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DE LAW NEWS

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

The Widener Journal Of Law, Economics, and Race

Editorial Board would like to announce and congratulate its newest members from our winter write-on competition:

Congratulations to

Lauren Angeles
Jana DiCosmo
John Dillion
Robert Hunt
Megan Marquardt
Kathryn Pettit
Michelle Sanginiti
Danielle Strauch
Jessica Varzaly
Linda Zhang

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WEEKLY EVENTS

2 - Moot Court DE/ HBG Competition Preliminary Rounds- 6:30 p.m.

3 - Widener Summer Law Institutes - Open House - L123 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

3 - Moot Court DE/ HBG Competition Preliminary Rounds- 6:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Day Commemorative Program

Vale Courtroom

Friday February 12, 2010

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Featuring

A Tribute to

THE HONORABLE MURRAY M. SCHWARTZ

Chief Judge (retired), United States District Court, District of Delaware

Speakers:

Hon. Thomas L. Ambro

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Drewry Nash Fennell, Esquire

Executive Director, ACLU of Delaware

Catherine J. Lanctot

Professor of Law, Villanova Law School

Leland Ware

Louis L. Redding Chair and Professor of Law & Public Policy, University of Delaware

Also Featuring

The Launching of The Fourth Annual

MARTIN LUTHER KING SEMESTER OF SERVICE PROGRAM

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

The Law School Community is invited to a special Martin Luther King Day Commemoration Program honoring Murray M. Schwarz, the former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the district of Delaware.

Judge Schwartz

Judge Murray M. Schwartz presided over the New Castle County school desegregation litigation from the late 1970s through the early 1990s. His remedial orders in that case–issued in spite of repeated threats of violence, to Judge Schwartz and to his family–produced one of the most comprehensive, efficient and equitable desegregation plans in the nation.

Judge Schwartz's first brush with widespread public notoriety came in 1977, when he found violations of the Fourteenth Amendment in the conditions at the Delaware state prison in Smyrna, *Anderson v. Redman*, 429 F.Supp. 1105 (D.Del. 1977), and violations of the First and Fourteenth Amendments in the University of Delaware's decision to terminate a lecturer for his "advocacy of the homosexual lifestyle." *Aumiller v. University of Delaware*, 434 F.Supp. 1273 (D.Del. 1977). The following year, he issued his momentous order in the Delaware school desegregation case.

Judge Schwartz was born in 1931. He attended public schools in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, graduated from the Wharton School in 1952, and from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law in 1955. He clerked for U.S. District Court Judge J. Caleb Wright upon his graduation from law school, and was clerking for Judge Wright in 1956, when Louis Redding filed a federal class action suit to desegregate the Clayton School District in Delaware. In 1969, Judge Schwartz became a part-time Bankruptcy Referee and in 1974, was nominated to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware by Richard Nixon. Judge Schwartz would serve on the court for fifteen years, including five years as Chief Judge. Judge Schwartz assumed senior status in 1989, but retained the desegregation cases until 1991.

In 1990, the Saint Thomas More Society of Delaware awarded Judge Schwartz its Saint Thomas Award for his "strong and pervasive sense of justice" and "outstanding service to the community." In 2004, the Delaware State Bar Association awarded Judge Schwartz its First State Distinguished Service Award, presented to a member of the Delaware Bar "who has maintained the integrity and honored recognition of the legal profession in community affairs and unceasingly advances the ideals of citizen participation and community accomplishment."

The Program

Speakers at the Commemoration Program will include the Honorable Thomas L. Ambro, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; Drewry Nash Fennell, Esquire, Executive Director, ACLU of Delaware; Catherine J. Lanctot, Professor of Law, Villanova Law School; and Leland Ware, Louis L. Redding Chair and Professor of Law & Public Policy, University of Delaware.

The Program also will feature the launch of the Fourth Annual Martin Luther King Semester of Service.

The Program will begin at noon on Friday, February 12 in the Vale Courtroom. The Program is expected to last approximately one hour. Refreshments will be available.

PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

You are invited to attend a presentation of the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners on Thursday, February 4, in Room 123. Two presentations will be offered (12:00 - 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.). Theses presentations are designed to familiarize students with:

- *the bar application process*
- *the passing standards*
- *the performance test*
- *the character & fitness review process*

The program is particularly important for graduating students, but all students will benefit from the program. We hope you will take advantage of the tremendous opportunity.

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.**

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.

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

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE

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.

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 !

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

Alternative Dispute Resolution Society

ADR Spring Mediation Competition Results

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Society is proud to announce the following students have been selected as new members from the 2010 Mediation Competition held Saturday, January 23rd:

Jerry Benjamin
John Crohe
Joe Dernback
Peter Draper
Robert Fallah
Dan Feehan
Harrison Gelber
Jahlee Hatchett
Edward Hughes
Robert Hunt
Deepa Jaisinghani
Adam Penna
Valarie Purll
Ashley Taylor
Jon White

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

1st Finalists: Michelle Sanginiti and Marc Sposato.

2nd Finalists: Preet Bassi and Mike Mastrangelo,

These two teams will continue on to represent Widener at the Regional Mediation Competition hosted at Georgetown School of Law in Washington, D.C.

The Executive Board would like to thank everyone who participated in our first Mediation Competition. We are especially thankful for our Mediators and Judges who volunteered their time and ensured the success of our competition.

