DE LAW NEWS

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

A MESSAGE TO ALL STUDENTS FROM DEAN LINDA AMMONS

As you may know, we recently celebrated Administrative Professionals Day, when we traditionally recognize the outstanding contributions of members of the staff. I trust you agree with me that the faculty, students, and senior administrators here are extremely fortunate to have the pleasure of working with so many wonderful and truly dedicated people. The people in the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, the faculty secretaries, clinic secretaries, administrative secretaries, student organizations secretaries, the Career Development staff, the Library staff, the Campus Services and Maintenance staff, the Admissions staff, the ARAMARK staff, our Campus Safety officers, the Alumni & Development Office staff, the Bursar's Office staff, and the ITS staff make all of our lives easier. Their extra efforts and kindnesses to all of us are what really make this Law School work. Like the rest of us, they are here to help you succeed, and they take great pride in your accomplishments and those of our graduates. I hope that you will take a moment before the year is out to say "thank you" to any staff member who has gone that extra mile to help you, or whose friendly smile has made your day a little bit better.

WEEKLY EVENTS

27	Delaware Journal of Corporate Law - Meeting - 5:15 p.m., P403
28	Last day of classes
29-30	Reading Period

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BOOKSTORE

It's that time again
Sell you books during our

"BOOK BUY BACK"

May 3rs - May 15th

Open during Commencement
Saturday, May 15th
Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Don't forget your last minute gifts, souvenirs and frames.

www.widenerlawbookstore.com

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

As final examinations approach, all students should take a few minutes to review the Law School rules relating to examinations. These rules may be found in §607-609 of the Academic Code and §203-205 of the Dean's Office Regulations.

According to $\S607$ (f)(1) of the Code, all examinations are graded anonymously. Students should not discuss the examination process, including the possibility of exam deferral or exam accommodation with faculty members. Any attempt by a student to identify himself/herself to a professor by placing notes or messages on an examination or exam booklet compromises the anonymous grading system. All questions should be directed to Associate Dean of Student Affairs office or the Registrar's Office. Any compromise of the anonymous grading system by a student constitutes a violation of the Code of Conduct and could result in suspension or expulsion.

Exam Reminders

Anonymous numbers. Anonymous numbers must be placed on all examination booklets and on the examination itself. In the unlikely event you forget to put your anonymous number on your papers before time is called, you may do so at the proctor's table when you turn in your exam. If you continue to write after the proctor has told you to stop, your examination number and the fact that you did not stop when told will be reported to the Registrar's Office and may ultimately be reported to the Office of Student Affairs.

Open book exams. You may bring into an open book exam only those items designated by the professor. If you are in doubt as to what can be brought into the exam, check with your professor before the examination.

Scrap paper. Scrap paper will only be permitted in an examination if the professor has specifically told the Registrar that it will be permitted. The proctor will distribute one scrap paper book to you during the examination.

Student ID. Finally, remember to bring your <u>student ID</u> to each of your examinations. Students <u>must</u> be positively identified by the Registrar or proctor before sitting for each exam. A drivers license is *not* a Widener student ID.

Lavatory breaks. You are reminded that the honor code applies during the entire exam and a lavatory break does not mean there is a break in the honor code rules.

Students are reminded that the Student Code of Conduct §202(1) requires you to report all Code of Conduct violations.

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

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.

http://blogs.law.widener.edu/grads2010/

BARRISTER'S BALL



2010



MENDENHALL INN

May 13^{th, 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

CAMPUS SERVICES

OUIET HOURS:

There will be mandatory quiet hours in effect in the dormitories and apartments on campus starting *Wednesday*, *April 28*, through the end of the semester. Quiet hours will be in effect 24 hours a day until final exams are over. Any problems during the day should be reported to Campus Services. Any problems after hours should be reported to Campus Safety. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

REMINDER FOR APARTMENT RESIDENTS:

Apartment deposits are due by *Friday, May 7*. Payments should be made to the Campus Services Office. No apartments will be held after May 7, without a deposit. Apartment leases for the 2010/11 academic year are ready to be signed. All apartment residents must sign their lease no later than Friday, May 7. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Burrell at cmburrell@widener.edu or stop by the Campus Services office.

