

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fall 2014 Entering Class - **Harrisburg Campus**

FROM: Barbara Ayars
Assistant Dean for Admissions

SUBJECT: Requirements for Matriculation
Miscellaneous Information

Congratulations on your admission to Widener Law. This memorandum contains important information for all members of the 2014 entering class.

1. Students with Disabilities

Please contact the Dean of Students Office immediately at (717) 541-3952 to request any reasonable accommodation due to a disability. If you seek accommodation as a result of a learning disability or other disability which is not readily apparent, please submit medical documentation describing the disability and indicating the type of accommodation requested. This documentation will be required by the Dean of Students in order to make the necessary accommodation upon matriculation.

The University's ADA Coordinator will make an independent assessment of all accommodation requests. If you are granted examination accommodations at the Law School, you should be aware that the Board of Law Examiners in the jurisdiction(s) where you seek to sit for the bar examination may not base their decision (on accommodations) on your receipt of examination accommodations in law school. The standard for granting accommodations and the documentation required by each jurisdiction may differ from the Law School requirement.

2. Tuition for 2014-2014 Academic Year

Tuition figures for the 2014-2015 academic year will be based on a per credit charge. The links below will provide the current information regarding tuition and will be updated for the 2014-2015 academic year when the information becomes available.

<http://law.widener.edu/Admissions/Discover/CostsandFinancialAid/TuitionandFees.aspx>

<http://law.widener.edu/Admissions/Discover/CostsandFinancialAid/CostofAttendance.aspx>

CampusCruiser, Widener Law's online portal, will provide access to Financial Aid Awards, Student Schedules, etc. CampusCruiser usernames and passwords are sent as of March 15, 2014 to the email address you provided on your application. Login and click on the "webadvisor" tab underneath the Widener University logo. Search through the links along the left column. Student Schedules, Financial Profile, Student Account and Financial Aid Award information can be viewed there. Please contact ITS at 302-477-2196 if you have difficulty logging into CampusCruiser. Please call Admissions with any other questions.

Your tuition billing information will be available in June through CampusCruiser. In order to access your online bill, you will click on "What's My ID and Pin" and then click on "My Online Student Account".

3. Materials for Prospective Law Students - Law Library

If you are interested in suggested readings for prospective law students, you may access:

<http://law.widener.edu/LawLibrary/Services/OtherServices/SuggestedReadings.aspx> .

These readings are by no means required. However, you may find some of the selections enjoyable as you await the start of your law school career.

4. Orientation

You will receive a detailed Orientation/Introduction to Law Program schedule with your registration materials from the Office of the Registrar after financial clearance in mid July. You will be considered financially clear to attend classes upon payment of your tuition bill and/or upon full completion of all financial aid paperwork. Please contact the Financial Aid Office if you need assistance.

Please be prepared to wear professional business attire for the Welcome to the Profession Ceremony on the first night of Orientation.

5. Law School Calendar

The link below will provide the current law school calendar for the 2014-2015 academic year.

<http://law.widener.edu/Gateway/CurrentStudents/HarrisburgStudents/AcademicResources/AcademicCalendar.aspx>

6. Character and Fitness Information Disclosure

Please note:

In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

As indicated in the Widener University School of Law application,

“Any false or misleading statement, incomplete or inaccurate information, omissions of required information or failure to update changes in information in this application may cause you to be denied admission; OR if admitted, to be dismissed from the School of Law or cause your degree to be revoked by the dean, and may jeopardize licensure with the Boards of Bar Examiners.”

You should also carefully review the language contained in the Character and Fitness Questions of the Law School application. For instance please note:

“(You must include any instance of driving under the influence and offenses which have been expunged or occurred while a juvenile, including disorderly persons’ offenses.)”

Responses to the character and fitness questions on law school applications are reviewed by bar examiners in many jurisdictions. Any discrepancies may adversely affect your admission to the bar. Juvenile or minor matters for which the court has sealed the records must also be disclosed. Many bar examiners take the position that the records are not sealed for purposes of admission to the bar. Failure to disclose even minor infractions is often of greater concern to bar examiners than the gravity of the original offense.

You have a continuing duty to update the information you provided in response to the Character and Fitness section of the Law School application. Please notify our office of any academic or disciplinary actions occurring after submission of your application. In the event that there have been incidents which would cause you to change your response to the Character and Fitness questions on the Law School application, please provide us with a revised response, including a detailed explanation of the incident(s).

In addition, if you answered affirmatively to any of the questions, you are advised to contact the Board of Bar Examiners in the state(s) in which you intend to seek admission, as this prior conduct may affect your ability to sit for the bar examination.

7. Official Transcript Reminder

Your acceptance is conditioned upon receipt by the Law School of an official transcript showing successful completion of your undergraduate studies and the award of your baccalaureate degree. If you have not done so, please contact your undergraduate institution to request that an official transcript be forwarded to the Admissions Office. **LSAC provides a copy of your transcript with your CAS Report however; this is not considered an official transcript.** We must receive your official transcript no later than the start of Orientation in August.

