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# DE LAW NEWS

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

**All students! All students! All students! All students!**

## Dean Linda Ammons cordially invites you
## ~ and urges you to attend ~
## The Dean's Leadership Forum

**Monday, Sept. 27, 11:00 am-Noon**
**Ruby R. Vale Moot Courtroom**

**The Honorable**
**Risa Vetri Ferman**

*Class of 1992*
District Attorney of
Montgomery County, PA

In a TV Talk Show setting, District Attorney Ferman and Dean Ammons will discuss the qualities found in a leader and the path Ms. Ferman took to her current position in the Pennsylvania Legal Community. An audience Q&A will follow their discussion.

# Help Wanted

**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*

**Clerical Assistance**

**Office of the Dean**

Clerical Assistance Needed in Office of the Dean. Please see Paula Garrison Rm. L 413.

**Graduate Programs Office**

**Work Study Positions**

Eligible work study students needed to work in the Graduate Programs Office for various office tasks. Please send resume to: Karla Harris, Graduate Programs Office or email to: kmharris@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

**Research Assistant**

**Constitutional Law**

Must be have at least a working knowledge of Spanish and must have done well in Constitutional Law I. Please send resume and cover letter to Professor Erin Daly at edaly@widener.edu

**WIDENER LAW PROUD TO BE TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS**

# BOOKSTORE

www.widenerlawbookstore.com

***Monday & Tuesday***
9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

***Wednesday & Thursday***
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

***Friday***
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**302-478-0606**

# ARAMARK

## *Barristers' Club*

Monday thru Wednesday ~
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Crown Court

Monday thru Wednesday ~
8:30 - 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday ~ 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday ~ 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

# WISE BAKE SALE

**WEDNESDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 15TH**

**10 O'CLOCK TILL ALL IS SOLD**

**MAIN STREET - LAW BUILDING**

## *WEEKLY EVENTS*

15 WISE - Bake Sale Main St., 10:00 a.m. til all sold

18 Yom Kippur (no classes)

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# Third Annual
# Widener Law Board
# of Overseers Reception
# For Students

Don't miss this opportunity to attend an informal reception to meet the men and women who volunteer their time, knowledge and expertise to further the vision of the Law School. The Widener Law Board of Overseers, Dean Ammons, and The Alumni and Development office cordially invite you to attend a social hour where you can network and enjoy the company of our esteemed Overseers prior to their board meeting. If you have questions regarding this event, please call Walter Derricotte at 302-477-2754.

Monday, October 4, 2010

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Barristers Club

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served

Business Attire

RSVP by September 27, 2010 to

302-477-2055

Alumni and Development Office

# Student Organizations

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Society (ADR)

### New Member (Try-Out) Negotiation Competition

**Saturday, Sept. 25***
**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
**Main Law Building**

Business attire is **required**! Lunch **will be provided** for all competitors!

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Society aims to promote the study of negotiation, client counseling, mediation, and arbitration techniques. More important, the Society offers students an excellent opportunity to gain invaluable practical skills!

**NEGOTIATION COMPETITION Q & A:**

**WHAT IS NEGOTIATION?** One dictionary defines "negotiation" as "a bargaining process between two or more parties, each with its own aims, needs, and viewpoints, seeking to discover a common ground and reach an agreement to settle a matter of mutual concern or resolve a conflict."

**HOW DO I GET INTO THE SOCIETY?** If you are interested in joining the Society, you MUST participate in the New Member Negotiation Competition. Competitors will be scored based on their performance. Those competitors, who demonstrate a strong commitment to ADR and an ability to resolve a dispute amicably using negotiation technique, will be extended an invitation to join the Society. **Please note that if you sign-up to try-out for the Society, you are REQUIRED TO COMPETE!**

**WILL THERE BE ANY TRAINING BEFORE THE COMPETITION?** The Society will make every effort to schedule a negotiation training session prior to the competition. In addition, there is a wealth of information on the Internet and available in the Law Library.

**HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE ME TO PREPARE FOR THE COMPETITION?** The amount of time you spend preparing for the competition will correlate positively with how well you perform!

**WHAT IF I DO NOT HAVE A PARTNER?** It is okay to sign-up for the competition even if you do not have a partner – one will be provided for you.

**CAN FIRST YEAR STUDENTS TRY-OUT FOR THE SOCIETY?** Yes. The ADR Society is open to EVERYONE!

**IS THERE A GPA REQUIREMENT?** The ADR Society does not require a specific GPA.

**WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITTEMENT AFTER JOINING THE SOCIETY?** While there is not a HUGE time commitment once you are a member of the Society, there are MANDATORY events that each member must attend.

* Please sign-up on the ADR TWEN page and check your email for the date/time/location of the **competition packet distribution** and the **negotiation training session**.

**Want more information? Please contact: Competition Chairman(s) Michael Mastrangelo (mrmastrangelo@mail.widener.edu) and Michelle Sanginiti (mlsanginiti@mail.widener.edu)**

# MOE LEVINE TRIAL ADVOCACY HONOR SOCIETY

## NEW MEMBER COMPETITION

IF YOU ASPIRE TO BE A SKILLED LITIGATOR, DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE COME A MEMBER OF AN HONOR SOCIETY DEDICATED TO THE ART OF TRIAL ADVOCACY.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO:

- ALL 2L AND 3L REGULAR DIVISION STUDENTS WITH A CUMULATIVE GPA OF AT LEAST A 2.7 AFTER THE 2010 SUMMER SEMESTER **AND**
- ALL 2L, 3L, AND 4L EXTENDED DIVISION STUDENTS WITH A CUMULATIVE GPA OF AT LEAST A 2.7 AFTER THE 2010 SUMMER SEMESTER

**SIGNING UP** FOR THE COMPETITION **DOES NOT** OBLIGATE YOU TO COMPETE.
**PICKING UP** THE COMPETITION PACKET **DOES** OBLIGATE YOU TO COMPETE.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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| MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | INFORMATION SESSION<br>P104; 5:00-6:00 PM |
| TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<br>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | COMPETITION **SIGN-UP**<br>TABLE ON MAIN STREET;<br>10:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | COMPETITION PACKET **PICK-UP**<br>TABLE ON MAIN STREET;<br>10:00 AM- 7:00 PM |
| MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<br>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | TRAINING SESSIONS<br>P104; 5:00-6:00 PM |
| THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<br>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 | COMPETITION TRIALS<br>ON CAMPUS; 6:00-9:45 PM |

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS** PLEASE CONTACT MELISSA PARIS, NEW MEMBER COMPETITION CHAIRPERSON, AT MHPARIS@MAIL.WIDENER.EDU.

# WIDENER LAW REVIEW

**Congratulations to the following new members of *Widener Law Review*:**

**Melanie Crawford**

**Brian Ferry**

**Andrew Goldstein**

**Daniel Heller**

**Eric Juray**

**Jenna Kring**

**Alexander Kwasny**

**Shannon Larner**

**Irina Luzhatsky**

**Nicholas Madiou**

**Marissa Ramsay**

**Lauren Royer**

**Stewart Ryan**

**Tanya Sellers**

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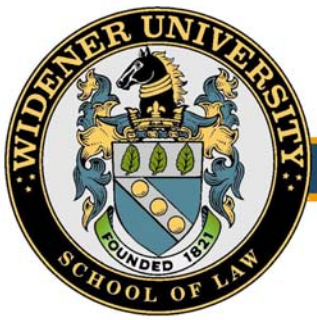
**David Wenger**

**Nicholas Wynn**



# Intellectual Property Society

**General Meeting**
**Thursday, Sept. 16**
**5:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
**Room L 122**
**Food and beverages will be provided**

Intellectual Property Society

Widener University School of Law

"*To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Time to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries*"

Article I Section 8 of the United States Constitution

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# WISE & Health Law Institute