Rob Bailey, Damiano Del Pino, Chas Dooley, Gary Heslin, Marie Hobson, Leslie Johnson, Patrick Johnston, Doretta McGinnis, and Nicholas Mirkay.

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Registrar's Office Email Address:

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THE DELAWARE JOURNAL OF CORPORATE LAW

ANNOUNCES

ITS FORTHCOMING STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Volume 35 Administrative Board is pleased to announce the selection of the following student articles for publication in Volume 35, No. 2 (2010):

Robert Bailey, Jr., "*SEC v. Cuban*: The Misappropriation Theory and Its Application to Con fidentiality Agreements Under Section 10(b) and Rule 10b5-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934"

Michael J. Follett, "*Gantler v. Stevens*, Big Epiphany or Big Failure: A Look at the Current State of an Officer's Fiduciary Duties and Advice for Potential Protection"

Shannon L. Dawson, "When the Series finds Itself in Trouble, Will It Need Its Parent to Bail It Out?"

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.

Federalist Society

The Federalist Society advocates judicial restraint and an originalist approach to the interpretation of law. It is the duty of the Judiciary to say what the law is, not what the law should be.

A general meeting for members and other interested students will be held in the student lounge on *February 8th at 5:30 p.m.*

The purpose of the meeting will be to offer information and membership. Refreshments will be provided."

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

Widener Journal of Law, Economics and Race

Based on a recent incident at the Valley Club of Huntingdon Valley, WJLER issued a national call for papers on the lawsuits and the events. The suit arose after the Valley Club denied service to certain African American children participating in the club's Creative Steps day care program. Subsequently, the Pennsylvania Human Rights Commission issued a Probable Cause Finding for discrimination. Special Project Volume I highlights this controversy. Please visit **www.wjler.org** to read the papers. We invite and encourage your responses to these papers!

Development and Alumni Relations

WOWIE

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.

December WOWIE Award winner Mark Vakil, please come forward to receive your prize. Come to the Development Office to see Suzanne D'Orazio.

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW ALLIANCE

SILENT AUCTION

March 23rd

PILA will be holding its annual Silent Auction Tuesday, March 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Main Street. All of the proceeds raised from the Auction will go toward scholarships for Widener students who commit their summer breaks to participating in unpaid, public interest internships, such as for a non-profit, legal aid, or government organization. Last year the PILA Auction raised over $14,000, and we hope to be even more successful this year.

PILA is collecting donations for the Auction, and will continue to do so until March 20th. We are accepting anything from gift certificates to sporting event tickets to a week(end) at a vacation home/timeshare to gift basket items. Any donation from students, faculty, and staff would be greatly appreciated.

For more information about the Auction, or to make a (tax-deductible) donation, contact either PILA Auction Co-Chair Nicole Phillips or Paige Schmittinger at pilaauction10@gmail.com.

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

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

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 .

DELAWARE VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES

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

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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carleen April	*Dottie Kmat*
Larry Connell	*Pamela Perry*
Patricia Gallen	*Jane Ragan*
Susan Goldberg	*Connie Sweeney*
David Hodas	*Kevin Tyrawski*
Enza Klotzbucher	

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

*MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010*

February

2	Moot Court DE/HBG Competition Preliminary Rounds- 6:30 p.m.
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3	Widener Summer Law Institutes - Open House - L123 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
9	Moot Court DE/HBG Competition Quarterfinal Round- 6:30 p.m.
11	Moot Court DE/HBG Competition Semifinal Round- 6:30 p.m.
12	Martin Luther King Celebration - Vale Courtroom 12:00 p.m.
16	In-Service Day (no classes)
17	Moot Court DE/HBG 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 Corporate Law Competition - Distinguished Scholar Presentation - Vale Moot Courtroom - 4 p.m.
20	Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Quarter Final Rounds - Law Building - 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
20	Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Semi Final Rounds - Law Building - 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
21	Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Final Round - Vale Moot Courtroom - 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
23	Public Interest Law Alliance - Silent Auction - Main Street - 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 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

DE LAW NEWS
Submission information

The ***NEXT*** issue of *The Digest* will be published on **February 8.** All information should be submitted to ***Christy Farley*** (**delawnews@mail.widener.edu**), 4th Floor Law Building by **NOON, Wednesday, *February 3,*** in order for the news to be published.

LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER News

February 1, 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 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 17th in a series that will share Judge Lavine's 20 points of good courtroom behavior.

17. **Search for your own style.**

Whenever possible, I used to sit in court and watch other lawyers at work. My advice is this: Learn from everyone, but copy no one. Incorporate the best features of other lawyers' techniques into your repertoire, but find your own voice, your own style.

Black History Month: Langston Hughes Born February 1, 1902

The American Memory website of the Library of Congress features a brief account of the life of black poet and writer Langston Hughes on its page for February 1. He was born in Joplin, Missouri, lived much of his young life in Lawrence, Kansas, and graduated from high school in Cleveland, Ohio. He briefly attended Columbia University, then spent time traveling and working at odd jobs. In 1925, while working at a hotel in Washington, DC, he gave some of his original poems to well-known poet Vachel Lindsay, who publicized them, helping Hughes to receive a scholarship to Lincoln University, 25 miles west of Wilmington, Delaware. He graduated in 1929 and moved to Harlem, New York, his home for the rest of his life. He published poetry, short stories, novels, plays, operas, essays, etc. until his death in 1967. In 1969 a *New York Times* article stated that "Hughes, more than any other black poet or writer, recorded faithfully the nuances of black life and its frustrations."

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