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WOLCOTT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Informational Meeting

Interested 2RD, 2ED, 3ED students are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, February 19, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Room L 123

More information see pages 2 & 3 of this issue

Crown Court

HOURS
Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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

See our menu on page 11

February 13, 2013

TO: Second Year Regular Division Students

Second and Third Year Extended Division Students

FROM: Dean Linda L. Ammons

RE: Josiah Oliver Wolcott Fellowship Program

I am pleased to announce that the Wolcott Fellowship Program will continue for next year under the auspices of the School of Law and the Delaware Supreme Court. By way of an application and interview process, a total of five students will be chosen to clerk for the Justices of the Supreme Court of Delaware. Those selected are named Wolcott Fellows. This is an exceptional opportunity, unique to this Law School, and to the best of my knowledge, to any law school in the United States.

The superior students chosen will serve as judicial clerks for approximately twenty hours per week during the course of the academic year. Each Wolcott Fellow will receive academic credit and a scholarship grant. The clerkship commences shortly after Labor Day 2013 and ends with the completion of classes in April 2014.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. Please submit applications to me through Constance Sweeney in the Dean's Office.

I strongly urge those who qualify to apply. The program affords those selected a unique and very worthwhile experience.

Current Wolcott Fellows will be available to answer your questions about the program on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, between 5:00 and 6:00 pm, in Room 123, Main Law Building. If you plan to attend this informative meeting, please e-mail Mrs. Triolo at lrtriolo@widener.edu. (RSVP is not necessary, but helpful for refreshments order.)

(see over)

JOSIAH OLIVER WOLCOTT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Criteria for Selection

Wolcott Fellows will be selected from among those applicants who will be in their third year of the Regular Division program or third or fourth year of the Extended Division program during the 2013-14 academic year. Applicants should rank in the top fifteen percent of their class or otherwise demonstrate strong academic credentials. Law Review experience is not a prerequisite but applicants should possess substantial experience in research and writing.

Application Procedure

Applications should be directed to Constance Sweeney in the Office of the Dean not later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. Applications should include three (one original and two copies) of each of the following: (1) a cover letter, (2) a recent Law School transcript, (3) a resume, (4) a writing sample, and (5) a letter of reference from **one full-time** faculty member. A letter of reference from an employer will also be welcomed. Personal interviews will be scheduled in early April after an initial screening.

Please address your cover letter as follows:

The Honorable Henry duPont Ridgely
Dean Linda L. Ammons
Wolcott Fellowship Selection Committee
Widener University School of Law
Delaware Campus

Dear Justice Ridgely and Dean Ammons:

Duties of Wolcott Fellows

Wolcott Fellows will be assigned those duties routinely performed by law clerks as determined by the Delaware Supreme Court Justice to whom they are assigned. During the period of the clerkship, legal work may not be performed for anyone other than the member of the Supreme Court, and no other work for compensation may be undertaken without the consent of the Court. All work done and information received are confidential and must be so treated at all times.

The work schedule will be based on an average of twenty hours per week, with due regard to academic, holiday and examination schedules. The precise schedule will be set by the Court after conferring with the Fellow.

Scholarship Grant

Each Wolcott Fellow will receive academic credit (three credits per semester) and a tuition remission scholarship grant (approximately $4,000 per semester). If a Wolcott Fellow is already receiving a full-tuition merit scholarship for the 2013-14 academic year, s/he will receive a cash grant of $2,500 per semester instead of the Wolcott tuition remission. The credit and scholarship aspects of the program may be different for students enrolled in the J.D./Psy.D. joint degree program.

Selection Committee

The selection committee is comprised of Delaware Supreme Court Justice Henry duPont Ridgely and Dean Linda L. Ammons.

Interviews

Finalists will be contacted by phone by the Dean's Office to schedule their interview with Justice Ridgely and Dean Ammons. The interviews will be held the afternoon of Monday, April 1, 2013, in the Deans' Conference Room, on the 4th floor of the Main Law Building. The Wolcott Fellows will be selected from this group.

