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WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

Law School 101

Academic Support Fall Workshop Series

Week of November 2nd

First years: Our Fall Workshop Series continues this week with a look at alternative graphic organizers. In this "Chart a Course" workshop, we'll develop an overview of Civil Procedure as a way to demonstrate charting techniques. The workshop is being offered at the following times:

Monday, November 2

3:30 - 4:20, Room P203

Tuesday, November 3

3:00 – 3:50, Room P203

Wednesday, November 4

5:30 – 6:10, Room P203

We look forward to seeing you there!

WEEKLY EVENTS

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ATTENTION CLASSES OF 2009 and 2010

CHADWICK CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATION FELLOWSHIPS

Applications are now being accepted for the two-Chadwick Constitutional Education Fellowships. This \$1,750.00 fellowship was established to foster an understanding of the role of law, lawyers and the Constitution in American Society. Starting in November, Fellowship recipients will spend 3-4 hours weekly at Chester High School. Typically, this will be on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 -5:00 p.m. Fellowship recipients will teach the students Constitutional Law and other legal principles. From January through April the Fellowship recipients will spend 4-7 hours working on a moot court exercise with the Chester high school students. The fellowships will be awarded to the class of 2009 or 2010 students who, in the opinion of the selection committee, will be the most likely to succeed in furthering the goals of the Fellowships. Applicants should be in good academic standing and should have completed Constitutional Law, preferably by the spring 2009 semester. Experience teaching middle or high school students is a plus. The project will culminate in a performance of the trial for the Annual Delaware County Law Day Celebration in early May.

To apply, submit a resume and cover letter to the Office of Student Affairs no later than **November 13, 2009**. If you have any questions, please call Professor Nathaniel Nichols at 302 477-2269.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

VITA

Come out and join VITA! VITA provides low income residents of Wilmington with free tax preparation and filing. It only requires three hours per week during tax season. Even better you can earn Pro Bono Distinction at graduation! No experience is necessary and VITA has several sites throughout Wilmington and New Castle County.

Joy McManus, the VITA campaign coordinator, will be present at the informational meetings on November 12 and 18. Both meetings will be held in room L118 at 5:00 p.m. FOOD & BEVERAGE will be served. For more information email Dawn Lamagro at Widenervitaprogram@gmail.com

*** lLs This is one of the few opportunities you have to volunteer through law school all year, take advantage and earn that Pro Bono Distinction at graduation!

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Widener School of Law is offering the following International Law Institutes for Summer 2010

Lausanne International Law Institute

June 7 - July 2, 2010

Courses:

- International Criminal Law I
- International Criminal Law II
- International Human Rights (tentative)

Venice International Law Institute

June 20 - July 17, 2010

Courses:

- International & Comparative Copyright Law
- Introduction to European Union Law
- Introduction to International Trade Law

Sydney International Law Institute

June 13 - July 16, 2010

Courses:

- Comparative Family Law
- Australian Legal Perspectives

Nairobi International Law Institute

June 13- July 16, 2010

Courses:

- Issues in Criminal Law: An International Perspective
- Comparative Constitutional Law





Stretch Your Perspective!

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VIEW OUR NEWSLETTER

http://law.widener.edu/summernews

STEP UP AND TAKE THE CHALLENGE

Widener Law recently enrolled in the "ABA-EPA Climate Challenge," which requires the school to recycle most of our mixed office paper. Mixed office paper is defined as all types of white paper, colored paper, file folders, and envelopes. As a result of our partnership with the Delaware Solid Waste Authority, the Delaware campus already has a robust recycling program in place. Please do your part to ensure the school meets the Climate Challenge by placing all of your mixed office paper in the recycling containers and not the trash basket.

Remember: Widener Law's recycling program is "single stream," meaning you can commingle other commodities in any of the recycling containers along with the paper (e.g. plastic bottles, metal cans, and newspapers). Just be sure the bottle or can is empty before depositing them in the recycling container. For more information on Widener Law's recycling program, please don't hesitate to contact Assistant Dean Verne Smith at vrsmith@widener.edu or Arlene Trapuzzano at artrapuzzano@widener.edu

Help us meet the ABA-EPA Climate Challenge

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Student Organizations

LOCAL LEADERS SERIES

Wednesday, November 4, at 4:30 p.m., in the Student Lounge

The student body in conjunction with the faculty of the law school cordially invite you to November's Local Leaders Series event. It is a great honor to have former Delaware Governor, Ruth Ann Minner, as our speaker.



