WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

# Welcome Back Happy New Year!

Please see Dean Linda Ammons letter on page 2.

### **Weekly Events**

11 Classes begin11-18 Add/Drop Period

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### 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.

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School of Law

Associate Provost and Dean

January 11, 2011

#### **Dear Students:**

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful break and are looking forward to the opportunities awaiting you this semester. As I reflect on how far our law school has come in a relatively short period of time, I am excited about your future. The preparation you are receiving today will provide you with the tools you need to be successful and to make a positive contribution. I would like to share my thoughts on a tool that is critical to the success of any aspiring law-yer: professionalism.

As a lawyer, you trade on the strength of your reputation every day. A stellar reputation can open career doors, build a client base, or persuade the opposition. Conversely, a bad reputation can stunt your career growth, cause financial ruin and create insurmountable challenges in attracting and maintaining clients. It is important to recognize that, as a law student, you are building the foundation of your reputation now. While your current activities may not appear to have lasting implications, they do. You can and should take control of the image you are projecting and exercise extreme care in all of your interactions.

The legal profession is particularly conservative and requires adherence to a strict code of professionalism. By now, you already may be aware of aspects of this code such as honoring your agreements and meeting deadlines. Other aspects may be less obvious. For example, you should be prepared to address all judges, lawyers and legal professionals with whom you come in contact either in person or by e-mail with respect, civility and humility because your reputation and opportunities can be diminished by the smallest of slights. Often these individuals have a tremendous bank of knowledge but can be easily convinced not to share it with you in the face of rude behavior or an ambivalent attitude. Moreover, I urge you to exercise particular care when sending e-mails. Although they may be one of the most efficient forms of communication, they are completely ineffective when the tone is disrespectful, sarcastic or condescending or the format is too casual given the audience.

On a related subject, during Professionalism Day you were advised of the potential benefits and pitfalls of social networking sites. Some legal employers regularly check these sites looking for any information they can find about a prospective candidate. Specifically, they are interested in finding those red flags or items that suggest that your values or lifestyle would be at odds with that of the organization. Although you may think that your pages are private, they are not. Legal employers are finding ways around privacy restrictions. I mention this not to infringe on your First Amendment rights but to ensure that you are using these social networking sites to your greatest advantage. For example, sites such as LinkedIn can be a powerful networking tool if used properly.

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In some ways, the preceding points exist on the most basic level of professional competence. For the modern-day lawyer, however, this code of professionalism goes further and is more subtle. Today's legal employers require that lawyers possess not only intelligence but also present themselves professionally at all times, and exhibit skills such as problem solving, emotional intelligence and leadership. These skills are essential in building and retaining a client base. Widener Law is committed to helping you build all of these important skills.

#### Some final thoughts:

To the first year students, I know the wait for grades can create anxiety as you return for second semester. As you begin your second semester, take the opportunity to re-evaluate your study habits to ensure you are maximizing your chances for success in law school. Studies show that the best indicator for success on the bar exam is success in law school. When grades come out, if your grades exceed your expectations, be sure to continue your hard work. If your grades are not where you would like them to be, make changes to your study habits early and you will have plenty of time to see results from your efforts.

To those who will graduate in May, congratulations! Although you are preparing to enter the legal profession during a challenging moment in our national history, you can be confident that your law degree is able to withstand the winds of any potential change. Refuse to be paralyzed by what you see or hear in the media. Instead, commit to redoubling your efforts, shoring up your personal and professional networks, and seeking out advice and opportunities through the Career Development Office, trusted faculty and mentors. The entire Widener community is dedicated to helping you successfully transition from student to lawyer. It is important to budget adequate time to study for the bar. Start now by reviewing your course materials. Make sure you are aware of the subjects covered on your bar exam of choice and take advantage of our early bar preparation programs. On a related subject, you also should carve out time to complete the bar exam application. You will be required to complete detailed questionnaires concerning your past criminal and driving history, places of residence, and reference forms from your past employers. It is imperative that you take this fact-finding seriously because lack of disclosure on a bar exam application can form the basis for denial of admission. Similarly, missing bar exam application deadlines carries significant penalties including paying increased fees or possibly waiting until the next bar administration.

I encourage all of you to seize this moment. Study well because the legal issues you are discussing are critical and the world needs critical thinkers. Be diligent in your search for part-time, pro bono summer or permanent positions and your persistence will yield results. I will continue to spread the good news about Widener Law and the wealth of talent that exists here. I wish you the best!

