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DE LAW NEWS

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

Law School 101

Academic Support Fall Workshop Series

Week of September 28th

First years: Our Fall Workshop Series continues with a look at learning styles. In this workshop we will be administering a learning styles questionnaire to determine each student's preferences and discussing how to best make use of your preferences when you study. **Note that this represents a schedule change; the "Chart a Course" workshops have been switched to the week of November 2nd.** The Learning Styles Workshop is being offered at the following times:

Tuesday, September 29

3:00 – 3:50, Room P104

Thursday, October 1

3:30 – 4:20, Room P203
5:30 – 6:10, Room P203

We look forward to seeing you there!

WEEKLY EVENTS

28	Yom Kippur (no classes)
28	Moot Court DiBona Competition Sign-ups Atrium - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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30	Moot Court and Moe Levine Member Reception - Barristers' Club

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Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic

An exciting new clinic is being established at Widener Law School's Health Law Institute Fall. Last Spring, Widener Law students, as part of a MLK Semester of Service project, administered a legal needs assessment at Crozer Chester Medical Center which documented significant unmet legal needs in Chester, Pennsylvania. The Medical-Legal Partnership clinic will address the unmet needs by providing legal services to people who are poor in Chester, Pennsylvania beginning January 2010. The clinic will work out of both Widener Law School's Wilmington campus and medical clinics in Chester. The clinic will hire two students (at $5,000studentyear)to serve as law fellows during Fall 2009 and Spring/Summer 2010, to assist the clinic co-directors, Dan Atkins and MaryBeth Musumeci, in providing legal services to Chester residents and in administering the clinic. Duties will include developing community education presentations and legal materials and engaging in client interviews, legal research, and legal advocacy.

Minimum Qualifications: Completion of at least first year of law school; demonstrated commitment to serving people who are poor; ability and willingness to travel to Chester; comfort working with traditionally under-served populations; at least ten hours available per week to dedicate to the Clinic; and a cheery and kind disposition.

Preferred Qualifications: Upper level students pursuing dual degrees (JD/Psy.D) and/or health law concentrations; students with Spanish fluency; students with previous careers in nursing, psychology, or health sciences; and students with a well developed sense of humor and appreciation of irony.

Interested candidates shouldelectronically:cover letter explaining your interest and qualifications; resume; law school transcript; list of references; and writing sample to *Professor John Culhane*, Director of the Health Law Institute, johnculhane@comcast.net , by October 2.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS – SUMMER 2010

Venice

► Studying overseas can be a tremendous asset to a legal education and summer is the perfect time to earn credits while experiencing international cultures and learning different perspectives of faculty and students from foreign countries in Widener's International Law Institutes in Nairobi, Lausanne, Venice, and Sydney.

Nairobi

► With the globalization of the world economy, an understanding of international business, trade, and jurisdiction has become essential for the modern lawyer.

Sydney

► Faculty members are drawn from Widener School of Law as well as from universities and international organizations in each city. Members of the bench and bar of the host country provide special lectures and seminar discussions.

Lausanne

► 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.

Success is not measured by the heights one attains, but by the obstacles one overcomes in its attainment.

- Booker T. Washington

Widener School of Law Recycling Program is Single-Stream

(recyclables can be co-mingled in the blue containers on campus)

RECYCLING is the process of taking a product at the end of its useful life and using all or part of it to make another product. Recycling reduces waste sent to landfills, and making new products out of recycled ones reduces the amount of energy needed in production.

But it is not all about recycling. One of the easiest ways to be good to the environment is to **REDUCE**, or cut back, in key areas of your life. Three of the most important resources you can reduce are: energy, water, and solid waste.

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.

The Registrar's Office

Information Line

(302) 477-2149

Email Address:

delreg@widener.edu

Student Organizations

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE

ATTENTION STUDENTS

MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION ! !

The AAJ will be hosting a student mock trial competition this Fall. The competition will be held the week of October 19, 2009 in the evening. The trial problem will be a civil case, wrongful death suit. The competition is open to ALL STUDENTS regardless of year, rank or GPA. For first year students who have not had evidence, do not worry, Professor Nivala will be teaching a workshop which will be videotaped for anyone who cannot make it.

The American Association for Justice (AAJ), formerly ATLA, is a national professional organizations comprised mostly of criminal defense and civil plaintiff attorneys. The AAJ's law school chapter program allows students in law schools all over the country to learn and hone their trial advocacy skills through participation in mock trial competitions and an interscholastic competition. Membership in the organization also avails students the opportunity to network with attorneys from all over the nation. Currently two of the AAJ Governors and three past governors are Widener Alumni.

