

# DE LAW NEWS

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

## WOWIE

Mark Vakil is the recipient of this month's WOWIE (Winner of Widener Indispensible Essentials) award sponsored by the Alumni and Development Office. Names for the WOWIE award will be randomly selected on a monthly basis and the winning future alumnus/a will receive a gift and their name announced in the DE Law News. Congratulations Mark!

**Please see Dean Linda Ammons letter on page 2.**

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## AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT

The Audio-Visual Department offers a variety of equipment and services to the faculty, students and student organizations, such as smart boards, overhead projectors, slide projectors, 16mm film projectors, CD players, audio cassette players, DVD players TV/VCRs, speaker phones, portable microphones, mobile computer lab and PowerPoint presentation. In addition, the Audio-Visual Department can provide camcorders and operators to videotape classes, lectures or student simulations. Interactive video between the two campuses is also available for classes or meetings and other approved events.

Request forms are available in the Audio-Visual Department. They must be completed seven (7) days in advance and submitted to the Audio-Visual Department. Student events must be approved by the Office of Student Affairs before the request is made.

The Audio-Visual Department is located on the First Floor of the Library and office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



# Widener University

School of Law  
Associate Provost and Dean

January 11, 2010

**Dear Students:**

**Welcome back! I hope you had a restful break and are looking forward to the opportunities awaiting you this semester. As I reflect on how far our law school has come in a relatively short period of time, I am excited about your future. The preparation you are receiving today will provide you with the tools you need to be successful and to make a positive contribution. I would like to share my thoughts on a tool that is critical to the success of any aspiring lawyer: professionalism.**

**As a lawyer, you trade on the strength of your reputation every day. A stellar reputation can open career doors, build a client base, or persuade the opposition. Conversely, a bad reputation can stunt your career growth, cause financial ruin and create insurmountable challenges in attracting and maintaining clients. It is important to recognize that, as a law student, you are building the foundation of your reputation *now*. While your current activities may not appear to have lasting implications, they do. You can and should take control of the image you are projecting and exercise extreme care in all of your interactions.**

**The legal profession is particularly conservative and requires adherence to a strict code of professionalism. By now, you already may be aware of aspects of this code such as honoring your agreements and meeting deadlines. Other aspects may be less obvious. For example, you should be prepared to address all judges, lawyers and legal professionals with whom you come in contact either in person or by e-mail with respect, civility and humility because your reputation and opportunities can be diminished by the smallest of slights. Often these individuals have a tremendous bank of knowledge but can be easily convinced not to share it with you in the face of rude behavior or an ambivalent attitude. Moreover, I urge you to exercise particular care when sending e-mails. Although they may be one of the most efficient forms of communication, they are completely ineffective when the tone is disrespectful, sarcastic or condescending or the format is too casual given the audience.**

**On a related subject, during Professionalism Day you were advised of the potential benefits and pitfalls of social networking sites. Some legal employers regularly check these sites looking for any information they can find about a prospective candidate. Specifically, they are interested in finding those red flags or items that suggest that your values or lifestyle would be at odds with that of the organization. Although you may think that your pages are private, they are not. Legal employers are finding ways around privacy restrictions. I mention this not to infringe on your First Amendment rights but to ensure that you are using these social networking sites to your greatest advantage. For example, sites such as LinkedIn can be a powerful networking tool if used properly.**

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In some ways, the preceding points exist on the most basic level of professional competence. For the modern-day lawyer, however, this code of professionalism goes further and is more subtle. Today's legal employers require that lawyers possess not only intelligence but also present themselves professionally at all times, and exhibit skills such as problem solving, emotional intelligence and leadership. These skills are essential in building and retaining a client base. Widener Law is committed to helping you build all of these important skills.

Some final thoughts:

To the first year students, I know the wait for grades can create anxiety as you return for second semester. As you begin your second semester, take the opportunity to re-evaluate your study habits to ensure you are maximizing your chances for success in law school. Studies show that the best indicator for success on the bar exam is success in law school. When grades come out, if your grades exceed your expectations, be sure to continue your hard work. If your grades are not where you would like them to be, make changes to your study habits early and you will have plenty of time to see results from your efforts.