Sincerely,

Linda L. Ammons, J.D.

**Associate Provost and Dean** 

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Office	Phone	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours</u>	
Admissions	2210	Law 2nd Flr.	Mon - Fri	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Aramark	2242	Barristers' Club	Mon - Wed	
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			Thur Fri	8:30 a.m 7:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m 2:00 p.m.
BAR Programs	2087	Law 250	Mon - Thur - Fri	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
BAK Flogranis	2001	11aw 200	Tue - Wed	9:00 a.m 6:30 p.m.
Bookstore	478-0606	Bookstore	Mon. & Tue.	9:00 a.m 6:30 p.m.
			Wed. & Thur. Fri.	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.
Bursar	2181	Law 110	Mon & Thur	9:00 a.m 6:30 p.m.
			Tue - Wed - Fri	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Campus Safety	2200	Concord Hall	Open 24 hours	
Campus Services/Housing Office	2077/2029	Passmore House	Mon - Fri	8:30 a.m 4:30 p.m.
Career Development Office	2163	Law 1 <sup>st</sup> Flr.	Mon -Thur	9:00 a.m 7:00 p.m.
IT Services - Lab	2221	Law 1 <sup>st</sup> Flr.	Friday 9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. ITS Open Lab Hours	
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			Fri Sat	8:00 a.m 11:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m 10:00 p.m.
			Sun	10:00 a.m Midnight
IT Services - Office	2196	Law 1 <sup>st</sup> Flr.	Mon - Fri	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Copy Center	2165	Law 117	Mon - Thur	9:00 a.m 7:00 p.m.
			Fri	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Dean & Vice Dean	2206	Law 435	Mon - Fri	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Development and Alumni	2172	Geesey House	Mon - Fri	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Financial Aid	2272	Law 100	Mon-Tue-Wed-Fr Thur	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m 6:30 p.m.
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Housekeeping	2212		WOII - FII	7:00 a.m 8:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m7:00 a.m.
Legal Information Center	2244	Law 2 <sup>nd</sup> Flr.	See L. I. C. section	of De Law News
Mailroom	2217	Law 116	Mon - Fri	8:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.
Maintenance	2219		Mon - Fri	7:00 a.m 3:30 p.m.
Office of Student Affairs	2142	Law 250	Mon & Thur	9:00 a.m 6:30 p.m.
			Tue - Wed - Fri	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Registrar's Office	2170	Law 114	Mon - Tue - Fri	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
	N	T.00	Wed & Thur	9:00 a.m 6:30 p.m.
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS	Mon - Fri 9:00 a.r	n 5:00 p.m.		
Student Bar Association Secretary - Debra Berry	2142	Law 250		
Delaware Journal of Corporate Law				
Secretary - Debbe Patrick	2145	Pol. 502		
The Widener Law Review	2014	Pol. 507		
Secretary - Debbe Patrick  Moo Loving Trial Edvergagy Society	2014	FOI. 501		
Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Society Secretary - Diane Donaldson	2144	Polishook		
Moot Court Honor Society				
Secretary - Diane Donaldson	2144	Polishook		

# Help Wanted & Interpretation of the second second

### Delaware Volunteer Legal Services, Inc.

#### Needed

#### Law Clerks to work

Work Study preferred but not mandatory
Great Experience!
Sharpen your client interviewing skills
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

### 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

### **Alumni and Development Office**

Seeks a work study eligible student worker for approximately 10 hours per week (\$8 per hour). Duties include research and general clerical tasks such as filing, copying, and assistance with office mailings. Please contact Suzanne Watts at 302-477-2172 or via email slwatts@widener.edu.

#### HELP WANTED

#### **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 audiovisual 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.