The Workshop will be held on:

Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 4:30 in Law 118, Refreshments will be served.

The Competition will be held on:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the week of October 19, 2009

Trials will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Students will have the opportunity to indicate their preference for the day and time to minimize having to miss classes. The Competition Committee will do their best to accommodate everyone to the extent possible.

Following sign-ups, there will be a brief information session and once packets are picked up, students are OBLIGATED to participate. Awards will be given in several categories.

This is a great opportunity for 1L students who think they might want to try out for Moe Levine in their second year to get experience in a trial advocacy competition. Furthermore, for any student who wishes to pursue a career in trial advocacy, frequent practice is key to success. Finally, for students who may not be able to participate in Moe Levine, AAJ is great resource for participating in a trial competition.

Widener University School of Law

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (APALSA)

~~celebrates~~

AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL

Wii Tennis
(doubles)

Wii Boxing
(singles)

Sign-up at our TABLE on MAIN STREET

~~Tues. 9/22, (3pm-6pm)~~

~~Weds. 9/23, (4pm-7pm)~~

Tues. 9/29, (3pm-6pm)

$5 cover charge (walk-ons welcome)

FREE FOOD, BEVERAGE SPECIALS, & PRIZES!!!

Location: Scrimmages

When: Wednesday, September 30th

Starting at 6PM

Widener Law Review

ABOUT WLR

History of Widener Law Review

The Widener Law Review (f/k/a the Widener Law Symposium Journal) is the Law School's only general law journal. The Law Review is the result of several years of student, faculty and administration efforts to increase the opportunity for legal publication at the Law School. A faculty committee developed the general framework for the Law Review and selected the first Editorial Board in the Fall of 1993. The Board began organizational efforts in the spring of 1994. The first Symposium was held in March 1995 and publication of the inaugural issue was in May 1996.

Purpose and Process

The (Law Review) is dedicated to publishing scholarship pertaining to current legal issues. Such legal topics are also explored through symposia organized and hosted by the Law Review. Unsolicited articles authored by professors, judges, practitioners, as well as articles solicited from symposia speakers form the core of the Law Review's publication. Student-authored notes, comments, essays, book reviews and other appropriate pieces provide additional material for publication. All submissions undergo the Law Review's rigorous editorial process designed to enhance the overall quality of the authors' work.

Information about membership will be made available Spring 2010. Please contact Jessica Schuler, Internal Managing Editor, jaschuler@mail.widener.edu

CAMPUS SAFETY

24 hours / 7 days

302-477-2200

HEALTH CARE REFORM DEBATE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH , AT 4:30 IN RUBY VALE

MODERATED BY PROFESSOR LESLIE JOHNSON

SPONSORED BY THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

CO-SPONSORED BY THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC LAW CAUCUSES

THE HEALTH LAW INSTITUTE AND THE HEALTH LAW SOCIETY

Panelists Will Include Professors and Students including

Associate Professor, Dr. Thaddeus M. Pope Esq., Ph.d. and Kristopher Kachline

All Are Welcome and Encouraged to Attend

This will be an informative, enlightening, and thought provoking event about an issue that is crucial to each and every one of us - congress has already begun debating this issue and a vote is certain to come by year's end. Come out and hear what each side has to say. Opportunity will be given for your thoughts and questions as well.

Refreshments will be served in the atrium outside Vale following the debate

MOE LEVINE TRIAL ADVOCACY HONOR SOCIETY

New Member Tryout Competition

If you aspire to be a trial attorney, do not miss out on the opportunity to become a member of an Honor Society dedicated to advancing and improving your skills as a litigator.

Tryouts are open to all second and third year regular division students and second, third, and fourth year extended division students who have at least a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 after the 2009 summer session. Signing up to compete does not obligate you to compete; however, picking up a trial packet does obligate you to compete. If you have questions please contact Erin Padovani, Competition Chairman, at (302) 477-2798, Doris Zinck, Society Secretary, at (302) 477-2144, or stop by the Moe Levine office in Concord Hall, north wing.