To those who will graduate in May, congratulations! Although you are preparing to enter the legal profession during a challenging moment in our national history, you can be confident that your law degree is able to withstand the winds of any potential change. Refuse to be paralyzed by what you see or hear in the media. Instead, commit to redoubling your efforts, shoring up your personal and professional networks, and seeking out advice and opportunities through the Career Development Office, trusted faculty and mentors. The entire Widener community is dedicated to helping you successfully transition from student to lawyer. It is important to budget adequate time to study for the bar. Start now by reviewing your course materials. Make sure you are aware of the subjects covered on your bar exam of choice and take advantage of our early bar preparation programs. On a related subject, you also should carve out time to complete the bar exam application. You will be required to complete detailed questionnaires concerning your past criminal and driving history, places of residence, and reference forms from your past employers. It is imperative that you take this fact-finding seriously because lack of disclosure on a bar exam application can form the basis for denial of admission. Similarly, missing bar exam application deadlines carries significant penalties including paying increased fees or possibly waiting until the next bar administration.

I encourage all of you to seize this moment. Study well because the legal issues you are discussing are critical and the world needs critical thinkers. Be diligent in your search for part-time, pro bono summer or permanent positions and your persistence will yield results. I will continue to spread the good news about Widener Law and the wealth of talent that exists here. I wish you the best!

Sincerely,



Linda L. Ammons, J.D.

Associate Provost and Dean

## **Many Thanks to Students Participating in The Faculty Hiring Process**

The Faculty Appointments Committee, along with the entire faculty, would like to thank the following students for participating in the recent faculty candidate interviews. Their participation in this important process is a great service to the law school because a new faculty hire can directly impact the continued vitality and reputation of this law school for many years into the future. Their participation and subsequent evaluations of our faculty candidates was noteworthy. The students who participated are:

Ryan Cicoski*	Brian Searls*
Kaitlyn Coyne*	Allison Segal*
Damiano del Pino*	Colleen Segata
Jonathan Harrar	Joe Siclari
Maria Janoski	Elizabeth Smith
Kristopher Kachline*	Nina Staggers
Mary Lenti	Christopher Sulock
Aaron Liller	Ashley Tito
Erin Padovani	Jonathan Weiner
Adrienne Robertson*	Angela Whitesell
Achille Scache*	Celisse Williams*

With sincere appreciation,

Nicholas Mirkay,  
Chair, Faculty Appointments Committee

\* Student participated in multiple faculty candidate interviews

## BAR PROGRAMS

The Widener University School of Law Alumni Association and the Bar Programs Office announce the availability of several complimentary commercial bar courses and/or reduced bar course fee awards for Widener applicants planning to sit for any bar examination in July 2010.

The deadline for application submission is January 11, 2010. The application must be completed, scanned and e-mailed to [widenerlawalumni-board@mail.widener.edu](mailto:widenerlawalumni-board@mail.widener.edu)

Applications are available in the Office of Students Affairs or can be e-mailed upon request by writing Prof. Micah J. Yarbrough ([mjyarbrough@widener.law](mailto:mjyarbrough@widener.law)).

The criteria points for the awards are extenuating financial need, and the demonstration of exemplary service to the community (including the law school).

All are encouraged to apply.



# WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

## *2010 Summer International Law Institutes*

Widener University School of Law's summer institutes in Europe provide law students with the unique opportunity to build their own "Summer International Law Experience". Widener's programs in Lausanne, Switzerland and Venice, Italy have been designed with the student in mind. Each program consists of two 2-week segments and students have numerous options when enrolling in courses. Students can select from the following options:

- Students may select any one of the two week segments and spend 2 weeks in Europe studying international law and then return home for the rest of the summer.
- Students may select one two-week segment in Lausanne and one 2-week segment in Venice or take 2 segments in one location for a month long summer experience.
- Students may select the first two-week segment in Lausanne, spend the next 2 weeks traveling through Europe, and then select the last 2-week segment in Venice for a complete summer European experience.

