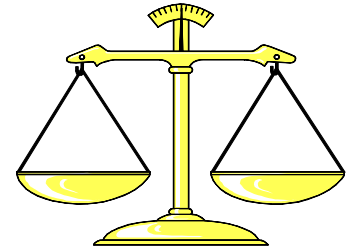


# NIUCOL DOCKET



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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, Jan 30	GSA Candy Gram Sales Marshall Gallery 12:00-1:00 p.m. ELS Pop Tab Campaign Box in the Marshall Gallery Throughout the Semester
Tuesday, Jan 31	<b><i>DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR EMPLOYMENT FORM!!</i></b> DEADLINE FOR INTENT TO ENTER ESSAY CONTEST GSA Candy Gram Sales Marshall Gallery 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb 1	PILS AUCTION KICK OFF MEETING RM #186 AT 12:00 NOON DUPAGE COUNTY BAR ASSN SOCIAL PIZZA VILLA 5:30 P.M. APALSA Legal Writing Seminar Room #188 12:00 noon GSA Candy Gram Sales Marshall Gallery 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Thursday, Feb 2	GSA Candy Gram Sales Marshall Gallery 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Friday, Feb 3	GSA Candy Gram Sales Marshall Gallery 12:00-1:00 p.m.

### FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE:

This is a reminder that the Employment Verification Form is attached and was also emailed to your Z account. **Every student must fill out the form, whether you are working or not, and return it to Barbara in Room 172A by TUESDAY, JANUARY 31.** Students failing to file will be reported to Dean Rosato for further action. There are no exceptions to this requirement: this is an ABA accreditation requirement and needs to be completed EACH semester.

### 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.

### 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 beginning on Monday, January 30, at 6 pm (Room TBD). 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.

**SBA** The SBA will be hosting its annual co-ed intramural basketball league for all law students throughout the month of February! This is a great chance to get away from your studies and go blow off

some steam with fellow students.

Players of all skill levels are welcome and encouraged to participate. Teams of at least 7 will be assigned randomly based on skill levels to keep things as competitive as possible. Baskets made by guys will count as 1 point from inside the arc, and 2 points from outside, while baskets made by girls will count as 2 points inside the arc and 3 points outside the arc.

Games will be played during the four weeks in February at the NIU Rec Center. Game times will be Tuesday evenings at 7pm and 9pm and Wednesday evenings at 8pm every week starting on February 6th. Every team will play in one time slot per week. Games will have referees provided by the NIU Rec Services Dept. The playoffs will be in the first week(s) of March.

**Each player will be required to pay approximately a \$7 intramural fee to play. This league is for law students only. Please contact Dan Porter at [danporter87@gmail.com](mailto:danporter87@gmail.com) with any questions. Thanks!**

**PILS** The Public Interest Law Society will be having their Auction Kick-Off Meeting on **Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at noon in Room #186**. Come learn about this year's auction and the ways that you can contribute! Free Pizza sponsored by Kaplan!

**GSA** The Gay Straight Alliance will be selling candy grams for Valentine's Day in the Marshall Gallery every day beginning on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 12:00-1:00 p.m. They will cost \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

**APALSA -- GETTING PUBLISHED**—APALSA will be holding a seminar on how to go about getting your legal writings published. If you've ever thought about what it would be like to get your writings published, this is your event (and your resume will thank you, too!). The seminar will be featuring student speakers and lunch will be for sale for \$3 each. This event is open to all; you do not need to be a member of APALSA to attend. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, February 1, at noon in Room 188. Hope to see you there!!

### **2012 PUBLIC JUSTICE FOUNDATION ESSAY CONTEST**

Are Factory Farms Hog-Tying People's Rights? Right to Farm and Ag-Gag Laws

**The deadline for the intent-to-enter forms is next Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. The Essay Contest deadline is March 31, 2012.** Rules and criteria are posted on the Public Justice website

[www.publicjustice.net/What-We-Do-Awards/Law-School-Essay-Contest.aspx](http://www.publicjustice.net/What-We-Do-Awards/Law-School-Essay-Contest.aspx). There is a \$5,000 cash prize. For questions call 202-797-8600.

