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**Announcements****Summer Judicial Externship Opportunities**

Students who think they might be interested in an externship with a federal or state judge this summer should start making plans for securing that externship now.

Judicial externships are a great way to get legal experience for your resume while gaining an insider's view of the courthouse and a better understanding of how judges decide cases. These externships also allow students to make valuable professional contacts within the legal community, either here in Southern Illinois or wherever you plan to launch your career.

To learn more about the benefits of a judicial externship, visit the Judicial Extern Clinic [webpage](#) which includes information about how to apply for an externship (including a template for a sample letter of application) and a list of approved placement sites. Students are not limited to current placement sites, however; externships can be set up with other judges with the faculty supervisor's approval.

Contact Professor Noble-Allgire by email at [nobleall@law.siu.edu](mailto:nobleall@law.siu.edu), or stop by her office (Room 240) to discuss your plans or consider your options. Students who are interested in externships in federal court in Springfield, St. Louis, or other large cities are encouraged to contact Professor Noble-Allgire right away because those positions are highly competitive. Students interested in an externship next Fall are encouraged to make contact with Professor Noble-Allgire in February or March.

**Immigration Detention Project Continues Services This Semester**

Interested in gaining real-world experience interviewing clients? Come learn some immigration law, gain valuable legal skills and help the immigration detainees at Tri-County Detention Center in Ullin, Illinois.

The Immigration Detention Project (IDP) has arranged three visits to the immigration detainees at Tri-County this semester. They will take place on the first Tuesday of each month: February 7, March 6 and April 3. Each time, the group will leave at 7:00 a.m. and return to the law school by noon.

If this will be your first visit to Tri-County, you will need to attend a one-hour training program prior to going. For more information or to sign up for the February 7<sup>th</sup> visit, contact Professor Buys in her office (room 238) or by email at [cbuys@law.siu.edu](mailto:cbuys@law.siu.edu) no later than the afternoon of Tuesday, January 31.

**Submit an Item**

Send your announcements for the next issue of *Letter of the Law* to [aruiz@siu.edu](mailto:aruiz@siu.edu)

**Upcoming Events****1/26****Guantánamo at 10 –  
Consequences & Broken Promises  
7:00 p.m.  
Auditorium**[Read more](#)**In the News**

Students and faculty working with the **Downstate Illinois Innocence Project** were featured in numerous media stories recently. A list of links is available [here](#).



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**Sports Law Society Meeting**

The Sports Law Society will meet on **Wednesday, January 25, at 1:00 p.m., in room 204.**

We will discuss our upcoming meeting with the Director of Hockey Operations for the St. Louis Blues, including a possible trip to St. Louis; our upcoming Ping Pong Tournament, with a prize that includes a \$1000 scholarship; the possibility of creating a negotiation team; and the possibility of a few more events.

If you are interested in being part of this and can't make the meeting please email me at [kiolson@siu.edu](mailto:kiolson@siu.edu).

**Congratulations**

The **SIU Law Journal** is pleased to announce that the following 2L staff members have had their casenotes chosen for publication in upcoming issues of the Law Journal.

**Best Casenote**

**Bryan Lee**, "God Save the United States and this Honorable Court: Navigating Through the Marsh After Joyner v. Forsyth County, North Carolina, 653 F.3d 341 (4th Cir. 2011)."

**Other Casenotes Chosen for Publication** (in alphabetical order):

**Mallory Allen**, "Classing Up the Re-litigation Exception?: Federalism, Injunctions, and Class Actions in Smith v. Bayer Corp., 131 S. Ct. 2368 (2011)."

**Eric Block**, "Broke: The Pocketbook of Illinois and the Single Subject Rule After Wirtz v. Quinn, 953 N.E.2d 899 (Ill. 2011)."

**Alexandra Brown**, "Silencing the Rebel Yell: Exceptions to the First Amendment After Defoe v. Spiva, 625 F.3d 324 (6th Cir. 2010)."

**Amy Friederich**, "Exiting the Danger Zone: Clark v. Children's Memorial Hospital, 2011 WL 1733532 (Ill. 2011)."

**Jason Hortenstein**, "The Tortious Loss of Expectancies, a Lost Opportunity for Deterrence, and the Light at the End of the Tunnel: In re Estate of Ellis, 923 N.E.2d 237 (Ill. 2008)."

**Alternates**

**Joe Ghibaudy**, "Rehabilitation In Sentencing: Imprisonment as a Means of Drug Treatment, Tapia v. United States, 131 S.Ct. 2382 (2011)."

**Cory Torgesen**, "Bankruptcy Fraudulent Transactions vs. Illinois Tax Deeds: In re Smith, 614 F.3d 654 (7th Cir. 2010)."

The following commentaries, written during the Fall 2011 Semester, by the following second-year members of The Journal of Legal Medicine staff have been recommended for publication in upcoming issues of **The Journal of Legal Medicine**.

**Commentaries Chosen for Publication** (in alphabetical order):

**Kevin Born**, "Time and Money: An Analysis of the Legislative Efforts to Address the Prescription Drug Shortage Crisis in America";

**Melissa N. Hoffman**, "Pharmaceutical Detailing is Not for Everyone: Side Effects May Include Sub-optimal Prescribing Decisions, Compromised Patient Health, and Increased Prescription Drug Spending";

**Jessica A. Nardulli**, "The Road to Health is a Battle Hard Fought: Support for Requiring Coverage of Bariatric Surgery for an Expanded Group of Qualified Individuals"; and

**Travis M. Pour**, "To Patent or Not to Patent? That is the Question.: Whether Medical Diagnostic Tests Should be Patentable".