The myriad of options available in our European Summer Law programs mean almost every student can build a personal program to meet the individual's educational, financial, and personal goals.

The options are many-- Europe is waiting!!



### Lausanne

June 7-July 2, 2010

Students will enjoy the history and culture of Switzerland with a chance to meet students, faculty, and international civil servants from a variety of different cultures. This program offers international law classes, tours of various organizations such as World Health Organization. 1 credit courses in International Criminal Law, Global Health Law, International Human Rights, and International Investment Law. Tuition: \$825/credit



### Venice

June 20-July 17, 2010

Students will immerse themselves in Venetian culture while studying international law topics which include European Union Law, Comparative Copyright Law, International Trade and the Environment Law. The program visits Venetian Courts. 1 credit courses focusing on Comparative and International Law. Tuition: \$825/credit



### Sydney

June 13-July 16, 2010

Australia is a fascinating and diverse nation. Students will visit the "High Court" in Canberra and observe the Prime Minister and his cabinet. This program exposes students to Australian legal perspectives. 3 credit courses focusing on Comparative Family Law and Australian Legal Perspectives. Tuition: \$825/credit



### Nairobi

June 13-July 16, 2010

Students can explore the cultural diversity of Kenya. This unique program immerses students in international legal problems while exposing them to wide differences in culture and perspective. 2 credit courses in International Criminal Law, Comparative Constitutional Law and International Environmental Law. Tuition: \$825/credit

For information visit our website: [www.law.widener.edu/go/summer](http://www.law.widener.edu/go/summer)

Or contact Arlene Trapuzzano at [artrapuzzano@widener.edu](mailto:artrapuzzano@widener.edu)

**American Association of University Women,  
Wilmington Branch Scholarship  
for baccalaureate or graduate degrees**

To be eligible, you must be a U.S. citizen and a Delaware resident.

\$65,000 in scholarships will be awarded  
for the 2010-2011 academic year by the  
American Association of University Women,  
Wilmington Branch.

Detailed filing instructions at [www.aauwwilmington.org](http://www.aauwwilmington.org).

**IMPORTANT!** To be considered, the completed  
application form and all supporting materials  
must be postmarked on or before **February 19, 2010.**

## Widener Law student receives pro bono honor *Philadelphia Bar Association recognizes Damiano Del Pino*

Widener University School of Law congratulates student Damiano “Dom” P. Del Pino, who was recently honored by the Philadelphia Bar Association.

Del Pino, a third-year law student in Widener’s extended division, received the student pro bono service award given by the association’s public interest section. The association honored one student from each of the Philadelphia region’s law schools at a dinner Dec. 2 at the Loews Hotel in center city. Del Pino studies and lives on Widener’s campus in Wilmington, Del.

He is the son of Carlos and Marilyn Del Pino of North Attleboro, Mass. He grew up in Toms River, N.J. and still has many relatives in that area.

Sydney Howe-Barksdale, director of the Public Interest Resource Center on Widener’s Delaware campus, nominated Del Pino for the honor. He has volunteered countless hours with the New Jersey State Superior Court’s Child Placement Review Board, Juvenile Conference Committee and has served as a Juvenile Court arbitrator and Family Court mediator.

Del Pino has volunteered at Delaware’s Veterans Administration hospital in Elsmere and has taught financial literacy programs to children at the Wilmington Latin American Community Center and at Nehemiah House in Wilmington. He has also coordinated drives for clothing, books and other materials for the VA hospital and rest home through his role as president of Widener’s Military Law Society. He has regularly volunteered as a notary public in New Jersey for the American Bar Association-sponsored program “Wills for Heroes” and he has judged many moot court and mock trial competitions.

“Law students have rigorous study schedules that allow them precious little free time, but Dom has demonstrated his commitment to community service by prioritizing these worthy causes into his day,” Howe-Barksdale said. “He embodies the Widener Law spirit of civic engagement and I’m certain he is going to make a terrific lawyer.”

Del Pino will graduate in May 2011. He wants to practice family law.