### **Veterans Law Clinic**

Two research assistants needed to assist Professor Holbrook with ongoing projects. One research project involves veterans law and criminal responsibility. The second project involves international comparative law and legal pluralism. Please contact Professor Holbrook directly for more information. 477-2044 / jgholbrook@widener.edu

### 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 Rono Distinction

### **ARAMARK**

Barristers' Club and Crown Court will resume normal hours Tuesday, Jan 11th

### Barristers' Club

Mon - Wed

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### **Crown Court**

Mon - Wed

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

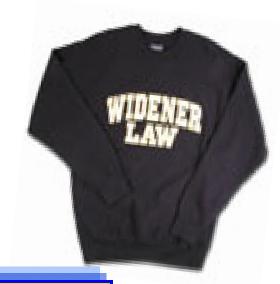
Thur 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Fri 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

CAMPUS SAFETY

477 - 2200

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### **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







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### Summer Student Fellowship Opportunity in Child Welfare Law

### The University of Michigan Law School



Offering a summer child welfare law fellowship that may be of interest to some of your students. The Bergstrom Foundation are sponsoring a Child Welfare Law Summer Fellowship Program where students are brought to Ann Arbor for three day of training (May 23-25, 2011) and then placed for ten weeks in child welfare law offices throughout the nation. *Applications are due February 14, 2011*.

The primary goal of the summer fellowship program is to improve legal education, practice and policy in the area of child welfare law. The three days of interdisciplinary training provide insight into the field and prepare students for their experiences.

The application form and further information, including photos and bio of past fellows, are also available on our web site: <a href="http://www.law.umich.edu/bergstrom">http://www.law.umich.edu/bergstrom</a>. Students interested in applying for summer fellowships should send a personal letter, two references, resume and application by *February 14, 2011*.

### For more information, please comtact:

Alicia Lixey, Training Coordinator (734) 763-6750 or lixey@umich.edu
Or visit our website at:

http://www.law.umich.edu/bergstrom

## Student Organizations

### STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION EMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS FACILITY AND STAFF

For upcoming events please remember to also check the SBA TWEN Page, the SBA WEBSITE (http://blogs.law.widener.edu/sbadelaware/ and the SBA Facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=112912748769167#!/Widener.Law.De.SBA)

### **BUSINESS CARDS ARE BACK!!**

The SBA is offering business cards for a small fee to all students. Please fill out the attached form and e-mail to Ted Henry, SBA Recording Secretary.

:Your cards will be printed on business card stock. They will display the Widener shield and "Widener University School of Law" along with the following information

Your name with up to two (2) titles ("J.D." and/or other candidate)

Anticipated year of graduation

Up to two (2) phone numbers

Mailing address

E-mail address

Be sure to fill out the form with your information **THE WAY YOU WANT IT** to appear on your cards.

Payment may be made in cash, check (payable to Widener University School of Law) or credit card (Visa or MC only). Forms are posted to TWEN, are available through the CDO, ITS Lab, or by emailing Ted Henry at. Forms and payment may be dropped off to Ted personally by arranging an appointment with him via e-mail, or put in his campus mailbox #174.

The fee schedule can be found on TWEN.

10 cards = \$1.00 30 cards = \$3.00 50 cards = \$4.00 150 cards = \$14.00 50 cards = \$14.00 100 cards = \$7.00

### STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

### **BUSINESS CARD ORDER FORM**

Name:		Grad. Year: _	
Phone:	Phone:		
E-Mail:			
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### MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY

### 21ST ANNUAL DELAWARE/HARRISBURG MOOT COURT INTRASCHOLASTIC COMPETITION

### **Competition Sign Up**

Tuesday, January 18 - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 19 - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 20 - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Law Building - Atrium

### **Competition Packet**

Friday, January 21 - 3:00 p.m.

Available on the Moot Court web page

### **Brief Due**

Monday, January 31 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Moot Court Office - Polishook

### **Preliminary Rounds**

Tuesday, February 1 - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 2 - 6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 3 - 6:00 p.m.

### **Quarter-Finals**

Monday, February 7-6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 9 - 6:00 p.m.

### Semi-Finals

Monday, February 14, 6:00 p.m. - DE Campus

### **Delaware Final**

Thursday, February 17, 6:00 p.m. - DE Campus

### **Delaware/Harrisburg Final**

Wednesday, February 23, 6:00 p.m. - DE Campus

This annual competition runs concurrently on both campuses with the Final Round pairing the finalists from the Delaware campus against the finalists from the Harrisburg campus. The competition focuses on oral and written advocacy skills at the appellate level. All 2RD, 2ED, 3RD, 3ED & 4ED students are eligible to compete. PLEASE NOTE: There is no GPA requirement to compete. Finalists in the competition are eligible for membership in the Moot Court Honor Society and must have a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or greater at the time membership is offered. All competitors are required to compete in teams of two individuals and a written brief is required. Everyone will compete in one of the three preliminary rounds on Tuesday, February 1, Wednesday, February 2 or Thursday, February 3, 2011. Only those participants that advance will compete in the subsequent round.