DORMITORY CLOSING:

The dormitories will be closing at 12 noon on *Friday, May 14*. All residents will need to vacate their dormitory room and return their key to the Campus Services office before they leave campus. You will need approval from the Campus Services office to remain in your dorm room beyond this date. If you have signed up for I.T.A.P., Bar Review housing or summer housing, you are exempt from this deadline. If you are graduating, you must vacate your room by *Sunday, May 16th*. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Chris Burrell at cmburrell@widener.edu or Kim Louisignau at kalouisignau@widener.edu.

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES:

If you are graduating, or if you will not be returning to campus for the fall 2010 semester, please remember to close your student mailbox and return the mailbox key. Just stop by the mailroom during their scheduled hours to fill out the form for forwarding your mail and return your key. After hours, just put your key in an envelope, along with your forwarding address, and drop it through the mail slot in the window.

If you are using one of the lockers on campus, and will not be returning in the fall, please return your locker key to the Campus Services office, located in the Passmore house. You will be given a voucher for the refund of the locker key deposit.

Please remember to turn in your mailbox and locker keys before you leave campus for the final time. Thank you!

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.



PROUD TO BE TOBACCO FREE
JULY 1, 2010

WHAT ARE YOUR SUMMER PLANS?



STUDY ABROAD



FOR INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.law.widener.edu/summer

Or contact Arlene Trapuzzano at artrapuzzano@widener.edu



Student Organizations

Delaware Journal of Corporate Law 2010 Writing Panel

Are you interested in, or currently on, a law review?

If so, you do not want to miss this opportunity to learn what it takes to prepare a well-written law review article for both the writing competitions and the note requirement.

When: Tuesday, April 27, at 5:15 p.m. Where: Polishook 403

You will learn from the best; our panel includes published faculty and students.

Food Will be Served!

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Check out what some of *The Delaware*Journal of Corporate Law's alumni had to say at our Panel Discussion:

"The skills you obtain on the Journal are easily transferable to any area of the law."

Greg Werkheiser, Partner, Morris Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP (Articles Editor, Volume 21 Board)

"I joined the Journal because of its reputation and national recognition."

Stephanie Habelow, Smith, Katzenstein, Furlow, LLP

(Articles Editor, Volume 34 Board)

"Corporate law does not exist in a vacuum; that is why the Journal seeks to publish articles beyond its corporate focus."

Kevin Gallagher, Richards, Layton & Finger (Editor-in-Chief, Volume 34 Board)

"You join the Journal for the relationships you build and to, ultimately, find a job."

"I didn't develop an interest in corporate law until after I joined."

"If you do not want to practice corporate law, you should still join the Journal, and then take classes in the area you wish to practice.

Tom Uebler, Associate, Richards, Layton & Finger (Editor-in-Chief, Volume 32 Board)

"You join the Journal because of its prestige and national recognition not because of its corporate law focus"

Danielle Kuzminski, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (Editor-in-Chief, Volume 33 Board)

All of our alums agree that by becoming a member of *the Delaware Journal of Corporate Law*, you are on the right path to a successful legal career.

So what are you waiting for?

IMPORTANT DATES:

2RD & 3ED students: Submit topics to Dave DiDonato for approval by April 28, and turn in article by June 10.

1RD & 2ED students: Pick up Summer-Write on packet from May 9, until June 20.

Good Luck!

The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law 2010 Superior Authorship Competition

The *Journal* is currently 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 28, 2010, by 4:00 p.m.
- 4. submissions are due in the Law Review's Office by Thursday, June 10, 2010, 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 D. DiDonato, Room P503, phone 477-2106, e-mail dbdidonato@mail.widener.edu

The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law 2010 Summer Write-On Competition

Pickup for the *Journal* summer writing competition begins on Sunday, May 9, and ends on Sunday, June 20. You may pick up the packet at the Library circulation desk or download the packet on the Delaware Journal of Corporate Law's TWEN website.

Participants have three weeks from the date of pick-up to complete the assignment. Papers are due by 4:00 p.m. on the date due and should be delivered by email to djcl@widener.edu or by hardcopy to either the Delaware Journal of Corporate Law Office in Polishook, or to the circulation desk of the Legal Information Center if the Journal Office is closed. Papers that are mailed must be postmarked no later than the due date. No late papers will be accepted.

In addition to any paper which is submitted after the deadline, the following submissions will be deemed ineligible for *Journal* membership:

- 1. Where the author's cumulative GPA, through Spring 2009, is below 2.7;
- 2. Where the paper contains evidence of plagiarism or other Honor Code violations (specifically Section 202(a), which includes: (1) the unauthorized giving or receiving of material aid or assistance; (3) the unauthorized use of information; and (4) the giving or obtaining of any unfair academic advantage) (NOTE: These findings will also be referred to the Disciplinary Board); or
- 3. Where the participant has used outside research.

