

DE LAW NEWS

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

19th Annual Delaware/Harrisburg Competition

The Executive Board of the Moot Court Honor Society invites all students, faculty, administration and staff to attend the final round of the Delaware/Harrisburg Competition. This year's final round will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ruby R. Vale Moot Courtroom. A reception will follow in the dining room of the Barristers' Club.

This annual competition operates 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 with a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or better are eligible to compete. All competitors are required to compete in teams of two individuals and a written brief is required.

This year's problem authored by William Brennan, Delaware Campus Moot Court Honor Society Vice President and Competition Chairperson, involves two issues. The first focuses on standing and if an illegal immigrant and business owner who employed illegal immigrants may challenge a local ordinance that specifically targets their illegal behavior. The second centers on the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and if this local ordinance provides sufficient notice and opportunity to be heard for both the business owner and illegal immigrant. The Society would like to congratulate Mr. Brennan on writing an excellent and challenging problem.

We sincerely hope you will join us at the Delaware/Harrisburg final round of the competition.

If you have any questions please contact William Brennan, Delaware campus Vice President and Competition Chairperson at williammbrennan@gmail.com.

WEEKLY EVENTS

- 16 International Cocktail Party
5:00 p.m., Barristers' Club
- 17 In-Service Day (no classes)
- 18 Moot Court Honor Society DE/
HBG Competition semi final
rounds 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Student Mixer - 5:30 p.m.
Jasmine

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Wolcott Fellowship Program

FOR ALL 2RD, 2ED, 3ED STUDENTS

Information about the prestigious Wolcott Fellowship program offered by the Law School and the Delaware Supreme Court will be forthcoming. Watch for a detailed memo in your student mailbox and in the DE Law News about an information meeting with current Wolcott Fellows in early March.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Please Respect Our Neighbors

Reminder: Students who choose to park in the Vitamin Shop or Men's Warehouse parking lots are subject to towing at their own expense. These lots are private property and are for the patrons of the stores.

HELP PROVIDE CLEAN WATER TO VILLAGES IN KENYA

MONDAY, FEB. 16 ~ 5:00 p.m., BARRISTERS' CLUB

INTERNATIONAL COCKTAIL PARTY

The International Law Society and SBA announce a Fundraiser event for Water is Life, Kenya. Joyce Tannian, the Executive Director of Water is Life, will present a slide show and discuss the drilling projects.

- * BEER AND WINE SERVED
- * FOOD
- * AFRICAN CRAFTS AND JEWELRY
- * \$25 DONATION AT DOOR



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



American Cancer Society

Daffodil Days[®]

Give Daffodils. Give Hope.[™]



Dear Friend,

The American Cancer Society Daffodil Days program is here! Daffodil Days provides all of us with the opportunity to join the fight against cancer by raising funds and sharing hope for a future where the disease no longer threatens those we love. I hope you will join me by donating to this effort.

The deadline to participate is 5:00 p.m. on February 20, 2009, and daffodils will arrive during the week of March 16, 2009.

All contributions to Daffodil Days will support the American Cancer Society's efforts to fund groundbreaking cancer research, provide up-to-date cancer information and education, advocate for public health policies that benefit the community, and offer free services that improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

For more information about Daffodil Days and to make your donation, please visit my Web site or contact me. Thank you for joining me in the fight against cancer.

The American Cancer Society provides cancer information and support 24 hours a day, seven days a week at [1-800-ACS-2345](tel:1800ACS2345) or www.cancer.org. Give daffodils. Give hope.[™]

[Click here to visit my personal page.](#)

If the text above does not appear as a clickable link, you can visit the web address:

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RECYCLING NEWS

Recycling Myths...and how to dispel them!

Myth: Recycling means more material to collect.

- ◆ The same amount of waste is generated as with an all-disposal system. That waste is just separated into useful categories that can be reprocessed into usable goods.

Myth: Not recycling is cheaper than recycling.

- ◆ Recycling should always be compared against disposal, since the material still must be transported. Not recycling means paying for disposal.

Myth: Since we have plenty of landfills, recycling isn't important.

- ◆ Recycling has more benefits than reduced landfill use. By recycling, you are conserving natural resources and reducing the amount of pollution and greenhouse gases released into the environment.

Myth: Recycling bins are ugly and cannot fit into the local aesthetic.

- ◆ Recycling bins, which are the same as trash bins, come in every shape, style, and color and can fit into nearly any aesthetic scheme.

Myth: Someone goes through the trash and pulls out the recyclables before it goes to the landfill.

- ◆ We all know that anything thrown into the trash will end up in the landfill. The only effort here is the difference between throwing trash into one bin or another.

Myth: Only white paper is recyclable.

- ◆ Just about any type of paper is technically recyclable, including envelopes, post-it notes, colored paper, newspaper, and magazines.

Myth: Incineration is safe these days and you can burn trash for the electricity.

- ◆ Incineration still produces emissions into the air including air pollutants and greenhouse gases. Recycling the material, or reusing or reducing its use, will save electricity and is a much more efficient way of handling the material.

Myth: It's OK to throw something away as long as it's biodegradable.

