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DE LAW NEWS

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE STUDENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Haiti Relief Effort

On Wednesday, January 27th at Scrimmages, students will be auctioning off their time or services to raise money for the Red Cross Haiti Relief Effort. Registration is at 8:30 p.m.; the auction begins at 9:00 p.m. Bids start at $10.00 with $5.00 raises. Students will be auctioning off free oil changes, babysitting services, neck / back / body massages, designated driver services, cleaning services, etc. Come out and get some great services while donating to a great cause in much need of support. Money will be due at the time of the auction in cash or check (made out to Widener Law School).

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WEEKLY EVENTS

27	American Association for Justice - Table Day & 50-50 Raffle Haiti Relief Effort - Main Street
28	Career Development Office - Advanced Interview Workshop L123 - 5:00 p.m.

WOWIE

Jessica Erbstein

Jessica Erbstein 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 Jessica!

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.

THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE PRESENTS ITS *ANNUAL MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM*

February 1, 2010

As you know, interviewing is the key to obtaining a valuable summer internship or a full-time position in the legal industry. To further assist our students in strengthening their interviewing skills and prepare for a successful legal career, we are conducting our ***ANNUAL MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM,*** on Monday, February 1, in our Career Development Office and in our volunteer attorneys' offices throughout the week of February 1st.

We are inviting practicing attorneys to "interview" our students and then provide instant invaluable feedback on their interviewing skills. Our volunteer attorneys will also review students' resumes and provide them with constructive criticism.

Students should sign up ASAP on our CDO/TWEN page under Sign Up Sheets if they are interested in participating.

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**.

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

Registrar's Office Information Line

(302) 477-2149

Registrar's Office Email Address:

delreg@widener.edu

Advanced Interview Workshop

Thursday, January 28, 2010

Room 123, Main Law Building

5:00 P.M.

Hosted By: Linda Shopland, Esq.

Career Development Office

WIDENER SCHOOL OF LAW
2010 SUMMER INTERNATIONAL
LAW INSTITUTES OPEN HOUSE

WANT TO STUDY INTERNATIONAL LAW TOPICS AND THEN SCUBA ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF IN AUSTRALIA, GO ON SAFARI IN KENYA, HIKE THE ALPS IN SWITZERLAND, OR RIDE IN A GONDOLA THROUGH THE CANALS IN ITALY?

CHECK OUT WIDENER'S SUMMER LAW INSTITUTES.

YOU CAN EARN UP TO 6 CREDITS IN FOUR WEEKS WHILE VISITING EXCITING PLACES.

WIDENER HAS SUMMER LAW INSTITUTES IN SYDNEY, NAIROBI, LAUSANNE, AND VENICE

JOIN US AT OUR OPEN HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 3RD FROM 4:30 TO 6 PM IN ROOM L 123

Student Organizations

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.

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on our website
law.widener.edu

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 !!

50-50 RAFFLE - Haiti Relief Effort

Stop by the table on Main Street on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 between 11:00 AM and 7:00 p.m. and buy a 50-50 raffle ticket to raise funds for the Haiti Relief Effort. Winner will be announced at 7:00 p.m., on January 27.

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 - On Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., the Board of the AAJ will be on Main Street for anyone seeking information or signing up for the AAJ SPRING MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION.

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 !

Symposium:
Health Law & The Elderly:
Managing Risk at the End of Life

Ruby Vale Courtroom
March 26, 2010
8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information go to:

www.widenerlawreview.org

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

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

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.

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 .

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.

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

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

January

27 American Association for Justice - Table Day & 50-50 Raffle - Haiti Relief Effort - Main Street 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

28 Career Development Office - Advanced Interview Workshop - L123 - 5:00 p.m.

February

2 Moot Court Delaware/Harrisburg Competition Preliminary Rounds- 6:30 p.m.
3 Moot Court Delaware/Harrisburg Competition Preliminary Rounds- 6:30 p.m.
9 Moot Court Delaware/Harrisburg Competition Quarterfinal Round- 6:30 p.m.
11 Moot Court Delaware/Harrisburg Competition Semifinal Round- 6:30 p.m.
16 In-Service Day (no classes)
17 Moot Court Delaware/Harrisburg Competition- Delaware Final Round-Vale- 6:30 p.m.
25 Moot Court Delaware/ Harrisburg Competition- Harrisburg Final Round at the Pennsylvania Supreme Court

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)
16 Moot Court and Moe Levine Banquet- Double Tree Hotel
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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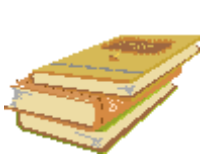
Submission information

The *NEXT* issue of *The Digest* will be published on **February 1.** All information should be submitted to *Christy Farley* (**delawnews@mail.widener.edu**), 4th Floor Law Building by **NOON, Wednesday, *January 27,*** in order for the news to be published.

LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER News

January 25, 2010



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 16th in a series that will share Judge Lavine's 20 points of good courtroom behavior.

16. **Be courteous and polite to everyone in the court system.**

Clerks, court reporters, marshals, legal secretaries, and others in the court system deserve to be treated with respect and courtesy. Believe me when I tell you that if you are rude or discourteous to court staff, word will get around, and the judges, among others, will find out that you are abusing your authority.

Must-See Legal Movies Available in the Library

The January 2010 issue of *The National Jurist*, which may be found in magazine stands in the Law Building, includes an article mentioning 39 legal-themed movies that can provide entertainment and inspiration for law students. Approximately 2/3 of the recommended movies are available now in the Library's DVD collection located on the New Bookshelf near the Reference Desk. From *Young Mr. Lincoln* (1939) to *Michael Clayton* (2007), these films present various aspects of the justice system and the legal profession. These DVDs may be checked out for 48 hours and renewed, if necessary, before that period has expired.

Please reshelve books when you have finished using them, thereby making them available to others who may be looking for them. Also return items you have checked out when they are due, so that others may use them and you will avoid paying fines.

Thanks for helping to maintain an atmosphere conducive to study by not holding cell phone conversations in the Library.