2013 Martin Luther King Jr. Semester of Service

The Public Interest Resource Center (PIRC), the Law and Inequality Project (LAIP), and the Faculty Diversity Committee invite the Law School Community to participate in the Seventh Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Semester of Service.

12 weeks/12 hours

Participants are asked to perform at least twelve (12) hours of community service in designated "Semester of Service" projects before the end of the semester. Successful participants will be designated "MLK Service Fellows" and will be recognized at the Student Awards Ceremony and at Graduation. Students will also earn credit towards pro bono distinction.

To become an MLK Service Fellow, perform at least 12 hours of service through the following projects.

2013 Service Projects

Medical-Legal Project: Through partnership with Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., participants will conduct "legal needs" surveys of patients at Federally Qualified Health Centers in New Castle County, Delaware. Participants will visit the centers–likely in teams of two or three–and assist patients in completing surveys designed to measure the scope and character of unmet legal needs, needs that may have direct relationship to patient health. Training at the School of Law (or via on-line video).

Training: March 21 at 11:30 a.m. (or via on-line video).

Field Work: Weeks of March 25, April 1, April 8, April 15.

Pro Bono/Semester of Service Credits: 2 hours training; 4 hours field work (per survey session).

Mock Trial Project: Through partnership with the Delaware Law Related Education Center, participants will judge a Mock Trial as part of the Delaware State High School Mock Trial Competition. Trials–and training for the judges–will take place at the New Castle County Courthouse in Wilmington on Friday, February 22 and Saturday, February 23.

Training: February 22 or February 23 (on-site).

Field Work: February 22 or February 23.

Pro Bono/Semester of Service Credits: 2 hours training; 4 hours field work (per trial).

Teaching Project: Through partnership with the Delaware Law Related Education Center, participants will teach part of a curriculum on "Desegregation in Delaware" in Delaware high school classes. Participants will visit the classrooms–likely in teams of two–to present a pre-prepared ninety minute lesson on *Parker v. University of Delaware*, the 1950 case ordering the desegregation of the University of Delaware. Training at the School of Law (or via on-line video).

Training: March 14 at 12:00 noon (or via on-line video).

Field Work: Weeks of March 18, March 25, April 8.

Pro Bono/Semester of Service Credits: 2 hours training; 4 hours field work (per class).

For More Information, and More Projects, Please Visit the Semester of Service TWEN Site.

Widener School of Law

PILA SILENT AUCTION

MARCH 19, 2013

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of WUSL

General Meeting

Tuesday, February 26th

In L123 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

The ***ACLU*** has led the fight to protect our most precious rights and freedoms. The defense of civil liberties knows no political party bounds, which is why the ***ACLU*** remains nonpartisan. Rich or poor; straight or gay; black, white, or brown; urban or rural; pious or atheist; American-born or foreign-born; able-bodied or living with a disability; *every person in this country has the same basic rights*. Those rights must be respected and upheld. Please join us to discuss upcoming symposium, community events and elections to next year's board.

2013 Hugh B. Pearce Competition

2013 Competition Information

Preliminary Trials
Monday, February 18
Tuesday, February 19
Wednesday, February 20
Friday, February 22

Round of 16
Tuesday, February 26
Wednesday, February 27

Quarter Final Trials
Monday, March 11

Semi Final Trials
Wednesday, March 13

Delaware Final Trial
Monday, March 18
6:00 p.m.
Ruby R. Vale Moot Courtroom

Delaware/Harrisburg Final Trial - Delaware Campus
Tuesday, April 2
6:00 p.m.
Ruby R. Vale Moot Courtroom

Competition History

The Competition is named in honor of Hugh Bryan Pearce born September 8, 1954. Mr. Pearce entered Widener University School of Law in August 1987 and was a member of the graduating class of 1990. Hugh pursued his legal studies in the day division carrying a full complement of credits each semester while maintaining his position as a helicopter pilot with the Delaware National Guard. On June 17, 1989, while on maneuvers with the National Guard, Chief Warrant Officer Two Pearce tragically met his death in a helicopter crash. In preserving Hugh's memory, the School of Law has established the Hugh B. Pearce Memorial Fund that supports an annual trial advocacy competition. The focus of the competition is to enable students to develop intelligent and creative advocacy skills while remaining courteous and respectful to their colleagues and opponents. The competition operates concurrently on both campuses with the Final Round pairing the finalists from the Delaware campus against the finalists from the Harrisburg campus. **Contact Information:** Jennifer Larson, Competition Chairperson
Email: jnlarson@mail.widener.edu.

