VOLUME 2008-2009 ISSUE 20 JANUARY 26, 2009

DE LAW NEWS

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

Widener Law Students & Friends at Inauguration

Here are a few of the bus trip survivors

Mignon Davis (friend of Debra Berry), student Morrison Fairbairn, student Jessica Padro, student Alicia Robinson, Debra Berry from the Office of Student Affairs, student Christine Harris, Michael Follett, who is president of the Democratic Law Caucus, student Mary Deady, Ted Scheid of CBS3 and Nicole Brewer of CBS3.

WEEKLY EVENTS

30 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition brief due-10 a.m. to 7 p.m.-Moot Court Office-Concord Hall 138

Inside this issue:

Campus Services	2
Recycling News	3
International Law Institutes	4
Student Organizations	5
Help Wanted	8
Master Calendar	9
Library ~ LIC News	10

CAMPUS SERVICES

ON-CAMPUS APARTMENT SIGN-UP INFORMATION

Sign up for the apartments on campus will be held on *Tuesday, Feb 17, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.* in the Campus Services Office, located in the Passmore House. Students are advised not to arrive prior to our opening at 8:30 a.m.. Any students arriving prior to 8:30 a.m. should line up in an orderly fashion and know their spot in line.

As in the past, priority will be determined by the number of years a student has resided on campus. Students may sign up on any list that applies to their potential housing situation. Any student signing up for a double occupancy apartment should try to have the name of their potential roommate. STUDENT HOUSING DOES NOT ASSIGN ROOMMATES. Students will be contacted in the order that their name appears on each list according to the list's priority. It will not be known how many apartments are going to be available for the 2009/10 year until the end of March. Rent for the apartments is charged by the month, and residents are responsible for paying their own electric bill. Apartment leases will run from August 2009 through May 2010.

CURRENT APARTMENT RESIDENTS DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN UP ON THE WAITING LIST. Information will be sent to your mailbox.

Any questions you have regarding the apartment sign-up should be directed to Kim Louisignau, Campus Services, at 302- 477-2029 or kalouisignau@widener.edu

RECYCLING NEWS

DID YOU KNOW?....

The benefits of cutting your consumption and creating less trash include saving money, saving energy used to produce items and haul them to the dump, saving natural resources, and reducing the production of greenhouse gases associated with producing new things – and the emissions associated with disposing of them.

WAYS TO CREATE LESS TRASH

- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!** Reduce the amount you discard, reuse what you have and recycle as much as you can.
- **Buy fewer things;** buy only what you really need.
- **When you do need to buy something, buy it used.** It will cost less and additional natural resources and energy won't be used to produce it.
- **Pay attention to packaging.** By purchasing items that have less packaging, you'll avoid having extra trash to throw away or recycle. Look for items that come in packaging made from recycled materials; buying recycled materials helps close the loop in the reuse process.
- **Buy recycled items.** Choose things that are made from recycled materials, such as notepads and other office supplies made from recycled paper, or clothing made from recycled plastic bottles.
- **Buy items that can be recycled** – and then be sure to recycle them.
- **Donate used items.** Once you're ready to get rid of something, consider whether it still has some useful life left. If it does, donate it to charity or put it on CraigsList.org or Freecycle.org as a giveaway item.
- **Recycle it!** You can recycle almost anything, from cans and bottles to clothes and computers.

Please remember to use the Widener Law blue recycling containers to recycle here on campus. It is our responsibility to preserve and protect our natural resources for future generations.

Please remember to use the *Widener Law blue recycling containers* to recycle here on campus. It is our responsibility to preserve and protect our natural resources for future generations.

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

"Hey Law Students"

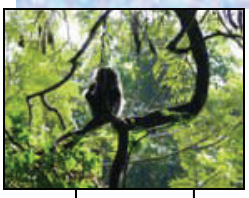
Do you feel you have a story to tell?

Are you longing for a creative outlet to dispel pre-finals anxiety?

Then why not become a blogger for Widener Law's website? The Admissions Office is looking for talented student bloggers to write interesting and insightful posts describing the law school experience. Visitors to the site can follow your journey through law school and watch you grow and develop into the successful lawyer you aspire to be. If this appeals to your inner Shakespeare, then e-mail **Eric Kniskern** at emkniskern@widener.edu.

