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DE LAW NEWS

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

Widener Law Center
celebrates
JUDGES' DAY
Friday, April 23, 2010

Welcome
to all of our
Judicial Guests!

WOWIE

Mitchell Palazzo

Mitchell Palazzo 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 Mitchell !

WEEKLY EVENTS

22	SALDF - Guest speaker 5:00 p.m., Room TBA
23	Judges Day

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Attention May Grads:

Please see the list of names that will appear in the Commencement program. Posted in the Atrium on the 1st floor. Please proof your information and send any corrections to Lauren Piotti in the Registrar's Office at extension 2150 or lpiotti@widener.edu.

REGISTRAR OFFICE
COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

CLERGY MEMBER NEEDED

We are looking for a member of the clergy who is a student, family member, or friend who is willing to deliver an ecumenical invocation and benediction at this year's Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 15, 2010. Please contact *Katrina Womack* at (302) 477-2170 if you or someone you know may be interested.

GRADUATION WORKERS NEEDED

Your help is needed!! If you would like to work at the Law School Commencement on Saturday, May 15, 2010, please contact *Denise Manelski* at (302) 477-2045 or stop by her office located in Polishook Hall, Legal Education Institute. This is a great opportunity to make some extra money! **By working at this event, you will also receive two reserved seating tickets for your own graduation. It is a day filled with fun and celebration!**

Do you have a Relative who is a Widener University School of Law Graduate?

Any member of the graduating class who is related to an alumnus of Widener University School of Law may invite the alumnus to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. Please contact *Katrina Womack* at (302) 477-2170 with the following information: your name and telephone number; alumnus's name, address, and telephone number; and your relationship.

SINGER NEEDED

If you have the ability and the desire to sing the National Anthem at this year's 2010 Commencement ceremony, then we are looking for you! Preference is given to a member of the graduating class, but anyone interested is encouraged to try out. Please contact *Doris Moody* at (302) 477-2710 to schedule your audition.

Registrar's Office Information Line
(302) 477-2149
Registrar's Office Email Address:
delreg@widener.edu

BARRISTER'S BALL 2010

MENDENHALL INN

May 13th, 2010

from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

- **Tickets will be on sale from *April 5th to April 30th* in the Office of Student Affairs and are $40.00 per person**.
  - This includes
    - Beer and Wine 7:00-8:30 p.m.
    - Dinner buffet from 8:00-9:30 p.m.
    - Dessert buffet at 9:30 p.m.
- Hotel rooms are available for $95.00+tax
  - Price includes a hot buffet breakfast on the 14th.
  - Students must book by April 13th to guarantee rate!!
  - Check-in is after 3:00 p.m. on the 13th and check-out is by noon on the 14th.
- The number of rooms are limited and students may book NOW.
  - http://www.choicehotels.com/ires/en-US/html/ArrivalInfo?hotel=PA501 or call (610) 388-2100.
  - http://www/mendenhallinn.com/mendenhall/default.aspx - Route 52, Mendenhall, PA 19357

Please contact Ashley Tito with any questions at **Ashleytito@gmail.com**

Interested in a State Judicial Clerkship? Please attend the Q & A Session with visiting Judicial Law Clerks

Judges' Day

Friday, April 23

MLB, rm. 273, Clinic Wing courtroom

We hope to see you there!

Please Sign Up on the CDO TWEN Page under "Sign Up Sheets."

The Career Development Office

Environmental Law Clinic

Summer Intern Program

Looking for an opportunity to gain some practical experience this summer by working on real cases for real clients?

Want to earn credit towards a Pro Bono Distinction honor at graduation?

Wondering what environmental law involves and what we do in the Clinic?

Then a volunteer Summer Intern position in the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic may be the thing for you! Open to students who have completed their 1st or 2nd year in the Regular Division, or their 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year in the Extended Division, a Summer Internship will look great on your resume and give you a chance to work directly in the representation of Clinic clients under the supervision of the Clinic Director. The Clinic is looking for 3-6 summer interns to help it deal with its caseload and client projects. Hours are flexible - part-time and evening hours are OK—and the projects are interesting and challenging (for example, this summer we will be conducting a trial before the Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board).