Do you know what "Buying Recycled" means?

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 when their products and packaging contain recycled materials.

Source: Earth 911.org

A Little "GREEN"

REDUCE

Remember: It's not what you buy that makes you greener but what you **don't.**

Widener University School of Law
2013 Summer International Law Institutes

Earn Law Credits Overseas This Summer

Summer is the perfect time to earn credits while experiencing international cultures and learning different perspectives of faculty and students from foreign countries.

Lausanne International Law Institute

June 1 - June 29, 2013

Session I (June 1–June 14)

- Comparative & International Health Law
- International Litigation & Arbitration
- Topics in Global Health Law I: Infectious Diseases

Session II (June 15—June 29)

- Trading In and With Europe
- International Investment Law
- Topics in Global Health Law II: The Burden of Chronic Disease

Venice International Law Institute

June 17 - July 12, 2013

Session I (June 17–June 29)

- Comparative Procedure, Evidence, & Trial Practice: The World's Judicial Systems
- Comparative Corporate Law
- Comparative Procedure, Evidence, & Trial Practice: The Legal Profession & Court System
- European Union Law: Origins, History, Institutions, & Powers

Session II (July 1–July 12)

- Comparative Procedure, Evidence, & Trial Practice: The Trial & Appellate Processes
- European Union Law: The Fundamental Rights & Four Freedoms
- European Union Law: The Role of the Judiciary & the European Court

Nairobi International Law Institute

June 24 - July 24, 2013

Session I (June 24—July 10)

- Comparative Constitutional Law I
- International Environmental Law & Trade

Session II (July 8-July 23, 2013)

- Comparative Constitutional Law II
- Comparative Family Law

Delaware Volunteer Legal Services, Inc.

Law Clerks Needed

Must be work study eligible.

Contact Jacquelyn Chacona at 302-478-8680 X 212

INVITATION TO CLASS

PROFESSOR ANDREW NEWMAN WHO TEACHES THE SEMINAR COURSE: *DEATH & DYING IN THE 21ST CENTURY: LEGAL, MEDICAL AND ETHICAL DILEMMAS*, INVITES FACULTY AND STAFF TO COME TO HIS CLASS TO LISTEN TO HIS INVITED GUEST LECTURE ON ADVANCE DIRECTIVES & SURROGATES.

WHO: PROFESSOR BARRY FURROW, DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH LAW INSTITUTE, EARLE MACK SCHOOL OF LAW

WHEN: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013

TIME: 6:20 PM

WHERE: POLISHOOK 102

TOPIC: ADVANCE DIRECTIVES & SURROGATES

PROFESSOR LARRY BARNETT

Whose book *The Place of Law: The Role and Limits of Law in Society* was published in 2011, has been notified that his book is now **available in eBook format through major eBook vendors - e.g., Google Play, Amazon, ebrary, and Barnes & Noble - and can be read on a range of eBook readers, including the Kindle, Nook, Kobo, and Sony eReader.**

Crown Court

Week of Feb. 18th

Monday, Feb. 18th

Soup
Clam Chowder
Chicken and Rice

Deli
Italian Panini

Salad * all week
Chicken Caesar

Pizza
3 Cheese

Hot Special
Turkey Burger

Tuesday, Feb. 19th

Soup
Italian Wedding
Potato w/Roasted Garlic

Deli
Apple Cranberry Chicken Salad Wrap

Pizza
Meat Lover

Hot Special
Beef Cheese Steaks

Wednesday, Feb. 20th

Soup
Beef and Beer
Cream of Broccoli

Deli
Cubano Turkey and Ham w/Chipotle Ranch Swiss and Pickles on Ciabatta

Pizza
Buffalo Chicken

Hot Special
Pulled Pork w/Coleslaw

Thursday, Feb. 21st

Friday, Feb. 22nd

Soup
Chef's Choice
Shrimp and Spinach

Deli
Tuna Melt

Delaware Campus

Two great campuses. Countless paths to success.