Ruth Ann Minner was born in Slaughter Neck in Sussex County, Delaware. Minner began in politics by stuffing envelopes, then worked as an aide in the state legislature and as receptionist to then-Governor Sherman Tribbitt. She was elected to four terms in the state House of Representatives beginning in 1974, to three terms in the state Senate beginning in 1982, and to two terms as lieutenant governor in 1992 and 1996. Minner was elected governor of Delaware in November 2000. Governor Minner was elected to a second term in 2004. As Governor, she worked to improve schools, preserve and protect the environment, improve health care and fight cancer, as well as create and keep jobs.

Former Governor Minner will speak to students, faculty, and staff on Wednesday, November 4, at 4:30 p.m., in the Student Lounge. Food and light refreshments will be served.

For more information on Ruth Ann Minner, you can go to:

Alternative Dispute Resolution Society

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Society is proud to announce the following students have been selected as new members from the 2009 New Member Negotiation Competition:

Suzanna Anderson Mary Lenti

Preet Bassi Michael Mastrangelo

Ryann Buckman Nisha Mehta James Doyle Alicea Milbourne Justin Gilleg Katie O'Connell Andrew Graws Schuyler Pierce Jeremy Henner Michelle Sanginiti Josh Inkell Nora Seliem Chris Judge Pinkal Shah Eric Jurary Marc Sposato

Shannon Kelly Amy Tice

Mike Krantz Charlie Wohlrab

The ADR Society is pleased to recognize the following students for their accomplishments in the Competition:

ROUND 3 - 1st Place Team: Mary Lenti and Nora Seliem

ROUND 3 - 2nd Place Team: Eric Juray and Charlie Wohlrab

Mary Lenti and Nora Seliem will be competing for Widener at the Regional Negotiation Competition November 14-15 at William & Mary School of Law in Williamsburg, VA.

The Executive Board would like to thank everyone who participated in the New Member Negotiation Tryouts. The competition was strong and, because of this, we strongly encourage everyone who tried out to take part in the Mediation Competition in the spring. The Competition will take place in January following the start of the spring semester and serves as a second avenue for membership.

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

Email Address:

delreg@widener.edu

Widener Journal of Law Economics and Race



The Widener Journal of Law Economics and Race (WJLER) would like to invite all 2RD and 3ED students with a GPA of 2.7 or higher to compete in a winter write-on competition.

To participate students may:

Submit a closed note

Submit an open note on a topic of their choice or,

Submit a paper previously written

Closed note packets will be available to pick up on December 23, 2009 in the WJLER office. Students will have two weeks from the date of pick up to submit their notes. All papers must be submitted by January 6, 2010. Papers must be 8-10 pages and include at least 40 footnotes.

Information on the WJLER and the winter write-on competition can be found on our website http://blogs.law.widener.edu/wjler/. Any questions may be sent to wiler@mail.widener.edu. Good Luck!

Help Wanted

FLIP Teachers Wanted!

The Public Interest Resource Center is seeking teachers for the FLIP Program. The Financial Literacy Instructional Program (FLIP) teaches financial literacy to children in low income areas of Wilmington, Delaware. Classes will be held at all 3 Boys and Girls Club locations in Wilmington. The classes will be the fourth Friday of every month, starting in October! For more information about the program please contact Kristan Crane Lopez at 302.477.2264 or kmcrane@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

Alumni and Development Office

Seeks a work study eligible student worker for approximately 10 hours per week (\$8 per hour). Duties include general clerical tasks such as filing, copying, and assistance with office mailings. Please contact Suzanne Watts at 302-477-2172 or via email slwatts@widener.edu.

