Scholarship

One \$1,500 Scholarship will be awarded in 2012. This scholarship is a non-renewable and funded by the Central Illinois Women's Bar Association (CIWBA) and the Sangamon County Bar Association (SCBA). Candidates are required to complete a scholarship application, prepare an essay on the chosen topic, provide two letters of reference, and a transcript of grades

Deadline is **March 9, 2012**. You may pick up an application in the admissions office. For information please email rgrischow@hinshawlaw.com or visit www.ciwba.com.

Prize in International Insolvency Studies, 2012

The International Insolvency Institute is pleased to announce its *Prize in International Insolvency Studies*. Prize is awarded for original legal research, commentary or analysis on topics of international insolvency and restructuring significance and on comparative international analysis of domestic insolvency and restructuring issues and developments. **Deadline is March 31, 2012**. For more information visit: <http://www.iiiglobal.org/iii-prize-in-insolvency.html>.

The National Italian American Foundation Scholarship Program

The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) will award scholarships and grants to outstanding students in the summer of 2012 for use during the following academic year. Scholarships are open to Italian American students who demonstrate outstanding potential and high academic achievements or students from any ethnic background majoring or minoring in Italian language, Italian studies, Italian American studies or a related field, who demonstrate outstanding potential and high academic achievements. Scholarship awards range from \$2,000-\$12,000. **Deadline is March 2, 2012**. For more information visit: www.niaf.org/scholarships/.

NIU Martha D. Cooper Journalism Award

The Presidential Commission on the Status of Women established the annual award for outstanding writing on women's issues at NIU in April 1997. In October 2000 the award was named for Dr. Martha Cooper an alumna and distinguished faculty member of NIU's Department of Communication. The purpose of the award is to recognize journalistic effort contributing to greater awareness of women's issues on campus. In 2010, the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women recognized the growing diversity of media in which women's issues are presented and expanded award eligibility to include journalism for film, television, video, and the web. <http://www.niu.edu/pcsw/awards/cooper.shtml>. Applications are online and should be submitted to pcsw@niu.edu by **March 9, 2012** at 4:30 pm.

Sidney b. Williams, Jr. Intellectual Property Law School Scholarship

Therefore, the AIPLEF Board decided to take as one of its central missions, activities which would help to increase diversity in the IP bar. The goal of these scholarships is to increase the number of under-represented minority groups serving as intellectual property law practitioners in law firms and the intellectual property law departments in corporations. Since April 2002, the AIPLEF has been awarding a number of \$10,000 Scholarships for Minority Scholars as well as arranging internships and mentorships to assist under-represented minority law school students intending practice intellectual property law. The scholarships are named in honor of Sidney B. Williams, Jr. who was the first African-American to hold major leadership roles in both the AIPLA and the ABA-IPL Section and who has and continues to give countless hours and boundless energies to influence minority students looking for a future in science and engineering to pursue law school and intellectual property law. He is a role model for all young lawyers. **Deadline is March 15, 2012**. Please visit <http://www.aiplef.org/scholarships/>

The Honorable Timothy C. Evans Scholarship

“The Honorable Timothy C. Evans Scholarship” was established to honor the commitment and dedication that the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Timothy C. Evans, has devoted to the Northwest Suburban Bar Association (NWSBA) and to the community of Cook County. Judge Evans’s example, passion, and integrity are a guiding light for the NWSBA membership and the worthy recipient of this endowment. Applicants will need to submit a personal statement and a letter of intent. **Deadline is March 23, 2012.** www.nwsba.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=61

DUPAGE COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP

Criteria: Limited to DuPage County, IL residents beginning their second, third or fourth year of law school. Interviews with the Selection Committee will take place on a Saturday each April. Scholarship will be presented at the Board Installation Dinner in early June. Recipient [or his/her parent or other representative] must attend; otherwise, scholarship will not be awarded. Previous recipients of this scholarship are not eligible. **Deadline is March 25, 2012.**

http://www.dcba.org/content/documents/ambassador_application_for_website.pdf

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