IMPORTANT DATES

New Member Reception

Wednesday, September 30 Barristers' Club

THE MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY PRESENTS THE 31ST ANNUAL JUDGE G. FRED DIBONA INTRASCHOLASTIC COMPETITION

The 31ST Annual Judge G. Fred DiBona Moot Court Competition is open to all 2RD, 2ED, 3RD, 3ED, and 4ED students with a G.P.A of 2.7 or above.
This competition is mandatory for all Moot Court members.

Students who sign up are required to download the packet and present a ten-minute oral argument during preliminary rounds.

Please note that packet pick up obligates you to compete.

Competitors that advance to the semi-final round will be offered membership in the Moot Court Honor Society.

Competition Sign-Up

Monday, Sept. 28
Tuesday, Sept. 29
Wednesday, Sept. 30
10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Law Building - Atrium

Packet Distribution

The DiBona Competition packet will be available on the Moot Court web page on Monday, Oct 5 at 3 p.m.

Competition Rounds – all rounds will be held on the Delaware Campus of Widener Law School starting at 6:30 p.m.

Preliminary Round:

Tuesday, Oct. 13
Thursday, Oct. 15

Round of 16:

Monday, Oct. 19

Quarter Finals:

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Semi-Finals:

Monday, Oct. 26

Finals:

Wednesday, Oct. 28

Reception to follow the Final Round in the Barristers' Club

If you have any questions, please contact Kristopher A. Kachline (DiBona Chairman) at 477-2024 or kakachline@mail.widener.edu, or stop by the Moot Court offices in Concord Hall.

MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

The Moot Court Honor Society is proud to announce the following students have been selected as new members:

Charles T. Armbruster, III
Jennifer Lee Bailey
Christopher J. Balala
Jonathan W. Chase
Ryan C. Cicoski
Jason J. Cummings
Morrison Fairbairn
Patricia M. Glavin
Andrew M. Grous
David Hiester
Kevin L. Hooper

Meghann E. Jeuell
Thomas A. Lagerman
Jamie McCloskey
Sean M. McMonagle
Brett Norton
Jack Spangler
Nina J. Staggers
John Michael Sweeney
Kenneth L. Wan
Tanya Veytsman

The Executive Board would like to thank everyone who participated in the Intra Scholastic Tryouts. The level of competition was excellent and, because of this, we would strongly encourage everyone who tried out to take part in other intra scholastic competitions offered by the Moot Court Honor Society such as the Judge G. Fred DiBona competition in the fall and the Delaware/Harrisburg competition in the spring. Reaching the semi-finals of DiBona or being a finalist in the Delaware/Harrisburg competition will also serve as an avenue for membership to the Society.

ATTENTION MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS!

MCHS is now accepting applications for Spring 2010 Interscholastic Competitions.

What is an Interscholastic?

Each Spring, Interscholastic Moot Court Competitions are hosted around the country by various schools and organizations. The competitions include such subjects as Criminal Law, Adoption Law, Sports and Entertainment Law, International Law and Trademark Law.

What does an Interscholastic require?

Every competition includes mandatory brief writing and oral argument components. In many cases, you have the opportunity to argue in front of some of the most distinguished experts in that field.

How can I apply?

You can apply by completing an Interscholastic Application and returning it to Doris Zinck in Concord Hall. The deadline to apply is September 30.

Do I get credit?

Yes! MCHS members who participate in an Interscholastic will b entitled to two (2) credits for the Spring 2010 semester.

Who do I contact?

If you have any questions, please contact Angie Freind at

awfreind@mail.widener.edu.

Help Wanted

WORK STUDY

Student Needed to work in the Graduate Programs Office/Health Law Institute. Part Time, flexible hours. Please submit resume to Karla Harris in room 228

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Law professor at business school needs second or third year law student to do research for Oct. 1st deadline. Flexible hours and location. Starts immediately. Please email skmiller@mail.widener.edu.

THE DELAWARE CIVIL CLINIC

Interpreter

DCC is seeking anyone who can speak a foreign language (especially Spanish) 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

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Phonathon

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.

