

“Making Tracks” with Dean Rosato *Dean Rosato Welcomed by Alumni & Friends*

In her first semester, Dean Rosato hit the ground running in reaching out to the NIU Law community and its extended family. Owing to her background as an avid runner, she began her “Making Tracks” initiative, connecting with alumni and friends.

Dean Rosato has been warmly greeted by everyone on her path as she has traveled across the region discussing the law school’s shared values and goals. Her many mile markers include receptions in Chicago, Lake County, Springfield, and Naperville, just to name a few. In addition to alumni support, Dean Rosato has also been welcomed by the legal community—including a luncheon with Cook County judges hosted by Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans—and she has attended numerous bar association functions.

You can easily follow her “tracks” on our website at www.niu.edu/law or join our NIU Law Alumni Group on Facebook.

On November 3, 2009, Dean Rosato was welcomed by Cook County Judges at a luncheon hosted by Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans. Dean Rosato is greeted by (from left) Hon. William Haddad, Chief Judge Evans, and Hon. Anthony Iosco ('78).



On September 16, 2009 at the law firm of Fioretti & Lower in Chicago, Dean Rosato was hosted by (from left) John B. Lower ('81), 2nd Ward Alderman Robert W. Fioretti ('78), and 21st Ward Alderman Howard B. Brookins, Jr. ('88).

Join the \$25,000 NIU Law Challenge

In December 2009, Dean Jennifer Rosato announced an anonymous \$25,000 matching gift to the College of Law. This is the largest unrestricted gift the College has received and the first time the College has been issued such a challenge. Within just two short months of the announcement, our supportive alumni and friends have already begun to step up to the challenge. We are almost halfway there—having raised more than \$10,000 to date!

This generous gift, intended to encourage new donors and an increase in giving from current donors, will be a significant jump start for the law school in achieving its ambitious aspirations. The gift and the matching funds will be part of the dean’s discretionary fund, which allows the dean to determine priorities and allocate the funds where they are most needed.

Donations from any new donors will be matched dollar-for-dollar. New donors include anyone who has not made an unrestricted donation since January 1, 2008. Donors who have given an unrestricted gift to the College since January 1, 2008 may still participate by making an additional donation in a larger amount than their prior gift(s). Any increase from additional donations will be matched up to the amount of the increase. You may also consider sponsorships at one of our upcoming events including Race NIJUDicata, the NIU Law 5K Run/Walk.

The match will be in effect from now until December 31, 2010, although it is our hope to reach beyond that goal before that date. Donors who wish to send in gifts can call 877-GIV2NIU, submit a gift online at www.truenorth4niu.com, or send a check to Northern Illinois University, NIU Foundation, DeKalb, IL 60115 (with a notation of “COL Match” in the memo line).

Lisa Madigan

Illinois Attorney General



to present the
*17th Annual
Francis X. Riley
Lecture on
Professionalism*

**March 26, 2010
3:00 p.m.**

Francis X. Riley Courtroom
Swen Parson Hall

— Followed by —

15th Annual

Public Interest Law Society Auction

A favorite tradition and major fundraiser at the College of Law is the Annual Public Interest Law Society (PILS) Auction. Bidding for the silent auction begins at 5 p.m. and the live auction at 7:30 p.m.

A complimentary dinner buffet and open bar will be available during the event.

PILS encourages and welcomes your support by donating an item for the auction. Ad space is also available in the auction booklet. Rates range from \$25 for a quarter-page advertisement to \$500 for the back outside cover. Donations are tax-deductible.

You may contact PILS at niupilsauction@gmail.com or 815.753.0589.

Law Review Symposium

What it is to be a Lawyer in the Digital Age

Friday, April 16, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Take a look at the effects technology has on ethics and professionalism in the digital age. Topics include e-discovery, document retention policies, preservation of evidence, email (client-attorney and private-work), electronic storage, and metadata. Featured speakers include renowned experts **Ralph Losey**, Akerman & Senterfitt; **William Hamilton**, Holland & Knight; and **Honorable John Facciola**, U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia.

5.25 CLE Hours (Professionalism hours approval pending).
Visit www.niu.edu/law for registration and details.

Race NIJUDICATA

NIU Law 5K Run/Walk



Saturday, April 24, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Spring is fast approaching, so lace up those running shoes and join us for our first annual, dean-inspired 5K Run/Walk. There will be prizes for the fastest alumni and a special Dean's Team Challenge. Then stick around for the first great BBQ of the season!

Runners, Sponsors, and Volunteers are all needed!

Visit www.niu.edu/law for more details.

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrated at Gil & Cruz

Dean Rosato celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month at a reception hosted by alumni Eduardo Gil ('90) and Rene Cruz ('95) at their law firm, Gil & Cruz in Aurora, IL, along with the NIU Latino Law Student Association (LLSA) in October 2009. Following inspirational remarks by Hon. Mark Lopez ('83) and Hon. Manuel Barbosa, LLSA presented Dean Rosato with an award welcoming her to the law school and celebrating her accomplishment as only the second Latina dean in the nation. In her brief comments to the attendees, Dean Rosato touched on the value of diversity and the importance of mentorship to ensuring the success of lawyers of color. The lively reception was attended by alums, local lawyers, as well as community leaders.



The reception was attended by distinguished guests (from left) Hon. Mark Lopez ('83), Cook County Circuit Court; Rene Cruz ('95), Gil & Cruz; Hon. Manuel Barbosa, United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Illinois; Dean Rosato; Ruben R. Chapa, United States Department of Labor; and Eduardo Gil ('90), Gil & Cruz.

