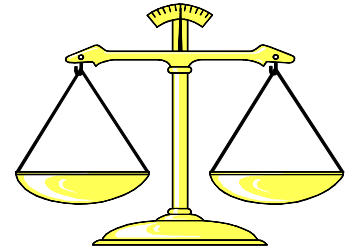


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WELCOME: The *Docket*, your friendly calendar of events, is published every Monday by Dean Mandell. Please refer to it for important announcements and information regarding meetings, speakers, seminars/workshops, etc. The deadline for items to be submitted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

Monday, Nov 21	BARBRI Table Marshall Gallery 10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov 22	
Wednesday, Nov 23	THANKSGIVING BREAK STARTS
Thursday, Nov 24	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Friday, Nov 25	

RESULTS OF THE 2011 NIU-COL CLIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION!

First-Place Team :

Michael Meyers & William Obuchowski

Runners Up:

Jason Borg & Kelly Haab-Tallistch

CONGRATULATIONS!! The winning team will represent the College of Law at the ABA Regional Client Counseling Competition in Chicago in February 2012, and the runners-up will serve as alternates. Congratulations and thanks also go to all who participated in the competition as contestants, as well as to the “clients” and judges who helped to make the competition a success.

MOOT COURT SOCIETY

The Moot Court Society is pleased to announce that the Honorable Sharon Johnson Coleman, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, will serve on the Final Bench for Moot Court XXX.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED!!

Clinical Associate Professor Paul Cain and Clinical Assistant Professor Wendy Vaughn are each seeking a full-time Research Assistant for Spring 2011. 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 Thursday afternoons and with Wendy Vaughn on Wednesday afternoons on campus, or at other agreed upon times. Each of the two Research Assistants will receive a pro-rata tuition waiver for one semester. To apply please send a cover letter and resume to Professor Cain at pcain@niu.edu and/or to Professor Vaughn at wvaughn@niu.edu.

FEDERALIST SOCIETY

The Federalist Society has arranged three events (so far) for next semester. We are extending an invitation to the faculty to debate or provide opposing commentary on any of the below events. The Federalist Society is a forum for liberals, progressives, conservatives, and libertarians alike. Please contact Mike Meyers at mmeyers22@yahoo.com to participate in any events. With 80+ in attendance for each of our prior events, you can be assured there is big demand for discussion on hot legal issues.

Coming February 2012: Occupy the First Amendment: Should Congress Limit \$ on Political Messages?

Allison Hayward, Vice President of the Center for Competitive Politics and former counsel for the Federal Election Commission 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. A constitutional amendment has been drafted 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? Join the discussion!

Coming March 2012: State v. Your Property: Eminent Domain and Policing for Profit

Scott Bullock, Institute for Justice lead counsel for Suzette Kelo in *Kelo v. City of New London*—which held that economic development is a permissible public purpose to justify taking property under the Fifth Amendment—will be discussing property rights under the Constitution. Although Scott lost *Kelo*, with many rejecting it via legislation and executive orders, the battle for property rights rages on! Scott will also be discussing civil asset forfeiture, where police seize property suspected of involvement in a crime without charging the owner criminally; the owner then must sue the government—prove the property's innocence—to get it back (i.e. State of Texas v. 1 2004 Chevy Silverado ... they really name the cases like this!).

Coming April 2012: Is the PPAC Constitutional?... What Else Can Congress Force You to Buy?

Ilya Shapiro, Constitutional Studies Director at the Cato Institute will be discussing the constitutionality of the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act", commonly referred to as Obamacare. Ilya has debated libertarian legal principles on countless news programs; some of you may have seen him on the *Colbert Report*. Is the interstate commerce clause a blank check for federal legislative authority? Where can we draw the line? Does Congress have the authority to force you to buy health insurance? Can it mandate expenditures of businesses? Can it force states to expand their Medicaid programs? Will treatment and medicine be more accessible and equitable under the new health care law? What about quality?

BARBRI will have a table in the Gallery on Monday, November 14, from 10:00-2:00 p.m.

BUDGET & RECORDS

1Ls, 2Ls & 3Ls:

Please note new offices for:

Professor Emeritus Jeffrey Parness SP172E, Professor Emeritus Malcolm Morris SP172C and Professor Jay Naftzger SP172B (They are located in the area between SP173 and SP170, near Barbara Manning's office)

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.

NIU Law Reception—You are cordially invited to join Dean Rosato and the NIU Law Board of Visitors for an **NIU Law Reception on Friday, December 9** from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Chicago Sheraton (301 East North Water Street). This reception is held during the ISBA Mid-Year meeting. Complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. RSVP to lawevents@niu.edu by **December 2**.

