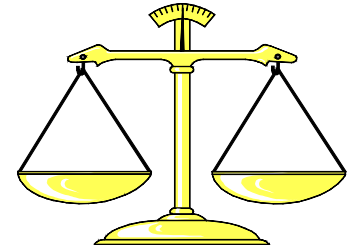


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WELCOME: The *Docket*, your friendly calendar of events, is published every Monday by Dean Mandell. Please refer to it for important announcements and information regarding meetings, speakers, seminars/workshops, etc. The deadline for items to be submitted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

Monday, Sept 26	Delta Theta Phi Networking Event Room #188 4:30 p.m. BARBRI Table Marshall Gallery 10:00-2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept 27	PILS Pizza Sale Marshall Gallery 12:00 noon THEMIS Table Marshall Gallery 11:00-2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept 28	KAPLAN PMBR Table Marshall Gallery 11:00-2:00p.m.
Thursday, Sept 29	
Friday, Sept 30	

MOOT COURT SOCIETY

The first informational meeting for the 30th Annual Prize Moot Court Competition will be held at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 (room TBA) for all those 2Ls interested in competing. Watch the Moot Court Society Board outside Dean Mandell’s office for additional updates.

Additionally, we are pleased to announce that we have secured our first judge for the final round of the Prize Moot Court Competition: Hon. Robert M. Dow of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

DELTA THETA PHI

On Monday September 26, Delta Theta Phi will be hosting a networking event in room 188. At 4:30 a panel of 3 attorneys will be discussing goal setting and career development. Immediately following the panel discussion, Delta will host a reception in the Marshall Gallery and provide the opportunity for attendees to meet and network with our guests.

The attorneys have experience practicing in Chicago, Milwaukee, Springfield, and Sycamore/DeKalb. This event is open to students and faculty alike. We hope to see you there.

PILS The Public Interest Law Society is having a pizza sale on September 27th in the Marshall Gallery at 12:00 noon. Themis will sponsor the event. Each slice is \$1 and pop is 50 cents.

ELS Help support ELS’s Pop Tab Campaign!! 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. All tabs will go to Ronald McDonald House locations to be recycled and help make a difference for families and children in the Chicagoland area. Help ELS support a great cause while recycling!

WLC Attention all law students! The Women's Law Caucus has many exciting upcoming events for the month of October. Our October meeting will be held on October 7 at noon in Room #186. WLC is proud to present Tapas for Tatas, which will be held on October 12, at noon in the Marshall Gallery. The event will consist of a cook off of your Mama's Favorite Dishes. The dish categories include: salad, starter, side, meat dish, and dessert. In order to sign up to cook something please do so on the WLC bulletin board outside the bathrooms on the first floor near room #170 or email us at wlc.niu@gmail.com. There are limited spots as to what dishes can be made so it is best to sign up early! Tickets will be on sale as of September 23 until the event and are \$5. Contact any WLC member in order to buy tickets. WLC members please contact either in person or through e-mail any exec member in order to get tickets to sell. The WLC will also be hosting Bar Review on October 13th at 9:00 p.m. at Molly's. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the October meeting, Tapas for Tatas, or Bar Review feel free to e-mail us at wlc.niu@gmail.com. Thanks! The WLC Board.

APALSA The Asian and Pacific American Law Student Association are currently recruiting Board Members for the 2011-2012 school years. APALSA has been on the forefront of social advocacy and Asian-American awareness issues at the NIU College of Law, has spearheaded such community outreach events as Be the Change: A Day of Community Service, and is a budding organization with exciting possibilities.

If you are interested in running for a Board Position of President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer for the current school year, please contact Greg Hammond, 3L, at ghammon2@gmail.com with your name, year, contact information, and the position for which you would like to be considered. We will then get back to you shortly with information about elections. Any questions can also be directed to the same email address. We look forward to hearing from you!

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, the weeks of September 26th, October 3rd, October 10th and October 17th.

Mondays: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: 10:00-11:00 a.m., and 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-Noon, and 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

THE SCHLAM-TONES RETURN!

This student a cappella singing group has entertained the NIU College of Law, off and on, for more than twenty years. Student members find it to be a weekly diversion from the rigors and stress of law school. It involves meeting briefly each week with fellow vocal musicians (students) and renewing old skills (usually developed in earlier high school or college choirs, glee clubs, or through mastery of instrumental music). It is also a fulfilling opportunity to entertain fellow students or faculty at school functions.