**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!!

### **FEDERALIST SOCIETY**

#### **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](http://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](http://www.ij.org/students) or contact Krissy Keys at [kkeys@ij.org](mailto:kkeys@ij.org).

## **PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES**

To all students:

Earlier this week, you 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](http://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:**

**January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**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.**

## **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](mailto: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**

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**

#### **Networking Opportunity:**

**The Dupage County Bar Association (DCBA) will be at Pizza Villa in DeKalb!! Please join with the DCBA to network and enjoy some free pizza and drinks at Pizza Villa (824 W. Lincoln Hwy. in DeKalb) on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. PLEASE RSVP TO BECKY IN THE CAREER SERVICES OFFICE, ROOM #280.**

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](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

#### **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, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Swen Parson Hall.**

### **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**

#### **January**

##### **Epstein Becker & Green, P.C. Health Law Writing Competition**

Epstein Becker & Green, P.C., a national firm engaged in the practice of health care and life sciences law, is pleased to announce its Fourteenth Annual Health Law Writing Competition. Papers may address traditional areas of the law as applied to health care (e.g., antitrust, tax, corporate) or areas of law unique to health care (e.g., fraud and abuse, managed care, Medicare/Medicaid, clinical trials.) First Place: \$4,000, Second Place: \$2,000, Third Place: \$500. **Deadline for submission is January 31, 2012.** For more information, please visit: <http://www.ebglaw.com/othercontent.aspx?show=5064>

##### **Public Justice Foundation Hogan Smoger Contest**

The Public Justice Foundation is proud to announce the 2012 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice Essay Contest. This year's writing theme is *Are Factory Farms Hog-Tying People's Rights? The Right to Farm and Ag-Gag Laws*. First prize is \$5,000 cash prize and free Public Justice Foundation Membership.

**Deadline for submission is January 31, 2012.** For more information please visit [www.publicjustice.net](http://www.publicjustice.net).

##### **American Indian Law Writing Competition**

University of Oklahoma College of Law is please to announce the American Indian Law Writing Competition. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. However, topics recently published in the *American Indian Law Review* will not be favored. First place prize is \$1,000 and publication of paper in the *American Indian Law Review*. **Deadline for submission is January 31, 2012.** For more information, please visit <http://adams.law.ou.edu/ailr/competition.cfm>.

#### **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.** See <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 for submissions is Wednesday, February 15, 2012.** For detailed rules and submission guidelines, please visit

[http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student\\_ihl\\_writing\\_competition.cfm](http://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](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. **The application deadline is 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 17, 2012.** Please go to [www.niu.edu/wstudies/initiatives/sawicki\\_scholarship.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/wstudies/initiatives/sawicki_scholarship.shtml) for more information on qualifications and directions on how to apply.

### **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. For more information please visit <http://bit.ly/Levit2012>. If you have questions call 312-988-5763. **The postmark 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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm**. For more information, see <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Louis-University-2012-Law-Student-Symposium/194145314016247>

### **Berkeley Technology Law Journal 2010 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/>

## **April**

### **GSU Intellectual Property Student Writing Competition**

Georgia State University College of Law will hold its first annual Intellectual Property Student Writing Competition in 2012. The GSU Intellectual Property Student Writing Competition seeks papers addressing legal issues and challenges in the intellectual property field. First Place: \$3,000, Second Place: \$2,000, Third Place: \$1,000. Winners will also have the opportunity to have their paper published in the conference materials for the 2012 Corporate IP Institute (CIPI). Papers may not have more than one author (no co-authorship). Entries should be submitted by email to [iplaw@gsu.edu](mailto:iplaw@gsu.edu) no later than **April 30, 2012**, in Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat format. For more information, please visit <http://law.gsu.edu/ipcomp>.

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