# Blood Drive

**Wednesday, October 6th**
**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
**Main Law Building Atrium**

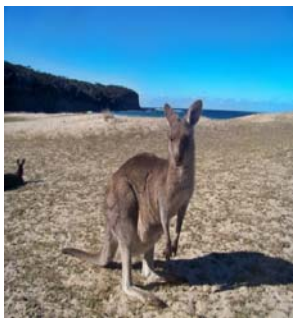
# RECYCLE

Printer cartridge recycling industry analysts estimate that used inkjet cartridges can be recycled and reused between ***4*** and ***7*** times.

According to industry statistics, over **86%** of inkjet cartridges consumed in the United States are **not** recycled, they're thrown in the trash. That translates to **350** million printer cartridges that end up in landfills or incinerators or about **875** million pounds of e-waste.

Widener School of Law has a ***recycling container*** for HP Inkjet color and black cartridges outside of ITS on Main Street. Please help the environment by recycling these small printer cartridges.

# Widener's Summer Law Institutes



Want to earn credits abroad this summer? Want to study International Law topics and then go on safari or discover the Australian outback? Or how about studying near the city known as the international center for peace and diplomacy or arrive at class on a vaporetto? Check out Widener's Summer Law Institutes. You can earn up to 6 credits while visiting exciting places. Widener has summer law institutes in Nairobi, Sydney, Lausanne, and Venice. Take a tour of our programs at law.widener.edu or call the Coordinator of International Programs at (302) 477-2248.

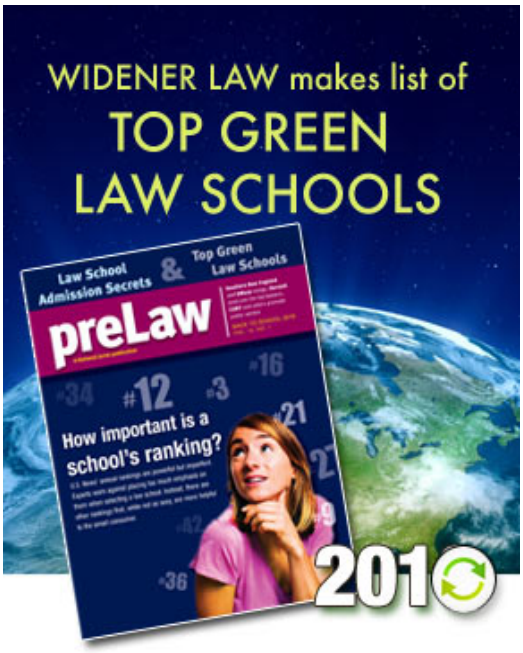
# Environmental law program gets national recognition

Widener University School of Law has been named to a national list of "Top Green Schools" based on the strength of Widener's environmental law curriculum and the school's earth-friendly practices.

The honor roll, assembled by National Jurist and preLaw magazines, gave Widener "Magna Cum Laude" status. The list is in preLaw magazine's "Back to School" issue and in the September issue of National Jurist, its sister publication

"We have a great story to tell here about what we are doing for students, our community activities, our teaching, and our very active scholarship, and we are very happy that these magazines recognized that story," said Distinguished Professor John C. Dernbach, director of the school's Environmental Law Center.

National Jurist is written for a law-school audience and is published six times a year by Cypress Magazines in San Diego, Calif. They publish preLaw four times a year for an audience largely made up of undergraduate students and those considering law school.