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.

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

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

Constitutional Litigation Internships

Applications for spring and summer Constitutional Litigation Internships with Americans United for Separation of Church and State are due December 15, 2011 and January 15, 2012, respectively. For more information about Americans United and the internships, see <http://www.au.org/about/employment/constitutional-litigation-internships>. Also, see this and other opportunities on the American Constitution Society's careers webpage. To discuss this further, contact Professor Schlam at lschlam@niu.edu.

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

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

December Graduates:

If you are planning on graduating in December and taking the February bar, bar loan applications are available online. Bar study loans are specifically designed for law students who are about to take the bar exam. They assist with bar application costs and living expenses during that period. Check with your current student loan lender or other lenders to get the best interest rate for this type of private loan. Bar study loans cannot be consolidated with other law school student loans.

The Bar Study Loan Application and Promissory Note must be certified by the University Student Financial Aid Office prior to graduation. Complete and sign the application and bring it to the University Student Financial Aid Office for certification.

NIU does not recommend any particular lender, however the following lenders have been used by other law students:

Law Student Loan Program
1-800-984-0190
www.salliemae.com

Citibank Law Student Loans
1-800-824-0019
www.studentloan.com/law

Graduate Leverage Bar Loan
1-888-350-8488
www.graduateleverage.com

PNC Bar Study Loan
<http://www.pnconcampus.com/>

Wells Fargo Bar Exam Loan
1-800-378-5526
www.wellsfargo.com

Scholarships and Writing Competitions

November

Mark T. Banner Scholarship

The Linn Inn Mark T. Banner Scholarship was created in the name of the late Mark T. Banner, a former Linn Inn founder and Master, a leader in the field of patent law, and the son of Donald W. Banner. The purpose of the scholarship is to foster the development of intellectual property lawyers with commitment to ethics, professionalism, and civility. The scholarship is open to all students attending an ABA accredited law school, and interested in pursuing a career in intellectual property. The amount of the award is \$5,000. **Deadline for submission has been extended to November 23, 2011.** Please see the website for more criteria and further details, <http://www.linninn.org/marktbanner.htm>.

Steven Knezevich Trust Scholarship

The Steven Knezevich Trust Scholarship is a Scholarship sponsored by Steven Knezevich Trust. Applicant must send self-addressed, stamped envelope for application. Request for applications can be sent to Steven Knezevich Trust, c/o Hack & Brodkey, S.C., 9830 North Courtland Drive, Mequon, WI 53092, P#: 262 241 5663 F#: 262 241 5645. **Deadline for submission is November 30.** For more information, please visit <http://www.scholarships4school.com/scholarships/steven-knezevich-trust-scholarship.html>

December

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/> or <http://www.dinslaw.com/files/upload/DSScholarship.pdf>

American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers Writing Competition

The American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers is currently accepting submissions for its 2011 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 2011 meeting of the College. **Deadline for submission is December 1.** For more information, please visit www.acefsl.org.

Albert S. Pergam International Law Writing Competition Award

The Albert S. Pergam International Law Writing Competition Award was developed to foster legal scholarship among law students in the field of international law. The competition is intended to encourage students of law to write on areas of public or private international law. Furthermore, the competition presents an opportunity for students to submit law review quality articles to the Section for possible publication in one of its publications. **Deadline for submission is December 2, 2011.** Submissions should be post marked, emailed or mailed to the staff liaison by the deadline date. For more information please visit

http://www.nysba.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Section_Awards6&Template=/CustomSource/Award/AwardDisplay.cfm&code=MS_PERGAM.

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, 2011.** For more information, please visit www.aauw.org or http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellowships_grants/career_development.cfm

Center for Alcohol Policy

The Center for Alcohol Policy sponsors an annual national essay contest to foster debate, analysis and examination of the importance of state-based alcohol regulation. The topic for this year's contest is "The Importance of *Toward Liquor Control* to Modern Alcohol Policy." The top three winning entrants will receive prizes of \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000 respectively. **Deadline for submission is December 19, 2011.** For more information, please visit <http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org/essay-contest/>.

BYU International Law & Management Review

The BYU International Law & Management Review (ILMR) is a biannual publication edited and operated by law and graduate management students at Brigham Young University. The ILMR selects for publication articles that provide practical insights into current issues faced by law and management professionals and that meet the Review's quality standards. The Review will consider all submissions received before **December 31** for the Spring 2011 edition to be published in April/May 2011. For more information please visit, http://byuilmr.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=2&Itemid=9.

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