



LES PENDENS

Legal Studies Department (217) 206-6535

Welcome to All LES Students

The LES department welcomes all new and continuing LES students. We hope that everyone has made a good start this semester.

Beginning a new semester often creates apprehension among students about course work and exams. We encourage all new students to take it easy regarding to your course work and exams. You

will gradually adapt to the new environment with hard work and perseverance, and we are here to help you.

The LES Online MA program started this semester. This program allows students in any location to obtain LES MA degree by taking classes online. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact your academic

advisor, the faculty, or the graduate assistant.

Good Luck Everyone! We are looking forward to a busy and rewarding year!

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"LES Pendens"

Pendens (pèndènz) is a legal term meaning pending or in progress. A les pendens is a lien.

LES Welcomes New Faculty

The LES Department welcomes its newest faculty, Kim B. Furutmoto.

Prof. Furumoto received her J.D. and Ph.D. in the College of Law and the School of Justice Studies at Arizona State University in 2006. She joined the faculty at UIS after a year-long Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. One of her current scholarly projects

attempts to examine early conceptions of race in the juridical-theological foundations of modern international law. She is also working on a book manuscript based on her dissertation, "Racial Juris-Fiction: Federal Indian Law from the Discovery Doctrine to Allotment." Her areas of interest include federal Indian law, civil rights law, environmental law, critical race theory,

postcolonial theory, and existential philosophy. Prof. Furumoto enjoys music visual arts, theatre, hiking and international travel. She said she likes living in Springfield.

Prof. Furumoto is teaching LES 410, Legal Research and Citation and LES 301, Legal Institutions and Processes this fall.

Department News

The Downstate Illinois Innocence Project at UIS has received the Award of Excellence presented by the Illinois Public Defender Association.

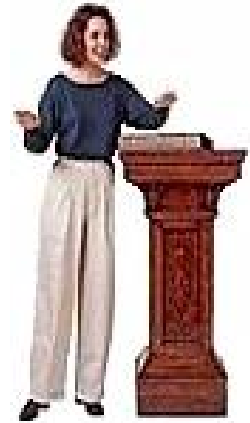
The Downstate Illinois Innocence Project, housed in the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies, conducts research and investigative activities in cases where there is a strong likelihood that an inmate is actually innocent.

The Project is unique in that undergraduate students have an opportunity to participate in investigating cases. It was recognized as the only undergraduate innocent program at the National Innocent Project conference in San Diego in 2002. The National Innocent Project has achieved more than 200 DNA exonerations.

The Project at UIS has succeeded in assisting the

exonerations of Keith Harris and Julie Rea Harper. Harper was convicted of murdering her son, despite the absence of any direct evidence. With help from the Project's staff and students, she was found innocent in her retrial last year





Pre-Law Center News

The Pre-Law Center (PLC) presented a stage play "The Exonerated," on November 13, in Brookens Auditorium. Based on the story of six wrongfully convicted persons, the play briefly told each person's story, how he/she was wrongly convicted, and was exonerated. The production was directed by Dennis Rendleman, director of the PLC, with the assistance of PLC GA, Natalia Vera. The cast included UIS students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members.

LES Student Spotlight: Nicole Cudiamat

Nicole Cudiamat, a tennis player majoring in LES, was named All-America and Daktronics Scholar Athletes by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. This is a great honor for her. She not only takes pride in what she does on the tennis field, but also takes pride in what she does in the classroom. She currently interns at the Illinois State Bar Association. We are proud of her.

Course schedule Spring 2008

The followings are some of the courses that will be offered in Spring 08. The priority registration begins in the early November.

LES 407: Law and Society
Monday 6:00-9:30 pm

LES 415: Constitutional Law
Tuesday 6:00-9:30pm

LES 446: Family Law
On-line course

LES 474: Law of Evidence
Thursday 2:00-5:30pm

LES 562: Commercial Law
Wednesday 2:00-5:30pm

LES 418: Jurisprudence
Thursday 6:00-9:30pm

LES 415: American Constitution and Constitutional Law
Wednesday 6:00-9:30

LES 462: international Law and Organization
Tuesday and Thursday 4:00-5:40pm

LES 472: Research Methods for Legal Studies
Thursday 6:00-9:30pm

Upcoming Calendar of Events

December 17th (Mon) - January 14th (Tue)
Winter Break

February 10th (Sat), 2008
The first LSAT in 2007

January 10th - 12th, 2008
LSAT Primer Program

For more information about Workshop, Law Fair, LSAT or Primer Program, please contact Natalia Vera at 206-7826.

You can also check the Pre-Law Center Calendar at:
<http://webtools.uiuc.edu/calendar/Calendar?callId=1078>

Now the Department Calendar is also available at:
<http://webtools.uiuc.edu/calendar/Calendar?callId=1079>



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