If you feel you have a decent sense of pitch and vocal harmony and would like more information or to audition for the group, please email me at lschlam@niu.edu. Auditions are open to 1Ls and 2Ls (basses, baritones, tenors and sopranos welcome!). Thanks.

Professor Lawrence Schlam

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THEMIS will have a bar review table in the Gallery on Tuesday, September 27, from 11:00-2:00 p.m.

KAPLAN PMBR will have a table in the Gallery on Wednesday, September 28, from 11:00—2:00p.m.

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS

- **All 3Ls planning to graduate in December 2011**, please see Julie (SP276) in the Office of Budget & Records by September 30, 2011.
- **1L, 2L & 3L: Please check your MyNIU record and verify that you are registered in the correct classes.** (Check for any negative indicators, etc.) If you have questions, please email Julie

at jmahoney@niu.edu or stop in the Office of Budget and Records, Room #276.

- **REMINDER: The NIU Z-Email address is the OFFICIAL email for all students.** 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.
- **REMINDER: Mailboxes are not to be used for books, 3 ring binders, or any other large items!** There is limited space available, so please be considerate of others.
- **REMINDER: Please check your MAILBOX regularly and empty it out as much as possible.**

ALUMNI OFFICE

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.

Upcoming Events:

10/15 - Homecoming. Stop by the NIU Law tent and tailgate with the Dean, staff, fellow students, alumni, and friends. Tailgating time: Noon – Game time: 2:30 p.m. You may also purchase game tickets from us if you would like to sit in the “College of Law Section” on the stadium’s West Side (free seating for students is on the East Side).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & DEVELOPMENT

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 through your email usually Monday or Tuesday mornings, depending on when it goes to print.

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

See Professor Lawrence Schlam, Director of Pro Bono Initiatives, Room #196B.

THE ILLINOIS GUARDIANSHIP & ADVOCACY COMMISSION

The Illinois Guardianship & Advocacy Commission protects and enforces the rights of individuals with mental illness, developmental disability, or physical disability through three separate divisions, the Office of State Guardians, Legal Advocacy Services (LAS) and the Human Rights Authority.

The staff attorneys of LAS provide advice and representation to thousands of persons with disabilities, including minors and adults as well as residents of the community and treatment facilities. Our services include but are not limited to: 1) serving as court-appointed counsel, in the trial and reviewing courts, in hearings for involuntary mental health commitment and treatment; 2) responding to requests for information regarding the legal rights of persons with disabilities; and 3) investigating alleged violations of those legal rights and providing advocacy to remedy substantiated violations.

Volunteer Law Students would have the opportunity to assist a senior LAS attorney representing respondents in civil commitment and/or treatment hearings and to assist senior attorneys in research and writing appellate briefs from an order for civil commitment or involuntary psychotropic medication. Prior LAS volunteers have conducted research, handled involuntary civil commitment and treatment hearings, participated in mental health law training and provide information to persons in treatment facilities who have questions about their legal rights. They have also assisted in drafting Advanced Directives for healthcare, property and mental health treatment.

The Illinois Guardianship & Advocacy Commission has 9 offices located around the State of Illinois including Chicago, Des Plaines, Peoria, Rockford, and Maywood, and three satellite offices in Tinley Park Mental Health center, Read Mental Health Center and Elgin Mental Health Center.

Legal Advocacy Services would prefer 3Ls and 2Ls but would not rule out any competent, dedicated and hard working 1L. If you need any additional information or have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact:.

Veronique Baker, Director
Legal Advocacy Services
Illinois Guardianship & Advocacy Commission
(312) 793-5914

The KENDALL COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY has positions, paid and unpaid, for interns or SCR 711 students in his office. Please contact: Eric C. Weis, Esq., State's Attorney, Kendall County, Illinois, 807 W. John Street, Yorkville, IL 60560, at (630) 553-4157.

For additional information, contact: Prof. Lawrence Schlam: lschlam@niu.edu.