If you want to get more details or apply, contact Professor Kristl (ktkristl@widener.edu) or stop by his Clinic office (L256) on Monday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, Wednesdays, or Thursdays.

STUDY ABROAD

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

LET YOUR ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT WORK FOR YOU AND EARN UP TO 6 CREDITS IN FOUR WEEKS WHILE VISITING EXCITING PLACES.

FOR INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.law.widener.edu/go/summer

Or contact Arlene Trapuzzano at

artrapuzzano@widener.edu

Student Organizations

The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law

Cordially invites **YOU** to join us for our

Writing Panel

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 5:15 p.m.

Polishook 403

Food Will be Served at Both Events!

SPRING 2010 SUPERIOR AUTHORSHIP COMPETITION

The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law is the most established law review of Widener University School of Law. Recently, Washington & Lee Law School ranked the *Journal* **1st** among student-edited "Corporation and Association" journals—surpassing the journals at both Yale and Columbia— based upon citations in federal and state court opinions. The *Journal* is also ranked **11th out of 431** specialized law reviews.

Currently, the *Journal* is accepting scholarly articles from students for its Superior Authorship Competition. This competition provides an alternative means of gaining membership to this law review for those students not yet affiliated with a scholarly journal on campus. Aside from the corporate nature of this law review, membership provides those of all interests with an opportunity to perfect their writing, organizational, bluebook, and editing skills. Law review membership and the skills it provides are also highly regarded by employers.

There are, however, certain requirements that need to be fulfilled in order to be eligible for the competition. In short, you must:

1. be a 2RD or 3ED student;
2. have earned a **2.7 GPA** or higher ***as of the end of the spring 2010 semester***; and
3. topics must be approved by the Editor-in-Chief by Wednesday, April 28th by 4:00 p.m.
4. submissions are due in the Law Review's Office by Thursday, June 10th by 4:00 p.m.

Other requirements do apply, such as topic approval and paper style. For a full list of requirements and further information regarding this competition, please direct inquiries to the office of the Editor-in-Chief, David B. DiDonato, Room P503, phone 477-2106, e-mail dbdidonato@mail.widener.edu

Student Animal Legal Defense Fund

&

The Environmental Law Society

Are co-sponsoring this event

Guest Speaker

Thursday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m., in room TBA

Dara Lovitz

Dara is an associate at the law firm of Zarwin, Baum, DeVito, Kaplan, Schaer, Toddy, P.C. She specializes in medical malpractice, nursing home litigation and other personal injury matters. Ms. Lovitz served as special prosecutor in Commonwealth v. Esbenshade, the pivotal Pennsylvania case in which the Court will determine the criminal liability of a battery cage farm owner and supervisor. Ms. Lovitz is also legal consultant to Mercy For Animals, legal chair to the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Sierra Club, and Adjunct Professor of Animal Law at Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Ms. Lovitz will speak on Animal Law and eco-terror laws from a Constitutional prospective.

April 22 **is Earth Day**:
Celebrate *Earth Day* by coming to hear a speaker on Ecological/ Legal issues

SURJ and Delaware Center for Justice Launch POPS Program

Widener University School of Law to begin screening geriatric inmates for sentence modification in February 2010

Front Row, Left to Right: Janet Leban (DCJ), Angie White (DCJ), Mary Deady (student), Veronica McMahon (student), Melissa Paris (student). Back Row, Left to Right: Joanna Champney (SURJ), Walter Rowland, Esq. (mentor), Abbott Leban, Esq. (mentor), Dr. Sydney Howe-Barksdale, Esq. (Widener Law School faculty), Bill Sudell, Esq. (mentor). Not Pictured: R. Michael Lindsey, Esq. (mentor)

Modeled after a program at Tulane University Law School, Widener University School of Law students work in cooperation with the Delaware Department of Correction to identify older prisoners who could be better placed in a community setting. The POPS student volunteers fill an important role in investigating potentially eligible candidates for sentence modifications due to age and/or infirmity. Students conduct extensive background checks and interviews of prisoners to ensure that only prisoners who presented a low safety risk to the community are recommended. The student volunteers, with the help of mentors within Delaware's legal community, complete and file sentence modification petitions on behalf of the eligible geriatric prisoners. The Department of Correction, the Board of Parole, and the Superior Court must approve all petitions. Prisoners who are successfully released will receive reentry case management services from the Delaware Center for Justice, which may include housing, substance abuse and/or mental health treatment, appropriate skills training and employment, as well as other social service needs. This program addresses what Governor Markell has called, "a ticking time bomb", referring to the high costs associated with prison health care and elderly inmates, in his January 2010 State of State address. The POPS program will tackle this major policy priority, while giving the law students a valuable learning experience.