The packet includes all sources that may be used for the note. Sources have been deliberately limited to ensure concentration on certain issues. There is to be no outside research. Participants may, however, consult hornbooks, dictionaries, style manuals, and the Bluebook (18th edition).

If you have any questions, please e-mail Suzanne Lufadeju at solu-fadeju@mail.widener.edu. We look forward to reviewing your submissions.



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

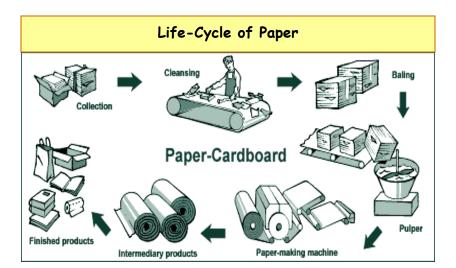


Front Row, Left to Right: Janet Leban (DCJ), Angie White (DCJ), Mary Deady (student), Veronica McMahon (student), Melissa Paris (student). Back Row, Left to Right: Joanna Champney (SURJ), Walter Rowland, Esq. (mentor), Abbott Leban, Esq. (mentor), Dr. Sydney Howe-Barksdale, Esq. (Widener Law School faculty), 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 KNOW?...

- Every day, American businesses use enough paper to circle the globe more than 20 times!
- Every ton of paper recovered for recycling saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space.
- Over 47 million tons of the paper Americans use each year is recovered for recycling. This is made into a wide variety of goods such as new newsprint, boxes and office paper, paper towels, tissue products, insulation, cereal boxes, molded packaging, hydro-mulch, gypsum wallboard even compost and kitty litter!
- 80% of U.S. papermakers use some recovered fiber in manufacturing, and nearly 200 mills use ONLY recovered paper for their fiber.
- Today, more than 50 percent of the paper used in the U.S. each year is recovered for recycling
- The average American uses 650 lbs. of paper per year.
- 100 million tons of wood could be saved each year if all that paper was actually recycled!



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

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

DELAWARE VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES

Law Clerks Needed

Must be work study eligible. Contact: Jacki Chacona, Esq. 478-8680 ext. 212

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.

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

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	302-577-7038 July 26-28, 2010	DE Board of Bar Examiners Carvel State Office Bldg. 820 N. French Street, 11 th 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

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MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

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May

1-14	Final Examinations
13	Barristers' Ball

15 Commencement - Delaware 16-22 I.T.A.P. - Delaware Campus

31 Memorial Day

June

Classes beginAdd/Drop

July

Last day of classes
Reading Period
Final Examinations

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

DE LAW NEWS Submission information

The **NEXT** issue of *The Digest* will be published on **May 3**. All information should be submitted to **Christy Farley** (**delawnews@mail.widener.edu**), 4th Floor Law Building by **NOON**, **Wednesday**, **April 28**, in order for the news to be published.

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

Spring and Exam Hours

Sat., April 24 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sun., April 25 10 a.m. - Midnight Mon., April 26 8 a.m. - Midnight Tues., April 27 8 a.m. - Midnight 8 a.m. - 1 a.m. Wed., April 28 Thurs., April 29 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. Fri., April 30 Sat., May 1 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sun., May 2 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. Mon., May 3 8 a.m. - 1 a.m. Tues., May 4 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. Wed., May 5 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. Thurs., May 6 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. Fri., May 7 Sat., May 8 8 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sun., May 9 8 a.m. - 1 a.m. Mon., May 10 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. Tues., May 11 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. Wed., May 12 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. Thurs., May 13 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Fri., May 14 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat., May 15 (Graduation) CLOSED Sun., May 16 Noon to 5 p.m.



"Hit the Ground Running"—New Guides for Summer Research

Two new research guides especially designed to help students with law-related summer jobs are being offered by the library. They are available in the stand just outside the Legal Information Center's main doors.

"Business Information"



lists websites for looking up information about public, private, and nonprofit companies.

"United States and Pennsylvania Resources"

lists online sources for legislative, administrative, and judicial materials.



Congratulations to Our Graduating Student Workers!

Kathleen Bond Neha Chaubey Christopher Horgan Jonathan Lightfoot Lauren O'Connell Jonathan Spadea Amos Tang Seth Yeager