#### \*\*SIGN UP OBLIGATES YOU TO COMPETE\*\*

If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Chase, Delaware/Harrisburg Chairperson at (917) 224-2394 or jwchase@mail.widener.edu.

### STUDY ABROAD - 2011

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



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

### FOR INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

law.widener.edu/summer

Or contact Arlene Trapuzzano at artrapuzzano@widener.edu

### STEP UP AND TAKE THE CHALLENGE

Widener Law is enrolled in the "ABA-EPA Climate Challenge," which requires the school to recycle most of our mixed office paper. Mixed office paper is defined as all



types of white paper, colored paper, file folders, and envelopes. Please do your part to ensure the school continues to meet the Climate Challenge by placing all of your mixed office paper in the recycling containers and not the trash basket.

Widener Law's recycling program is "single stream," meaning you can commingle other commodities in any of the recycling containers along with the paper (e.g. plastic bottles, metal cans, and newspapers). Just be sure the bottle or can is empty before depositing in the recycling container.

### Help us continue to meet the ABA-EPA Climate Challenge



### Resolve to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The New Year is traditionally a time when change is praised and encouraged. Now is a great time to start the New Year off with a plan. Maybe you want to break that plastic bag habit, get that commute to be a group affair, or increase your recycling efforts. Begin planning your changes for 2011 today.

Ready, set, go green!



#### WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ DELAWARE CAMPUS

### MASTER CALENDAR \* ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011

### **January**

11 Classes begin11-18 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 classes30-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 Day31 Classes begin31-June 2 Add/Drop

#### **Tune**

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 classes20 Reading Period21-28 Final Examinations

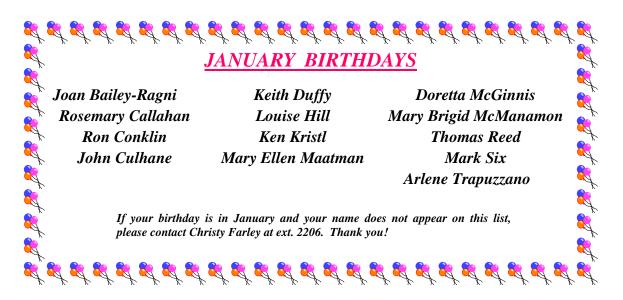
See De Law News on our website law.widener.edu

### DE LAW NEWS Submission information

The *Next* issue will be published on **January 17** Submission deadline to

**Christy Farley** 

(delawnews@mail.widener.edu),
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Law Building, is **NOON**,
Wednesday, January 12.



### LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER

News





### **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

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 16 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. January 17 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

### Former Library Director Donates Books about U.S. Supreme Court

Eileen B. Cooper, director of the Legal Information Center from 1987 until 2005, has donated a collection of books recently published about the U.S. Supreme Court to

the library. Eight titles, ranging from biographical books to books on specific topics such as women's rights, have been ordered. Some



of the books are already on the library's New Book Shelf. Several of the titles will also be located on the Harrisburg campus. One of the titles is a unique three-volume set, *United States Supreme Court: Original Jurisdiction Cases and Materials*, which will not only be on our shelves in a print edition, but will be accessible as an online version. Each of the books donated by Eileen has a book plate inside which recognizes her generous donation to our library.

### Meet the Library Staff: Sara Repinski

Sara Repinski, Technical Services Team



Leader, began working in the Legal Information Center on October 1, 2010. She grew up in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and attended college on two campuses of the state

university system: Stout (in Menomonie) and LaCrosse. She majored in history and art, with an emphasis in public history, which deals with presenting history to the public in museums, archives, TV, websites, etc. She earned her master's degree in library science at the University of South Carolina, and then worked as the director of the library at Southern Methodiist College in Orangeburg, SC, for several years. From 2006 to 2010 she worked in the technical services area of the Coleman Karesh Law Library of the University of South Carolina School of Law. She was Director of Technical Services there when she left to join Widener's staff, where her work involves making sure that bills are paid for the constant flow of new materials for the library, both in print and online. Sara is still a loyal Gamecocks football fan as well as an avid Green Bay Packers fan. She also enjoys watching basketball and hockey. Other interests include cooking and watching competitive cooking shows. She is the proud owner of a home in Cochranville, PA, where she and her two dogs and two cats are still unpacking boxes and settling in.