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships and Writing Competitions

September

Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship

This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. 1st and 2nd year law students who meet the selection criteria and have entered into a JD program at an ABA-accredited law school in the United States are eligible to apply for the scholarship. **Applications will be accepted September 5, 2011 through January 5, 2012.** For more information, please visit <http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/about/diversity/>

Latham Diversity Scholarship Award

The Latham Diversity Scholars Program, started in 2005, is designed to increase the number of diverse attorneys who want to pursue careers in global law firms such as Latham & Watkins. Students must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school and intend to practice law in a major city of the United States. You must have successfully completed your first year of a full-time JD program, with an expected graduation date of spring 2012, and you may not be the recipient of a similar scholarship award from another law firm. **Deadline for submission is September 30.** For more information, please visit http://www.lw.com/upload/pubContent/_pdf/pub3658_1.pdf

ABA Section of Public Contract Law and the Public Contract Law Journal

ABA Section of Public Contract Law and the Public Contract Law Journal ABA/ Public Contract Law presents a Journal Writing Competition. The topic should be on issues in public contract or grant law. **The deadline is September 30, 2011.** Copies may be submitted by e-mail or regular U.S. mail. Visit website, for detailed information on submission. http://www.pclj.org/Writing_Competitions/Writing_Competition.html

MALDEF Law School Scholarships

MALDEF's Law School Scholarship Program provides several scholarships in varying amounts to deserving law students with a commitment to advancing the civil rights of Latinos. MALDEF's Law School Scholarship Program is open to all law students who will be enrolled full-time in an American-accredited law school in 2010-2011. **Deadline for submission is September 30.**

http://maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/law_school_scholarship_program/

October

Boone County Bar Association Scholarship

The Boone County Bar Association is awarding \$1000 to a student who is attending an ABA accredited law school, who is resident of Boone County or who was a resident at the time they graduated high school. Applications can be found in the admissions office and must be turned in by **October 1, 2011**. For more information please contact Desiree Sierens at desireesierens@hotmail.com or 815-544-0868.

Hellenic Bar Association Scholarships

The Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois (HBA), an organization of Illinois attorneys of Hellenic descent, will award scholarships to 2nd and 3rd year law students of Hellenic descent based upon academic performance and demonstrable financial need. Applicants must submit the HBA Scholarship Application and a law school transcript. Applicants will be required to complete an interview the evening of Wednesday, October 13, 2010, which will be by phone. Scholarship recipients **must** attend the awards ceremony on October 30, 2010 to receive their award. **Deadline for submission is 5pm October 8, 2010**. For more information, please visit <http://hellenicbar.org/>

Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association

Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association is sponsoring the James E. Beckley Writing Competition
Topic: Any aspect of securities law, securities arbitration, the Federal Arbitration Act, or FINRA Code of Arbitration. The first place winner is invited to accept the James E. Beckley Writing Competition in-person during the President's Dinner at the PIABA Annual Meeting on October 28, 2011. **The deadline is October 3, 2011**. For more information go to <https://piaba.org/law-students>

The McLean County Bar Association Scholarship

MCBA is announcing a \$1,000 scholarship for eligible 2L and 3L law school students with strong ties to McLean County, Illinois. **Deadline for submission October 15, 2010**. For more information, please visit <http://www.pslegal.org/newsdetail.asp?newsID=95>

E-Discovery Legal Research and Writing Competition

Redgrave LLP and Dish Network LLC are sponsoring the E-Discovery Legal Research and Writing Competition. The topic is "Are further amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure necessary to help litigants address the complexities, costs, and burdens associated with electronic discovery?" The first-place selection will receive a \$2,500 cash award along with an invitation to present his/her paper on a webinar hosted by Redgrave LLP. Two runners-up will also be selected and will each receive a \$1,000 cash award. **The deadline is October 15, 2011**. For more information go to <http://www.dishnetworkediscovery.com/guidelines.html>

Helen C. Kinney Scholarship

DAWL began in 1980 when the Hon. Helen Kinney, DuPage's first woman judge, called the small number of women then practicing law in the county together in her courtroom. All 2nd or 3rd women law students, with a DuPage County connection, enrolled in an ABA accredited law school in Illinois are eligible for the Judge Helen C. Kinney Scholarship. The Foundation anticipates awarding scholarships of at least \$1,000 each to deserving women law students.

Deadline for submission is October 31, 2011. For more information, please visit http://www.dawl.org/page.php?page_id=17995 target=.

November

Richard Linn American Inn of Court Mark T. Banner Scholarship for Law Students

RLAIC announces a \$5,000 scholarship for a student who is in an accredited JD program. The student must be in pursuit of a career in Intellectual Property law. Please see the website for more criteria and further details, <http://www.linninn.org/marktbanner.htm>. **Deadline for applications is November 11,**

2011.

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