# Student Organizations

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Society

### ADR Spring Mediation Competition

**Saturday, January 23, 2010**

**10 a.m., Main Law Building**

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Society aims to promote the study of negotiation techniques, client counseling, mediation, and arbitration. The ADR Society offers students an excellent opportunity to gain practical skills that will complement any area of practice.

The competition is designed to acquaint participants with advocacy skills in alternative dispute resolution processes. The focus of this competition is on attorney representation of clients in mediation.

The competition is open to everyone and **MANDATORY FOR MEMBERS**.

Students will compete in teams of **TWO (2)**.

Competition registration and packet pick-up will take place on  
**January 13 and 14, 2010 on MAIN STREET!**

Non-member participants scoring in the TOP 25% will be extended an offer to join ADR upon completion of the Mediation Competition!

#### Want more information? Contact us?

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You can also learn more about the competition at the ABA website:

<http://www.abanet.org/dispute/docs/MediationCompetitionRules2009-10.pdf>

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE

### Westlaw Training

The American Association for Justice (AAJ) (f/k/a ATLA) is hosting a WESTLAW workshop on litigation preparation. The course will be taught by Erica Hines, Esq., Westlaw Representative. The course will take place on Jan.27, at 4:45 p.m., in room T-503. Sign up on the AAJ TWEN site.

### AAJ Spring Mock Trial Competition

The time has come !! The American Association for Justice (AAJ) is holding their Spring Mock Trial Competition, focusing on a family law problem - termination of parental rights case. Stop by the AAJ table on Main Street between 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 27, for information and sign-ups. AAJ members will be on hand to discuss the problem and answer any questions. Sign up sheets will also be available. Participation in the competition is open to all students regardless of rank, gpa or year. AAJ is a national organization comprised of civil plaintiff and criminal defense attorneys and has a lot of name recognition which is great for your resume. This is also a wonderful opportunity for students who are wondering if trial work is right for them. For those students who know that trial work is what they want to get into, practice, practice, practice is the key to honing essential trial skills. Any first year students looking to try out for the Moe Levine Honor Society in their second year can have a change to practice those skills here. Finally, this is the first time Widener will have a family law problem in a mock trial situation. Look below for other important dates !!

### Family Law Workshop - refreshments provided

Wednesday, March 17, at 4:45 p.m., in room **TBA**: taught by Professor Patricia Dailey-Lewis, Esq. of the Delaware Attorney General's Office.

Great way to refresh points learned in family law or as a primer if you are planning on taking family law.

### TABLE DAY - Feb. 24 - Packet pick-up

Awards Reception - Refreshments provided - March 31, 5:00 p.m., Vale

### COMPETITIONS HELD

Monday, March 22,

Tuesday March 23

Wednesday March 24

Thursday March 25

Friday March 26

All trials are held from 4:00 - 6:00 & 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. or 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Trials will be scheduled from Students will have the opportunity to choose a time slot to fit their schedule - first come first served. AAJ will try to accommodate schedule needs to the best of our abilities.

We look forward to a great competition, a fun and practical learning experience for all involved !

## MOOT COURT NEWS

The Moot Court Honor Society is proud to announce the members that will be representing Widener University School of Law at the following spring 2010 Interscholastic Competitions:

