AMENDMENTS TO NIU COLLEGE OF LAW STUDENT HANDBOOK

The following sections of the Northern Illinois College of Law Student Handbook have been amended, effective as of January 30, 2018:

1. A new Section 3.17 is added as follows:

   **3.17 Definition of Credit Hour**

   Northern Illinois University College of Law utilizes a definition of credit hour that is consistent with Federal guidelines and ABA standards. A credit hour is defined as an amount of work that reasonably approximates (1) not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and two hours of out-of-class student work per week for fifteen weeks, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or (2) at least an equivalent amount of work as required in subparagraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities—including simulation, field placement, clinical, co-curricular, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours—as determined by the College of Law. For purpose of this definition, fifty minutes suffices for “one hour” of classroom or direct faculty instruction, but sixty minutes is required for “one hour” of out-of-class student work. The fifteen-week period includes one week for courses with a final examination.

2. Existing Sections 3.17, 3.18 and 3.19 are renumbered Sections 3.18, 3.19 and 3.20, respectively.

3. A new Section 4.14 is added as follows:

   **4.14 Failure to Provide Official Undergraduate Transcript**

   For all students admitted to the College of Law, the American Bar Association requires verification of completion of a baccalaureate degree. Unless accepted as part of an accelerated degree program, each applicant must therefore furnish an official transcript directly from the registrar of his or her undergraduate institution by August 1 of the year of matriculation. Transcripts sent to the Law School Admission Council do not suffice for this requirement. If the College of Law has not received an official undergraduate transcript by October 15 of a student’s year of matriculation, the student will be dismissed from the College of Law. Students who have matriculated pursuant to an accelerated degree program must normally provide their transcripts by October 15 of their second year of study at the College of Law.

4. Existing Sections 4.14, 4.15, 4.16 and 4.17 are renumbered Sections 4.15, 4.16, 4.17 and 4.18, respectively.

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