INTERNATIONAL LAW INSTITUTES
SUMMER 2009

Geneva



Nairobi

Venice

Sydney

Widener University School of Law
2009 Summer International Law Institutes
Earn Law Credits Overseas This Summer

Summer is the perfect time to earn credits while experiencing international cultures and learning different perspectives of faculty and students from foreign countries. With the globalization of the world economy, an understanding of international business, trade, and jurisdiction has become essential for the modern lawyer. Why not consider adding a law-related experience to your resume' that stands out to employers and may open opportunities in an increasingly global world of law practice.

Widener School of Law is offering the following International Law Institutes for Summer 2009

Geneva International Law Institute

June 1 - June 30, 2009

Courses:

- International Human Rights
- Comparative Health Law
- TBA

Venice International Law Institute

June 15 - July 10, 2009

Courses:

- International Sales Law
- Comparative Copyright Law
- European Union Law (tentative)

Sydney International Law Institute

June 13 - July 18, 2009 (tentative date)

Courses:

- International & Comparative Commercial Law
- Comparative Family Law
- TBA

Nairobi International Law Institute

June 15 - July 16, 2009

Courses:

- International Environmental Law & Trade
- Comparative Family Law
- Comparative Constitutional Law

Each one is really different and each one provides amazing opportunities not just to visit foreign countries but to live in one and to learn about different cultures and to learn something about yourself... All programs are organized to allow students to balance class work with time to explore and learn about the country. Contact Arlene Trapuzzano at artrapuzzano@widener.edu or on 302-477-2248 for more information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VIEW OUR NEWSLETTER

http://law.widener.edu/summernews

Student Organizations

THE MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY

PRESENTS THE

19TH ANNUAL DELAWARE/HARRISBURG MOOT COURT INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION

Brief Due

Friday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Moot Court Office
Concord Hall 138

Preliminary Rounds

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m.

Quarter-Finals

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m

Semi-Finals

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m.

Delaware Final

Monday, Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m.

Delaware/Harrisburg Final

Thursday, Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.

This annual competition runs concurrently on both campuses with the Final Round pairing the finalists from the Delaware campus against the finalists from the Harrisburg campus. The competition focuses on oral and written advocacy skills at the appellate level. All 2RD, 2ED, 3RD, 3ED & 4ED students are eligible to compete. **PLEASE NOTE: There is no GPA requirement to compete**. Finalists in the competition are eligible for membership in the Moot Court Honor Society and must have a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or greater at the time membership is offered. All competitors are required to compete in teams of two individuals and a written brief is required. Everyone will compete in the one of the two preliminary rounds on either Tuesday, February 3, or Wednesday, February 4, 2009. Only those participants that advance will compete in the subsequent round.

*** * SIGN UP OBLIGATES YOU TO COMPETE * ***

If you have any questions, please contact William Brennan, Del/Har Chairperson at 477-2082, williammbrennan@gmail.com or stop by the Moot Court offices in Concord Hall-Room 138.

Registrar's Office Information Line
(302) 477-2149
Registrar's Office Email Address:
delreg@widener.edu

THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM

February 2nd

As you know, interviewing is the key to obtaining a valuable summer internship or a full-time position in the legal industry. To further assist you in strengthening your interviewing skills, we are conducting our ***ANNUAL*** *MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM,* on **Monday, February 2, 2009 in our CDO offices and throughout the week of February 2nd at off-campus locations.**

We have invited practicing attorneys to "interview" you and then provide you with instant invaluable feedback on your interviewing skills. They will also review your resume and provide you with constructive criticism.

Please sign up on our CDO TWEN page **http://lawschool.westlaw.com/signupsheets/signupsheets.asp?courseid=31801&userid=689190&pagetitle=Sign-Up%20Sheets**

by **Tuesday, January 27th, if you would like to participate in this valuable program! All students who sign up for the program will be given additional information via their Widener email address prior to February 2nd.**

Thank you for your interest and participation!