### **Cultural Heritage** ..... **Chicago, Illinois**

Sponsor: *DePaul University College of Law*

Dates: March 5 – 6, 2010

Team Members: Angelina Freind, Adrienne Robertson and Nina Staggers

Coach: Professor Leslie Johnson

### **Criminal Procedure** ..... **Newark, New Jersey**

Sponsor: *Seton Hall University School of Law*

Dates: March 19 – 20, 2010

Team Members: Jonathan Chase, Andrew Grous and Michael Pattanite

Coach: Professor Leonard Sosnov

### **International Trademarks** ..... **New York, New York**

Sponsor: *International Trademark Association*

Dates: February 6, 2010

Team Members: Ryan Cicoski, Sean McMonagle, Tanya Veytsman and James Walsh

Coach: Prof. Nicholas Mirkay

### **Sports Law Competition** ..... **New Orleans, Louisiana**

Sponsor: *Tulane Law School*

Dates: February 10 – 12, 2010

Team Members: Robert Bailey, Jack Sweeney and Jack Spangler

Coach: Professor Stephen Henderson

### **Constitutional Law** ..... **Chapel Hill, North Carolina**

Sponsor: *University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Law*

Dates: February 24 – 27, 2010

Team Members: Jamie McCloskey, Agatha Mingos and Charles Tate

Coach: Professor James May

## MILITARY LAW SOCIETY

### CAREER PANEL

Are you a law student that wants to work in or with the United States Military or other federal law enforcement agency? Then you should come to the Career *Panel* on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 4:45 p.m., in the Barristers' Club and bring your questions. Panelists will include attorneys from the CIA, FBI, GIA (Geo-Spatial Intelligence Agency) and our armed forces. Dinner will be provided. Pre-registration is required (sign up on CDO or MLS TWEN sites). The panel will begin at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome. This is a great networking opportunity.

### QUIZZO !!!

QUIZZO is back at Scrimmages ! Tuesday, January 19, registration begins at 8:00 p.m., game starts at 8:30 p.m., including drink specials and prizes ! \$5.00 to play. There will be 100 questions in 5 different categories. Hope to see everyone there. Proceeds will go toward the 2010 class gift.

### ATTENTION GRADUATES !

The 2010 Class Gift Committee is working on ideas for the class gift. We are thinking about a water feature, something that future classes can build upon. To share your thoughts or ideas, go to the SBA website or the SBA TWEN site (under forums).

## Sorting is now a thing of the past!

Members of the Widener community and their families – faculty, staff, student, and alums – are welcome to take all of their household recyclables to the containers in the back lot of the law school near the maintenance shed. The containers there will take corrugated cardboard, plastic grocery bags, and batteries, along with the usual glass, plastic bottles, aluminum, newspaper, junk mail, and office paper. And to make recycling even easier:



## Sorting is now a thing of the past!

The Widener drop-off center near the Maintenance shed is now “**single-stream,**” which means we no longer have to sort our recyclables before coming to the drop-off center. Glass, plastic bottles, plastic bags, aluminum, and paper can now be comingled into any of the containers. Note, however, that batteries and cardboard, will continue to be collected in separate containers due to their special nature.

The recycling containers located throughout our buildings are also comingled. This means there is no need to sort our recyclables. Office paper, newspaper, glass bottles, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans can be placed in the same recycling containers.

Please help the environment by taking advantage of this great free resource.

We also have recycling for the small inkjet black and color cartridges. The container is located outside the ITS office.



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.

# KEY CAMPUS CONTACTS

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Admissions	2210	Main Law Bldg. 2nd Floor	Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Aramark	2242	Barristers' Club Crown Court	Mon - Wed 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mon - Wed 8:30-10:30 a.m. / 2:30-6:30 p.m. Thur 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Fri 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Bar Programs	2087	Law 250	Mon - Thur - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tue - Wed 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Bookstore	478-0606	BookStore	Mon - Tue 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Wed - Thur 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fri 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Bursar	2181	Law 110	Mon - Tue - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Wed - Thur 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Campus Safety	2200	Concord Hall	Open 24 Hours
Campus Services/Housing Office	2077/2029	Passmore House	Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Career Development Office	2163	Law 1st Flr.	Mon - Thur 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
IT Services - Lab	2221	Law 1st Flr.	ITS Open Lab Hours Mon - Thur 8:00 a.m. - Midnight Fri 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Sat 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Sun 10:00 a.m. - Midnight
IT Services - Office	2196	Law 1st Flr.	Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Copy Center	2165	Law 117	Mon - Thur 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Dean & Vice Dean	2206	Law 435	Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Development and Alumni Relations	2172	Geesey House	Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Financial Aid	2272	Law 100	Mon-Wed-Thur-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tue 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Housekeeping	2212		Mon - Fri 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.
Legal Information Center	2244	Law 2nd Flr.	See LIC section of <i>De Law News</i>
Mailroom	2217	Law 116	Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Maintenance	2219		Mon - Fri 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Office of Student affairs	2142	Law 250	Mon - Thur - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tue - Wed 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Registrar's Office	2170	Law 114	Mon - Thur - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tue - Wed 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
<b>STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS</b>			Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
<i>Student Bar Association</i>	2142		
Secretary - Debra Berry			
<i>Delaware Journal of Corporate Law</i>	2145		
Secretary - Linda Flaharty			
<i>The Widener Law Review</i>	2014		
Secretary - Debbe Patrick			
<i>Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Society</i>	2144		
<i>Moot Court Honor Society</i>			
Secretary - Doris Zinck			