United States Supreme Court Swearing-In Washington, D.C.

May 23-24, 2010



Tentative Schedule of Events:

Sunday, May 23

4-6 p.m.: Alumni Reception at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill including complimentary appetizers and cocktails.

Monday, May 24

8:15 a.m.: Meet at the United States Supreme Court Building. Private continental breakfast.

10 a.m.: Swearing-In Ceremony.

12:30 p.m.: Luncheon, Charlie Palmer Steak House.

Why You Should Attend

Become a part of American history. Sit in the very same room as all nine justices of the U.S. Supreme Court while they read their opinions on the most important cases in our nation. Stand and be admitted to practice before the Court by Chief Justice John Roberts.

The NIU Law Swearing-In event is truly a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity, so don't miss out!

Registration Deadline is April 1

Space is limited to 20 alumni and will be filled on a first-come basis.

Registration Fees: \$200 Bar Admission Fee; \$75 registration fee per person, which includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Guests: Guests are welcome, but only one guest is permitted to accompany you into the bar admission ceremony.

Accommodations: NIU College of Law Group rate of \$199 has been arranged at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill for May 22-23. Reservation deadline is April 22. Please call (800) 233-1234.

Visit our website at www.niu.edu/law for additional details including registration forms, hotel information, and planned events.

College of Law Seeks 2010 Reunion Committee Members

This fall, NIU Law would like to celebrate reunions for the following classes:

30 years - Class of 1980	15 years - Class of 1995
25 years - Class of 1985	10 years - Class of 2000
20 years - Class of 1990	

Volunteers are needed to provide input, contact fellow classmates, and help raise money for the College of Law. Committee meetings will be held via conference calls. If you would like to be a member of your class reunion planning committee, please contact Melody Mitchell, Director of Alumni Events and Public Relations, at mmitchell@niu.edu or 815.753.1027.



Save the Date 6th Annual Golf Outing

Friday, June 11, 2010
River Heights Golf Course
DeKalb, Illinois

**HELP US CLOSE THE COURSE!
At least 100 golfers are needed.**

The NIU Law Golf Outing raises funds for the Alumni Council Scholarship, which is presented to a graduating student at commencement.

Prize and hole sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Melody Mitchell at mmitchell@niu.edu or call 815.753.1027 for more information.

Alumni Council Seeks Nominations for Alumni Awards

Do you know of an outstanding NIU Law graduate who deserves special recognition? The NIU Law Alumni Council is accepting nominations for its 2010 Alumni Awards program. Recipients will be honored at the Golf Outing.

Award categories are: Young Alumnus Award, Alumnus of the Year Award, Outstanding Service Award, and the Distinguished Service Award. Visit www.niu.edu/law for a description of each award.

Submit nominations via e-mail to lawalums@niu.edu, by fax at 815.753.4501, or by mail to: NIU College of Law, Attn: Alumni Awards, DeKalb, IL 60115. Please include a brief letter of nomination and any additional supporting documentation (e.g., resume, news article.). Nominations will be accepted through **April 9**.

Class Notes

Send or e-mail your good news to be included in the "Class Notes" section of the 2011 *Northern Lawyer*. Photos are encouraged.

Send information to:

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**Office of Alumni Events &
Public Relations**

Swen Parson Hall, DeKalb, IL 60115

**Be sure to check our website
for updated event information. Also, join the NIU
Law Alumni Facebook group.**

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2010 Calendar of Events

Feb

- 23** *McHenry County Bar Association Luncheon*, featuring Dean Rosato as guest speaker from Noon until 1 p.m., Pirro's, Woodstock, IL.
- 24** *7th Annual Minority Reception* with host Vincent F. Cornelius ('89), 5:30-7:30 p.m., Carnivale (702 W. Fulton Market), Chicago.
- 26** *AALS President Rachel Moran* will be a guest of the College of Law. A reception will be held from 2-3 p.m., Marshall Gallery, NIU Law, DeKalb.

March

- 3** *NIU Day in Springfield* hosted by the NIU Alumni Association, 5:00-7:30 p.m., Lincoln Presidential Library, Springfield. Cost of \$35 includes appetizers and open bar. Register at www.MyNIU.com or call 815.753.1452.
- 16** *Illinois Appellate Court, 2nd District* will hear oral arguments, 10 a.m., Riley Courtroom, NIU Law, DeKalb.
- 26** *BOV Annual Meeting*, NIU Law, DeKalb.
- 17th Annual Riley Lecture on Professionalism*, 3 p.m., Riley Courtroom, NIU Law, DeKalb.
- 15th Annual Public Interest Law Society Auction*, 5 p.m., Marshall Gallery, NIU Law, DeKalb.

April

- 9** *ISBA Standing Committee on Women and Minorities Reception*, Marshall Gallery, 5:30-7 p.m., NIU Law, DeKalb.
- 16** *19th Annual Law Review Symposium*, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Riley Courtroom, NIU Law, DeKalb.
- 24** *Race NIjudicata-5K Run/Walk & BBQ*, 10 a.m., NIU Law, DeKalb.

May

- 23** *NIU Law Reception*, 4:30-6 p.m., Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.
- 24** *U.S. Supreme Court Swearing-In Ceremony*, 8 a.m., Washington D.C. Registration Required.
- 29** *Class of 2010 Commencement*, 2 p.m., NIU Convocation Center, DeKalb.

June

- 11** *6th Annual NIU Law Golf Outing*, River Heights Golf Course, DeKalb. Help us Close the Course!