## Academic Support Workshops
## Week of September 13

The Academic Support Program continues its Fall Workshop Series with a Multiple Choice workshop this week. Come find out what to expect from law school multiple choice exams, how they are not like undergraduate multiple choice exams, and why lawyers like them so much! This workshop is offered three different times this week:

**Monday, September 13**

4:00 to 5:00 in L118

5:30 to 6:15 in L118

**Thursday, September 16**

12:00 to 1:00 in L119

# *MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011*

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

## September
15 WISE - Bake Sale Main St., 10:00 a.m. til all sold
18 Yom Kippur (no classes)
27 Dean Leadership Forum - 11:00 - Noon, Ruby R. Vale Moot Courtroom

## October
6 WISE & Health Law Institute - Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Atrium
12 In-Service Day (no classes)
27 DE Professionalism Day/Night (attendance required) (no classes)

## November
8 No Monday classes meet; Wednesday class schedule followed
24-28 Thanksgiving holiday (no classes)

## December
6 Last day of classes
7-8 Reading Period
9-22 Final Examinations

## January
3-8 Intensive Spring courses week
11 Classes begin
11-18 Add/Drop Period
17 Martin Luther King Day (no classes)
18 No Tuesday classes meet; Monday class schedule followed

## February
16 In-Service Day (no classes)

## March
7-12 Spring Break (no classes)

## April
7 Make-up Day; if not used, no classes meet
22 Good Friday holiday (no classes)
29 Last day of classes
30-May 1 Reading Period

## May
2-17 Final Examinations
18-25 Delaware I.T.A.P.
21 Commencement — Delaware
24-*June* 23 Trial Admissions Program
30 Memorial Day
31 Classes begin
31-June 2 Add/Drop

## June
21 No Tuesday classes meet; Monday class schedule followed
28 & 30 Trial Admissions Program Examinations

## July
4 Fourth of July Holiday; no classes
19 Last day of classes
20 Reading Period
21-28 Final Examinations

## DE LAW NEWS Submission information

The ***NEXT*** issue will be published on **September 20.** Submission deadline to ***Christy Farley*** (**delawnews@mail.widener.edu**), 4th Floor Law Building, is **NOON, Wednesday, September 15.**

LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER News

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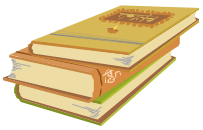

## Regular Library Hours

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| **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** |

## Library Tours and Database Orientation for First-Year Students Scheduled September 15-27

All first-year students will be given a brief tour of the Legal Information Center's three floors by a reference librarian during assigned periods in September. In addition, an introduction to the library's online databases will be provided. Students will be assigned one-hour time periods in which to report to either a classroom for online database orientation or to the Reference Desk for a tour. Halfway through the hour, students will switch to whichever part they did not do first. Because there will be two or three groups touring the library at the same time, cooperation in moving from floor to floor at a good pace would be appreciated. Students using the library for study during this orientation period should be aware of these upcoming interruptions to the usual quiet atmosphere in the library.

## September Religious Holidays

The Library will be open during its regular hours for the entire month of September, including the religious holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Eid al-Fitr, and Yom Kippur. No classes will be held on campus during Yom Kippur, Saturday, September 18.

## Meet the Library Staff: Mary Marzolla

Mary Marzolla, the Associate Director of the Legal Information Center, grew up near the seacoast in New Hampshire. After high school she moved around the country while working for a company that constructed power lines, and during those 15 years she took various college courses. She has lived in 13 states, but she chose to settle in Pennsylvania when she married her second husband, Frank Marzolla, in 1984. She finished her bachelor's degree at Villanova U. while working in the college library, then started working on her library science degree there also. Mary began her career at Widener in 1990 as a reference librarian, then earned her J.D. here as an evening student. With her colleague, Mary Alice Peeling, she has been teaching Widener's Advanced Legal Research course for the past ten years. She is known for her sense of humor and her sharp wit. Besides reading and sewing, Mary enjoys spending time in Las Vegas, Atlantic City, and Monterey, CA, where her sister lives. Mary and Frank also like to enjoy good food and wine with friends.

## Study Rooms in the Library

There are nine study rooms of various sizes on the third floor of the Library. They are meant for group study and are available on a first-come, first served basis. Individual students may use a room if it is not needed by a group of students. Room #8 may be reserved by a group for one to four hours up to a week in advance by signing up at the Circulation Desk.