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AVAILABLE ON OUR  
WEBSITE**  
[law.widener.edu](http://law.widener.edu)

# Help Wanted

## ADMISSIONS OFFICE

### Work Study Position

Is looking for a work study for general clerical duties including: computers, filing, telephones and tours for prospective students. Position is available after the winter break. Interested students must qualify for work study through Financial Aid.

## 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 e-mail [slwatts@widener.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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

## AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT

The Audio-Visual Dept. is looking for student workers on the **Delaware Campus**. They are needed to videotape classes, delivery and pickup of audio-visual equipment during the semester (day, evening and some weekends). If you are interested, please contact Reza Amin in the Media Center located on the First Floor of the Library as soon as possible.

## 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](mailto: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*

**MASTER CALENDAR \* ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010**

**January**

- 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

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on our website  
[law.widener.edu](http://law.widener.edu)**

**June**

1 Classes begin  
1-2 Add/Drop

**July**

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

**January Birthdays**

*Joan Bailey-Ragni*

*Mary Ellen Maatman*

*Rosemary Callahan*

*Doretta McGinnis*

*John Culhane*

*Mary Brigid McManamon*

*Keith Duffy*

*Thomas Reed*

*Linda Flaharty*

*Mark Six*

*Louise Hill*

*Arlene Trapuzzano*

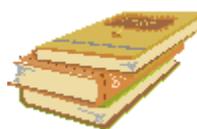
*Ken Kristl*

*If your birthday is in January and your name does not appear on this list, please contact Christy Farley at ext. 2206. Thank you!*

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**Submission information**

The **NEXT** issue of *The Digest* will be published on **January 18**. All information should be submitted to **Christy Farley** ([delawnews@mail.widener.edu](mailto:delawnews@mail.widener.edu)), 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Law Building by **NOON, Wednesday, January 13**, in order for the news to be published.



### 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

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

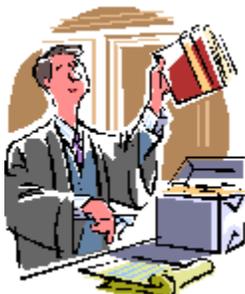
January 17	10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
January 18	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

### 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 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 fourteenth in a series that will share Judge Lavine's 20 points of good courtroom behavior.

#### 14. Cite cases accurately.

If you have cited a case for the wrong proposition, correct the mistake as soon as possible. It enhances, rather than undermines, your credibility if you admit that you have made a mistake and inform the appropriate players in the system. Hopefully, this won't happen every day, but I can guarantee that it will happen.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

The library staff welcomes students and faculty back after the winter break. Let us know how we can help you with your study and research in 2010.

### New Books on Legal Aspects of War Against Terrorism

The library's New Bookshelf holds several 2009 books about the complex and ongoing struggle to balance the legal rights of Americans with the U. S. Government's responsibility for the security of its citizens.



These current titles are: *Legislating the War on Terror: an Agenda for Reform*; *The Impact of 9/11 and the New Legal Landscape: the Day that Changed Everything?*; and *Bad Advice: Bush's Lawyers in the War on Terror*. By entering the word "terrorism" as a Keyword search in the library catalog, you can find many recent books dealing with this topic. These books can be found on one or more of the Widener campuses. Use the catalog's Request function to have a book delivered here from another campus.