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

2010 FEBRUARY BAR INFORMATION

	Web Site Address, Office Phone Number, & Exam Dates	Address for Applications	Date When Feb. '10 Applications Are Available	Application Deadlines & Fees for February'10 (p=postmarked; r= receipt
DE	courts.state.de.us/bbe/ 302-577-7038 NONE	DE Board of Bar Examiners Carvel State Office Bldg. 820 N. French Street, 11 th Floor Wilmington, DE 19801-3545	N/A	N/A
MD	www.mdcourts.gov 410-260-3640 February 23-24, 2010	MD Board of Law Examiners 2011 - F Commerce Park Drive Annapolis, MD 21401	Now by download from web site or by written request	Application filing dates: Sept. 15, 2009 (r) - \$250 Dec. 20, 2009 (r) - \$275 Original Petition filing date: Dec. 20, 2009 (r) - \$250
NJ	www.njbarexams.org 609-984-7785 February 24-25, 2010	NJ Board of Bar Examiners P.O. Box 973 Trenton, NJ 08625-0973	Now by download from web site or by written request	Nov. 2, 2009 (p) - \$475 Nov. 12, 2009 (p) - \$525 Nov. 23, 2009 (p) - \$575 Dec. 4, 2009 (p) - \$625 Dec. 15, 2009 (p) - \$675
NY	www.nybarexam.org 518-452-8700 (info tape) February 23-24, 2010	State Board of Law Examiners Corporate Plaza - Building 3 254 Washington Ave., Ext. Albany, New York 12203-5195	Now by download from web site or by written request	Must be postmarked between Nov.1 and Nov. 30, \$250
PA	www.pabarexam.org 717-795-7270 February 23-24, 2010	PA Board of Law Examiners 601Commonwealth Avenue Suite 3600 Harrisburg, PA 17106-2535	Now by download from web site or by written request	Oct. 30, 2009 (p) - \$500 Nov. 15, 2009 (p) - \$650 Nov. 30, 2009 (p) - \$950 Dec. 15, 2009 (p) - \$1350

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November

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

December

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

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.
- No Wednesday classes meet; Friday classes meet



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April

2 Good Friday holiday (no classes)

28 Last day of classes 29-30 Reading Period

May

1-14 Final Examinations

15 Commencement - Delaware16-22 I.T.A.P. - Delaware Campus

31 Memorial Day

June

Classes beginAdd/Drop

July

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

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LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER

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Regular library Hours

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - Midnight 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 eighth in a series that will share Judge Lavine's 20 points of good courtroom behavior.

8. Do not raise issues before a jury that should first be aired before the court.

If a jury is present, it is inappropriate to raise certain issues in its presence before first airing the issue before the judge. For example, it is improper to refer to evidence when an adversary has made it clear that he believes the evidence is so prejudicial, or irrelevant, that it will be objected to and ought not be exposed to the jury. Likewise, it is improper to argue, in the presence of the jury, that you don't have a document because the opposing counsel refused to give it to you during discovery. The proper course of action in such circumstances is to approach the bench and ask that the jury be



excused so that the issue can be discussed and resolved outside of the jury's presence. Or, to raise the issue through a motion in limine prior to the jury entering the courtroom.

New Federal Digital System (FDsys) Displays Authenticated U.S. Government Documents

The U.S. Government Printing Office is in the process of completing its new system for displaying official digital documents in an authenticated pdf format. The Federal Register

for 2008 and 2009 is now available with a stylized eagle and the words "Authenticated U.S. Government Information" in the upper left corner. Other publications, such as the Congressional Record and Statutes at Large, are also now available with this authenticated marking on pdf documents. The



FDsys database at $\underline{www.fdsys.gov}$ will have the authenticated U.S. Code and the CFR available by the end of 2009.

Renewing <u>Your</u> Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Items through ILLiad

You can only renew items one week before they are due. If the due date has passed, please visit the ILL office or call ext. 2292 or 2297. To renew an item, log on to your ILLiad account with your username and password. It will take you to the Main Menu. Scroll down to Review Requests. Click on View/Renew Checked Out Items. This page will give you the status of your checked-out items. Click on the transaction number of the item you want to renew. This will take you to the Checked Out Item Detailed Information page. Click on Request Renewal. Depending on the nature of the restrictions placed on this title, renewals may or may not be allowed. If renewals are not allowed for this title, you will see one of several warning messages as depicted in the Status line the Checked Out Item Information page.