SURJ * WINE TASTING EVENT

Celebrating the kickoff of POPS Program - Saturday, May 1, 4 - 8 p.m., Deerfield Fine Wines (Shoppes at Louviers) www.deerfieldwines.com . *RSVP* (302) 426-9252 / mcleveland@surj.org

Did you ever wonder about the significance of the recycling symbol?

You can find the chasing arrow symbol on many of your favorite products asking you to recycle. But the symbol itself involves much, much more than just dropping off your products in a bin.

Collection

No matter what the product, the first step in recycling is to collect and sort.

Reprocessing

Reprocessing can involve creating the same product (a new aluminum can from an old aluminum can) or a completely different product (a park bench from recycled plastic milk jugs).

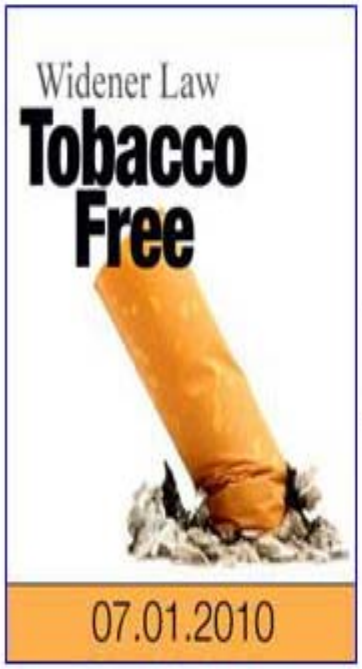
Buying Recycled

In recycling circles this is referred to as ***"closing the loop."*** Without this step, the recycling symbol is incomplete. Finding products made with recycled content is easier than you think. Companies are usually proud to show off that products and packaging are recycled.

The recycling symbol is a loop because recycling is an infinite process. We just need to make sure there is participation on all three arrows.

Source: Earth 911.org

Please remember to use the Widener Law recycling containers to recycle here on campus. It is our responsibility to preserve and protect our natural resources for future generations.



WIDENER LAW

PROUD TO BE TOBACCO FREE

Know Someone Trying to Quit Smoking?

4 Ways Exercise Can Help

- Increases heart and lung function.
- Reduces risk of smoking-related diseases.
- Counters weight gain by burning calories.
- Counters stress by improving mood.

Strategies for Coping with Stress

- Acknowledge your feelings. Set Priorities
- Schedule time for sleep and exercise.
- Practice relaxation techniques.
- Keep to a routine.

Make 2010 Your Year to Quit

Help Wanted

DELAWARE BAR REVIEW STUDENT ASSISTANTS

Four reliable individuals (3 day and 1 evening) are needed to assist in the administration of the 2010 Widener Delaware Bar Review course sessions. The student assistants will receive a discounted tuition fee. To apply, please send a letter requesting consideration for the position along with a copy of your resume to the Bar Programs Office in Room 250 or call 477-2087 for more information.

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

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Professor John Culhane is looking for one or two research assistants for the summer, and possibly for the next academic year (2010-2011). Student will work on a number of projects including a book on civil unions; an article on informed consent; and a blog that covers a number of different topics. Applicants should have strong research, writing, and analytical skills, a GPA of at least 2.7, and be able to devote about 10 hours each week to the assigned projects.

Interested students should send, by email (johnculhane@comcast.net) the following items, each attached separately:

A written statement of interest;

A c.v. or resume;

A copy of the law school transcript (may be unofficial copy); and

A writing sample that best showcases analytical, research and writing ability.