8. Summer Hours

Beginning in late May, the Law School will follow its summer hour's schedule. Hours are extended Monday through Thursday. All offices will be closed on Friday. For specific hours please contact the individual offices. A list of office telephone numbers is attached.

9. Health Insurance

Information packets will be available at or soon after Orientation.

10. Computer Compatibility

For those contemplating the purchase of a new computer or laptop and have questions regarding Widener's computer systems and their compatibility with your computer hardware, please contact our Information Technology Services Department at (717) 541-1979 or at <http://law.widener.edu/CampusLife/ComputerITServices.aspx> .

11. Tobacco-Free Policy

In order to promote a healthy environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors, Widener University is tobacco-free on all four campuses. The Tobacco-Free Policy applies to all university faculty, staff, students, visitors, contractors and guests at all times. The use of tobacco, including smoking, is prohibited within university facilities, outdoor areas, and university owned vehicles. Although this initiative is relatively new for Widener, we are following the lead of many colleges and universities throughout the nation whose campuses are currently tobacco-free.

12. Seat Deposit Form

If you plan to attend Widener University School of Law, please print your *Application Status Online* page (<http://law.widener.edu/Admissions/Apply.aspx>) and send it along with your non-refundable \$400.00 seat deposit. Scholarship recipients should do so by April 1. All other accepted applicants should submit their seat deposit by May 1. If you are accepted after April 15, your deposit is due within 2 weeks of acceptance. Your seat deposit will be credited toward your tuition if you matriculate at the Law School.

You may pay your seat deposit by credit card by calling the Bursar's Office at 717-541-3957.

13. Summer Start Program

You will receive, by mail, an invitation to participate in our Summer Start Program. This three-credit Criminal Law Course begins on June 9 and ends on July 28 and will meet three evenings per week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This is a great opportunity to begin your law school career right away. If you have not yet received the invitation by mail, please contact the Admissions Office at lawadmissions@widener.edu and we will send it to you.

14. If at any time you have questions, please contact us.

HARRISBURG CAMPUS TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Admissions	(717) 541-3903
Financial Aid	(717) 541-3961
Registrar Office	(717) 541-3904
Bursar's Office	(717) 541-3957
Dean of Student's Office	(717) 541-3952
Library	(717) 541-3933
Bookstore	(717) 541-3909
ITS	(717) 541-1979

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
ADMISSIONS WITHDRAWAL FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

SS#: (last four digits) _____

_____ **Please withdraw my application for the fall 2014 entering class.**

Return this form to:

Eric Kniskern
Director of Admissions
Widener University School of Law
3800 Vartan Way
P.O. Box 69380
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9380 **or by**

Email: lawadmissions@widener.edu

Fax: 717-541-3999



Widener University

To: Fall 2014 Incoming Class

From: Eric M. Kniskern, Esq.
Director of Admissions

Date: Fall 2014

Re: Housing Options

Below is a list of possible housing options in the Harrisburg area for incoming law students. You can also contact the Admissions Office at 717-541-3903 if you're interested in finding a roommate to alleviate the cost of rent or for additional rental opportunities from private parties. This information can also be found on our Facebook group page: [Widener Law 2014 Incoming Class, Harrisburg Campus.](#)

King's Manor
2161 Camelot
Drive
Harrisburg
717-652-7528

Williamsburg
Estates
500 Beacon
Drive
Harrisburg
717-652-8457

Paxton Center
2320 Vartan Ct
#5
Harrisburg
717-233-0115

Sussex Court
4214 Sussex
Drive
Harrisburg
717-657-5833

Briarcrest
Gardens
999 Briarcrest
Gardens Hershey
717-533-9377

Lakewood Hills
821 Sequoia
Drive
Harrisburg
717-545-4291

Wedgewood Hills
3250 Wakefield
Road
Harrisburg
866-511-6010

Twin Lakes
Manor
4405 Union
Deposit Rd
Harrisburg
717-564-6693

Magnolia
Terrace
2398 Magnolia
Terrace
Harrisburg
717-657-1002

Eagle's Crest
1008 Eaglecrest
Court
Harrisburg
717-652-1444

Pennsylvania
House
301 Chestnut
Street
Harrisburg
877-856-5249

High Pointe
Club/High
Pointe Overlook
1500 High
Pointe Dr
Harrisburg
717-238-7762

River Plaza
Apartments
2311 North
Front St
Harrisburg
717-238-8105
International
House
29 South Third
Street
Harrisburg
717-724-2846

Town House
Suites
660 Boas Street
Harrisburg
717-232-1900

Village Knoll
Apartments
100 Joya Circle
Harrisburg
717-657-2637