VETERANS NEED YOUR SUPPORT !

Many of the patients and residents of the Wilmington VA Hospital and the VA Rest Home have no family and very limited income. They have given so much in service and defense of the United States of America and its people. Now is the time to show our support and appreciation for these brave men and women and the sacrifices they have made in the name of democracy and freedom. The Military Law Society will be placing a box on Main Street in the Main Law Building and in Polishook Hall to collect items to be donated to the Wilmington Veterans Hospital and the VA Rest Home. These boxes will remain throughout the school year and donated items will be delivered regularly. A list of needed items follows. This is one small and easy way we can all say thank you. The MLS and the staff and patients of the VA thank you for your support and contributions. - Damiano Presley del Pino, President - Military Law Society.

Needed Items:

- activity books, puzzles, games
- used books
- used music tapes or cds
- **personal care items**
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- hair brushes/combs
- shaving supplies
- dental floss
- deodorant

Networking & Career Opportunities

The Military Law Society & Career Development Office Present:

Military Legal Careers

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 4:00 p.m. in the Barristers' Club

Have you ever thought about becoming a JAG attorney and litigating for the U.S. Military? A panel of attorneys will discuss the career opportunities with and in the United States Military. Featured will be attorneys from each branch of the U.S. Military. There will be time for Q&A and networking, Buffet dinner will be provided. Limited space available, so please sign-up on TWEN (on the Military Law Society or Career Development Office).

SAVE THE DATE !!

Wednesday, Feb 18, 4:00 p.m., in the Barristers' Club

JAG attorneys panel discussion and Q&A

Help Wanted

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Phonathan

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is looking for student phonathon callers for afternoon, evening, and weekend shifts. First year students are welcome to apply. Schedule is flexible. Training is provided. Starting wage is $9/hour. Incentives include performance-based pay incentives. Please contact Walter L. Derricotte at wlderricotte@widener.edu or 302-477-2754.

Office Assistant Needed

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is seeking students to perform clerical duties such as filing, envelope stuffing, photocopying, etc. Our business hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Compensation is $8.00 per hour. Work-study and non-work-study students may apply. If interested, please contact Dave Berger at (302) 477-2055, or stop by the Geesey House, 2nd floor.

THE DELAWARE CIVIL CLINIC

Interperpretor

DCC is seeking anyone who can speak a foreign language (especially Spanish) to act as an interpretor for our foreign speaking clients seeking legal assistance through the clinic. Please contact Pat Gallen, Secretary to the Delaware Civil Clinic at (302) 477-2061.

Any volunteers may count their hours towards Pro Bono Distinction

DELAWARE VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES

Work Study Positions

Available for Legal Help Link
This semester
Apply now.
Contact: Jacki Chacona, Esq.
478-8680 ext. 212

MOOT COURT NEWS

Work Study

The Moot Court Honor Society needs a dependable student who qualifies for federal work study to assist the Moot Court secretary with various clerical duties beginning the week of Jan. 12, 2009. The position requires approximately 15-20 hours a week. Applicants must possess strong communication and word processing skills as well as knowledge of Word Perfect and Word. Students interested in learning more about Moot Court are encourage to apply. For more information please contact Doris Zinck at (302) 477-2144, or stop by the office in Concord Hall (138) during the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Amy Gulino, on-site psychologist

If you are having difficulty managing stress, anxiety, depression, or your time consider making an appointment with Dr. Amy Gulino to discuss your struggles. As of October 16th, she will be available on-campus to offer individual psychotherapy on Tuesdays (11a.m. to 7p.m.) and Thursdays (11a.m. to 6p.m.) with some flexibility in her schedule. Therapy sessions are free and confidential. In addition to individual therapy, Dr. Gulino will provide workshops open to all students. If you would like to suggest a topic or schedule an appointment you can email Dr. Gulino at:
adgulino@widener.edu or reach her at Ext. 2263.

*MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009*

JANUARY

30 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition brief due-10 a.m. to 7 p.m.-Moot Court Office-Concord Hall 138

FEBRUARY

3 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition preliminary rounds 6:30 p.m.-Delaware Campus

4 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition preliminary rounds 6:30 p.m.-Delaware Campus

11 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition quarter final rounds 6:30 p.m.-Delaware Campus

17 In-Service Day (no classes)

18 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition semi final rounds 6:30 p.m.-Delaware Campus

23 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition Delaware campus final round 6:30 p.m.-Delaware Campus

26 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition final round 6:30 p.m.-Delaware Campus

MARCH

2-7 Spring Break (no classes)

12 Moot Court Honor Society Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Preliminary rounds 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

13 Moot Court Honor Society Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Preliminary rounds 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

13 Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition Distinguished Scholar Presentation - 4:00 p.m.

14 Moot Court Honor Society Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Quarter final rounds 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Semi final rounds 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

15 Moot Court Honor Society Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Final round 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

APRIL

10 Good Friday holiday (no classes)

29 Last day of classes

30 Reading Period - begins

MAY

1 Reading Period

2-15 Final Examinations

14-15 Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (3 credits) (7 days)

16 Commencement - Delaware

17-21 Intensive Trial Advocacy Program

25 Memorial Day

26 Classes begin

JULY

13 Last day of classes

14 Reading Period

15-22 Final Examinations

DE LAW NEWS Submission information

The ***NEXT*** issue of *The Digest* will be published on **February 2.** All information should be submitted to ***Christy Farley*** (**delawnews@mail.widener.edu**), 4th Floor Law Building by **NOON, Wednesday, January 28th**, in order for the news to be published.

See De Law News on our website

law.widener.edu

LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER

News

January 26, 2009

Regular Library Hours

Monday -Thursday	**8 am - midnight**
Friday	**8 am - 11 pm**
Saturday	**8 am - 10 pm**
Sunday	**10 am - midnight**

Spring Break Library Hours

Feb. 27th	**8am-9pm**
Feb. 28th	**8am- 5pm**
March 1st	**Noon-5pm**
March 2nd - 5th	**8am-9pm**
March 6h	**8am-6pm**
March 7th	**9am-5pm**
March 8th	**Noon-11pm**

Spring Holiday Library Hours

April 9th	**8am-11pm**
April 10th - 11th	**9am-5pm**
April 12th	**Noon-10pm**

CALI Lessons

CALI (the Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction) has a series of interactive exercises which cover almost all of your law school classes. Access these resources at: www.cali.org. You will need the Widener Law School site code which is available at the reference desk to create your own unique ID and password.

Lessons are broken down by law school year and subject. Each lesson is written by a law school faculty member or law librarian.

Need an update on future interests or adverse possession? Check out the Property CALI Lessons. Not sure about Hearsay? Check out the Evidence CALI lessons. There are hundreds of CALI lessons to choose from.

Beyond Westlaw and Lexis

Widener Law Students have online access to more than just Westlaw and Lexis, for a complete list of online databases visit the library webpage at: law.widener.edu/LawLibrary.aspx and follow the link to the **Full Database List.**

Looking for a Law Journal Article on a Specific Topic? You need an INDEX.

LegalTrac - LegalTrac is an index to legal and some non-legal journals and newspapers. Among the over one million articles indexed, most are in the form of citations. However, there also are some full-text articles available.

LegalTrac's default opening page has the template for searching by ***keyword***. However, a click on "**advanced search**" allows the user to search by a wide range of variables, including ***author***, ***title***, ***subject***, ***date***, ***ISSN***, etc.

The results are linked to the library catalog, so you can see if we have the particular volume containing the article you need. The catalog record will also let you know if the journal is available online in another database.

Why would you use an index when you have Westlaw or Lexis access? An index is advantageous to use because all of the articles have been classified by subject. When using Westlaw and Lexis you have to rely on your own searching skills to come up with the terminology that should appear in your target articles. You may miss an on-point article because it used different terminology than you did in your search.

For help using LegalTrac or any of the library's databases, contact a Reference Librarian.

What's the best way to contact a Reference Librarian? How ever you want!

- In person at the Reference Desk
- Via phone at (302)477-2114
- Via email at: Law.LibRef@law.widener.edu
- Via Instant Messenger at: WidenerLawLib