- ◆ The lack of oxygen underground prevents waste from decomposing. Biodegradable waste breaks down into methane gas in the landfill, if at all. The methane is usually released into the atmosphere, where it is a potent greenhouse gas. A better solution is to recycle the material, or even better, reuse it or reduce its use altogether. Non-biodegradable waste does not produce methane, but it also will not break down in the landfill, thus using more space. How about composting biodegradables as an effective option?

Source: [The National Recycling Coalition](#)

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.



Registrar's Office Information Line
(302) 477-2149

Registrar's Office Email Address:
delreg@widener.edu

Student Organizations

THE DELAWARE JOURNAL OF CORPORATE LAW ANNOUNCES ITS FORTHCOMING STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Volume 34 Administrative Board is pleased to announce the selection of the following student articles for publication in Volume 34, No. 2 (2009):

Chris M. Bernard, "Shifting and Shrinking Common Ground: Recalibrating the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice's Enforcement Powers of Single-Firm Monopoly Conduct"

Christopher J. Costello, "Southwestern Bell Telephone v. City of Houston: How the Fifth Circuit's Recent Holding Has Failed to Completely Preclude Telecommunications Providers from Enforcing §§ 253 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Through the Use of §§ 1983 Claims in Undecided Circuits"

Seth H. Yeager, "Was the Court's Decision in *Brown v. American Honda* Correct? What Degree of Inquiry into the Merits of a Case Should a Court Make at the Class Certification Stage?"

SPRING 2009 SUPERIOR AUTHORSHIP COMPETITION

The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law, the school's preeminent law review, accepts scholarly articles from students for its Superior Authorship Competition. This competition provides an alternative means of gaining membership to this law review for those students not yet affiliated with a scholarly journal on campus. Aside from the corporate nature of this law review, membership provides those of all interests with an opportunity to perfect their writing, organizational, bluebook, and editing skills. Law review membership and the skills it provides are also highly regarded by employers.

There are, however, certain requirements that need to be fulfilled in order to be eligible for the competition. In short, you must:

1. be a 2RD or 3ED student;
2. have earned a 2.7 GPA or higher as of the end of the spring 2009 semester; and
3. topics must be approved by the Editor-in-Chief by Wednesday, April 29, 2009, by 4:00 p.m.
4. submissions are due in the Law Review's Office by Thursday, June 11, 2009, by 4:00 p.m.

Other requirements do apply, such as topic approval and paper style. For a full list of requirements and further information regarding this competition, please direct inquiries to the office of the Editor-in-Chief, Kevin M. Gallagher, Polishook Hall, Room P503, phone 477-2106, email kmgallagher@mail.widener.edu.

Networking & Career Opportunities

The Military Law Society & Career Development Office Present:

Save the
Date

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).

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

JAG attorneys panel discussion and Q&A

The Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society

Invites all 2RD, 2ED, 3RD, 3ED, and 4ED students with a GPA of 2.70 or above to try out for Moe Levine during our 20th Annual Hugh B. Pearce Competition between Widener's Delaware and Harrisburg campuses.

Competitors who reach Delaware's final round will be offered Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society membership!

This competition is mandatory for all current Trial Advocacy Honor Society Members.

- ◆ You will need a partner for this competition! Partners will be assigned to those competitors who do not have one.
- ◆ By signing up, you are obligated to compete
- ◆ Competition dates are as follows:
 - * Monday, February 9th = The problem goes live and will be posted at 3pm
 - * March 9th – 11th = Preliminary rounds
 - * March 18th = Delaware's semi-final round
 - * March 25th = Delaware's final round
 - * Wednesday, April 1st = The final Hugh B. Pearce competition round, between Delaware's winner and Harrisburg's winner, will be held on Delaware's campus. All are invited to attend!

THE MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY

PRESENTS THE

19TH ANNUAL DELAWARE/HARRISBURG MOOT COURT INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION

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

**** 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.



STUDENT MIXER

Thursday, Feb. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at Jasmine Restaurant

This event is pretty simple...it is an opportunity for law students to mix and mingle before the semester gets too crazy! We will be offering FREE SUSHI with a \$5 donation for the PILA Auction. Happy hour drinks are available for purchase as well. The event is being co-sponsored by:

APALSA (Asian Pacific American Law Student Association)

ELS (Environmental Law Society)

PAD (Phi Alpha Delta)

Justinian Society

DLC (Democratic Law Caucus)

RLC (Republican Law Caucus)

Jasmine is located 1 mile south of Widener at 3618 Concord Pike in the Staples Shopping Center...so come on out, meet some new people, and have some fun!



Moot Court Honor Society

Twentieth-First Annual

Ruby R. Vale Interschool Corporate Moot Court Competition

The Moot Court Honor Society is pleased to announce the following schools will participate in the Twentieth-First Annual Ruby R. Vale Interschool Corporate Moot Court Competition to be held March 12-15, 2009. The Society invites you to attend the Distinguished Scholar Lecture on Friday, March 13 at 4 p.m. and the final round of the competition on Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m. Both events will take place in the Ruby R. Vale Moot Courtroom. The 2009 Distinguished Scholar is The Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan. Judge Kaplan represents the Southern District of New York serving in the U.S. District Court. The Society would like to thank Professor Lawrence Hamermesh for procuring Judge Kaplan as this year's lecturer. Judge Kaplan will also sit on the final bench of the Competition. Please contact Doris Zinck, Moot Court Honor Society secretary at extension 2144 with any questions.