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law.widener.edu

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Submission information

The ***NEXT*** issue of *The Digest* will be published on **February 25.** All information should be submitted to ***Christy Farley*** (**delawnews@mail.widener.edu**), by **NOON, Wednesday, February 20,** in order for the news to be published.

*MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013*

February

19	Wolcott Info Meeting - 5:00 p.m. Room L 123
21	Faculty Workshop (no classes)
21	Campus Services - Apartment sign-up day begins at 9:00 a.m.

March

4-8	Spring Break (no classes)
19	PILA Silent Auction
29	Good Friday (no classes)

April

3	No Wednesday classes meet, Tuesday schedule followed
29	Last day of classes
30-May 2	Reading Period

May

3-16	Final Examinations - Begin
18	Commencement - Delaware
19	Commencement - Harrisburg
16-23	DE I.T.A.P. (tentative)
17-24	HBG I.T.A.P. (tentative)
27	Memorial Day
28	Classes begin
28-29	Add/Drop

July

16	Last day of classes
16	No Tuesday classes meet; Thursday schedule followed
17	Reading Period
18-25	Final Examinations

Legal Information Center

Monday -Thursday 8 am - midnight
Reference Desk Hours: 8 am - 9 pm
Friday 8 am - 11 pm
Reference Desk Hours: 8 am - 5 pm
Saturday 8 am - 10 pm
Reference Desk Hours: 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday 10 am - Midnight
Reference Desk Hours: 1pm - 6 pm

February 18, 2013 **http://law.widener.edu/lawlibrary.aspx**

Your Success is Our Success

"Truth never damages a cause that is just." — Mahatma Gandhi

(http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/justice)

Delaware Supreme Court to Hear Oral Arguments at Widener Law DE

In the Ruby Vale Courtroom
Wednesday, February 27, 2013

10:00 a.m.
282, 2012 *R. Blake v. State* (counsel: Nicole M. Walker - Gregory E. Smith)

11:00 a.m.
392, 2012 *New Cingular v. Sussex County Bd. Adjustment* (counsel: Richard A. Forsten - Robert V. Witsil, Jr.)

12:00 Noon
513, 2012 *Viacom v. Winshall* (counsel: Stephen P. Lamb - Scott W. Perkins)

Here is the link:
law.widener.edu/2013oralarguments

Oral Argument

"The Court hears oral argument in about 30% of its cases. The rest are decided in conference on the briefs and the record. Oral argument is a presentation by the lawyers and questions from the court on the facts and the law involved in a case being appealed.

Oral argument, a tradition that dates back to the early days of the English court system, is also used in the Supreme Court of the United States and state appellate courts throughout the country.

Before a case is argued, the justices will have read the briefs and appendices filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court. These documents set forth the parties' respective positions and assist the justices in deciding the case.

Oral argument is the only opportunity the justices have to question, in person, the attorneys representing litigants about issues raised in their briefs.

The appellant usually presents its argument first with an opportunity to reserve part of the allotted time for rebuttal. Each side has 20 minutes to argue its case before a three-justice panel of the Court and 25 minutes before the en Banc (five member) Court.

The justices usually sit in panels of three Justices to decide most cases, but they may also sit en Banc if a panel is unable to reach a unanimous decision, if a death sentence is being reviewed, or in certain other instances. On occasion, a justice may enter a disqualification in a case because of a prior connection to the case, a conflict of interest or other customary reasons for recusal. When this happens, a judge from the Court of Chancery, the Superior Court, or a retired Justice can be appointed to sit with the Court." (http://courts.delaware.gov/Help/Proceedings/supreme.stm)

Things to know...

You should go hear the oral arguments. We are lucky that we get this opportunity. Please be aware…

- There will be metal detectors
- There will be Capital police
- You must stay the entire time an argument is being heard. You can leave in between arguments but not during.
- Be courteous, silence your cell phone, do not talk.