DELAWARE VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES

Work Study Positions

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

MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

September

28 Yom Kippur (no classes)
28 Moot Court DiBona Competition Sign-ups - Atrium - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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October

6 No Tuesday classes meet; Monday class schedule followed
9 Annual Francis G. Pileggi Distinguished Lecture in Law - Prof. Edward B. Rock - Polishook, 11 a.m.-Noon
13 Moot Court DiBona Competition Preliminary Rounds - Law Building - 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
14 In-Service Day (no classes)
15 Moot Court DiBona Competition Preliminary Rounds - Law Building - 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
19 Moot Court DiBona Competition Round of 16 - Law Building - 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
20 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Critical Stages Speaker Series - Professor Gerald Morano and Peter Hobart, Esq. will speak. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Please call 302-477-2144 for additional information.
21 Moot Court DiBona Competition Quarter Final Rounds - Law Building - 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
26 Moot Court DiBona Competition Semi Final Rounds - Law Building - 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
28 Moot Court DiBona Competition Final Round - Law Building - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Reception following the Final Round - Barristers' Club
29 DE Professionalism Day/Night (attendance required) (no classes on Delaware campus)

November

6 Make-up day; if not used, no classes meet
17 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Critical Stages Speaker Series - Professor Terrence Marlowe will speak. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Please call 302-477-2144 for additional information
25-28 Thanksgiving holiday (no classes)

December

4 Last day of classes
5-6 Reading Period
7-21 Final Examinations

See De Law News on our website
law.widener.edu

MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

January

4-5	Global Health Law class
6-7	Legal Technology class
11	Classes begin
11-15	Add/Drop Period
18	Martin Luther King Day (no classes)

February

16	In-Service Day (no classes)

March

1-6	Spring Break (no classes)
18	Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Corporate Competition - Preliminary Rounds - Law Building - 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
19	Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Preliminary Rounds - Law Building - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
19	Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Law Corporate Competition - Distinguished Scholar Presentation - Vale Moot Courtroom - 4 p.m.
20	Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Law Corporate Competition - Quarter Final Rounds - Law Building - 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
20	Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Law Corporate Competition - Semi Final Rounds - Law Building - 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
21	Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Law Corporate Competition - Final Round - Vale Moot Courtroom - 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
24	No Wednesday classes meet; Friday classes meet

April

2	Good Friday holiday (no classes)
28	Last day of classes
29-30	Reading Period

May

1-14	Final Examinations
15	Commencement - Delaware
16-22	I.T.A.P. - Delaware Campus
31	Memorial Day

June

1	Classes begin
1-2	Add/Drop

July

19	Last day of classes
20	Reading Period
21-27	Final Examinations

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Submission information

The ***NEXT*** issue of *The Digest* will be published on **October 5.** All information should be submitted to ***Christy Farley*** (**delawnews@mail.widener.edu**), 4th Floor Law Building by **NOON, Wednesday, September 30,** in order for the news to be published.

LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER News

September 28, 2009

Regular library Hours

Monday - Thursday	**8 a.m. - Midnight**
Friday	**8 a.m. - 11 p.m.**
Saturday	**8 a.m. - 10 p.m.**
Sunday	**10 a.m. - Midnight**

Advice for New Lawyers From a Judge

In an article in the *National Law Journal,* Douglas S. Lavine, a judge on the Appellate Court of Connecticut, gives advice to young lawyers about appearing in court. Most of his advice is basic and self-evident, but Judge Lavine has observed that not knowing how to act in court can put a new attorney at a real disadvantage. This is the third in a series that will share Judge Lavine's 20 points of good courtroom behavior.

3. **Stand when addressing the court.**

Unless you have a physical limitation, always stand when addressing a judge or panel of judges. Speaking from a sitting position is desrespectful. If you are unable to stand due to illness or a medical problem, ask the court's permission to remain seated and explain why this is necessary.

Eating in the Library

"Food is permitted in the Legal Information Center. Please be mindful of your fellow patrons, however, and avoid bringing in items with strong odors."

From the Widener LIC Patron Code of Conduct

How to Register for Online CALI Lessons

The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) provides authorization codes to law schools that subscribe to the online lessons at http://www.cali.org. Pick up a card with the code for Widener students at the Reference Desk or call the Reference Desk to get the code. When you log onto the CALI website, do not register as a CALI Guest. Scroll down and click on **Create new account**. You must then enter a unique Username, E-mail address, and Password. In the next box, enter the Widener authorization code exactly as it appears on the card. After you enter your name and agree to the terms of service, your account will be established. If you have already registered without entering the Widener authorization code, you can log in, click on My Account, click on Edit, and enter the code. You will then be ready for lessons.

Interlibrary Loan Info

All materials requested by day and evening students through ILL may now be picked up at the Circulation Desk in the Library whenever the Library is open. Requests made through the Law Reviews' accounts will be sent to their respective offices. Books and other materials that have a due date must be returned by the due date or renewed.