American University Washington College of Law

Brooklyn Law School

Capital University Law School

Emory University School of Law

Florida State University College of Law

Franklin Pierce Law Center

Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Marquette University Law School

Mississippi College School of Law

Ohio State University - Michael E. Moritz College of Law

Quinnipiac University School of Law

Santa Clara University School of Law

Seton Hall University School of Law

Southwestern Law School

Tulane University Law School

University of Detroit Mercy Law School

University of Miami School of Law

University of Oregon School of Law

University of Wisconsin Law School

Wake Forest University School of Law

Walter F. George School of Law of Mercer University

Washburn University School of Law

Western State University College of Law

William Mitchell College of Law

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
- **personal care items**
- used books
- toothbrushes
- shaving supplies
- used music tapes or cds
- toothpaste
- dental floss
- hair brushes/combs
- deodorant
- slippers/slipper-socks
- hair care products

Help Wanted

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Phonathan

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is looking for student phona-
thon callers for afternoon, evening,
and weekend shifts. First year stu-
dents are welcome to apply. Schedule
is flexible. Training is provided. Start-
ing wage is \$9/hour. Incentives in-
clude performance-based pay incen-
tives. Please contact Walter L. Derric-
cotte at wlderricotte@widener.edu or
302-477-2754.

Office Assistant Needed

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

THE DELAWARE CIVIL CLINIC Interpreter

DCC is seeking anyone who can speak
a foreign language (**especially Span-
ish**) to act as an interpreter 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 com-
munication and word processing
skills as well as knowledge of Word
Perfect and Word. Students inter-
ested 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.

MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009

FEBRUARY

- 17 In-Service Day (no classes)
- 18 Moot Court Honor Society DE/HBG Competition semi final rounds 6:30 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 23 Moot Court Honor Society DE/HBG Competition Delaware campus final round 6:30 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 26 Moot Court Honor Society DE/HBG Competition final round 6:30 p.m.-Delaware Campus

MARCH

- 2-7 Spring Break (no classes)
- 9 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Hugh B. Pearce Competition preliminary round trials 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 10 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Hugh B. Pearce Competition preliminary round trials 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 11 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Hugh B. Pearce Competition preliminary round trials 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 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.
- 16 International Law Society and SBA - Fundraiser - 5:00 p.m., Barristers' Club
- 18 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Hugh B. Pearce Competition semi final round trials 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 25 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Hugh B. Pearce Competition Delaware campus final round trial 6 p.m.-Delaware Campus

APRIL

- 1 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Hugh B. Pearce Competition DE/HBG final round trial 5 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 8 Delaware Supreme Court Hearing Oral Arguments -Vale Courtroom
- 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

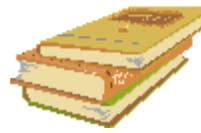
JULY

- 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 23**. All information should be submitted to **Christy Farley** (delawnews@mail.widener.edu), 4th Floor Law Building by **NOON, Wednesday, Feb. 18th**, in order for the news to be published.



REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

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

Avoid Library Fines!

Books, CDs, and DVDs all have borrowing periods that students should be aware of. Study Aids such as Hornbooks, Nutshells, and Sum & Substance CDs may be checked out for 3 days. Movie DVDs may be checked out for 2 days. Books from the New Bookshelf and the regular shelves may be checked out for 3 weeks. These time periods are in effect even during holidays and spring break. If an item is not returned by the time it is due, a \$2.00 charge is levied immediately, plus 20 cents per hour. After a week, a \$60.00 bill is sent to the student. If the book is eventually returned, the \$60.00 bill is cancelled and a \$5.00 processing fee is charged. Avoid these hassles by bringing back your library materials before you leave campus for spring break and at the end of the semester.

Where to Watch VHS Tapes

The library's Audiovisual Room on the third floor has a small television that plays DVDs and a VHS tape player attached to the TV. If



you need to watch a tape or DVD for class, you can bring your own headphones or borrow a set from the Circulation Desk. The furniture in the room is very basic--just two chairs and a table.

Presidents' Day

The holiday generally known today as Presidents' Day is listed among the ten holidays granted to U.S. Government workers. Legally known as Washington's Birthday, it was first proclaimed in 1880. Since 1971 it has been celebrated on the third Monday of February, near the date of President George Washington's birthday, February 22. Washington was actually born on February 11, 1732, but the British change to the Gregorian calendar in 1752 and resulting loss of 11 days meant that his birth date was revised to reflect his real age.

Because another of our most revered presidents, Abraham Lincoln, was also born in February, on February 12, 1809, schools and retail businesses have combined the two for study and for sales. Not all employees or students have a day off, however.



Lost and Found

Check at the Circulation Desk for items you may have left in the library. Valuables such as wallets or credit cards are immediately turned over to Campus Safety.