Professor Culhane will respond to each application as it is received, and will then schedule interviews with qualified candidates. Interested candidates will benefit by submitting their applications as soon as possible.

DELAWARE VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES

Work Study Positions

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

July 2010 Bar Deadlines

	Web Site Address, Office Phone Number, & Exam Dates	*Address for Applications*	*Date When July'10 Applications Are Available*	*Application Deadlines & Fees for July'10* *(p=postmarked; r= receipt*
DE	**courts.state.de.us/bbe/** 302-577-7038 July 26-28, 2010	DE Board of Bar Examiners Carvel State Office Bldg. 820 N. French Street, 11th Floor Wilmington, DE 19801-3545	Now by download from web site or by written request	~~April 1 (p) - $700~~ April 2 - May 15 (p) - $1400
MD	**www.mdcourts.gov** 410-260-3640 July 27-28, 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:* Jan.19 (r) - $225 May 20 (r) - $275 *Original Petition filing date:* May 20 (r) - $250
NJ	**www.njbarexams.org** 609-984-7783 July 28-29, 2010	NJ Board of Bar Examiners P.O. Box 973 Trenton, NJ 08625-0973	Now by download from web site or by written request	~~April 1 (p) - $475~~ April 17 (p) - $525 May 1 (p) - $575 May 15 (p) - $625 May 29 (p) - $675
NY	**www.nybarexam.org** 518-452-8700 (info tape) July 27-28, 2010	State Board of Law Examiners Corporate Plaza - Building 3 254 Washington Ave. Extension Albany, New York 12203-5195	Now by download from web site or by written request	Must be postmarked between April 1 & April 30 $250
PA	**www.pabarexam.org** 717-795-7270 July 27-28, 2010	PA Board of Law Examiners 601 Commonwealth Avenue Suite 300, P.O. Box 62535 Harrisburg, PA 17106-2535	Now by download from web site or by written request	April 15 (p) - $500 April 30 (p) - $650 May 15 (p) - $950 May 30 (p) - $1350

MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

April

28	Last day of classes
29-30	Reading Period

May

1-14	Final Examinations
13	Barristers' Ball
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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law.widener.edu

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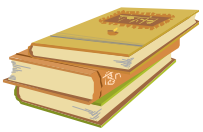
Submission information

The ***NEXT*** issue of *The Digest* will be published on **April 26.** All information should be submitted to ***Christy Farley*** (**delawnews@mail.widener.edu**), 4th Floor Law Building by **NOON, Wednesday, *April 21*,** in order for the news to be published.

LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER News

April 19, 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**

Delaware Library Association Copyright Workshop Features Professor Alan Garfield

Several members of the Legal Information Center staff will be attending the annual conference of the Delaware Library Association in Dover on April 29. Among this year's speakers is Widener Professor Alan Garfield, who will be talking about the issues of fair use and copyright as they relate to school, public, academic, and corporate libraries.

Library Cell Phone Etiquette

Please help maintain an atmosphere conducive to study in the Legal Information Center. Mute your cell phones while you are in the library and hold phone conversations outside of the library. Lounges, hallways, and outside the building are good places for extended conversations. Thanks for respecting the study space and needs of all users of our library.

Spring Brings out Flowers and Thieves

At least one suburban Philadelphia college has reported thefts of backpacks and laptops already this spring. Please do not leave any of your possessions, such as backpacks, purses, wallets, laptops, or cell phones unattended in the Legal Information Center. Our library is open to the public, and in the past laptops and credit cards have been stolen by clever strangers who are adept at quickly removing valuables. Report any suspicious activity to Campus Safety at 302-477-2200. Thefts have also occurred from cars in our campus parking lots, so please be alert there also. Never leave a purse, laptop, or other electronic device visible in your vehicle, whether on campus, at a shopping mall, or in your own driveway.

Return ILL Books Before the End of the Semester

Most lending libraries would like to have their books back before the end of the academic year. Please return all interlibrary loan books by their due dates. Charges for lost or damaged materials are assessed by the lending library and are the responsibility of the borrowing patron. Loss, damage, or failure to return borrowed books promptly may also result in the forfeiture of interlibrary loan privileges.