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THE DIGEST

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ATTENTION 2L, 3L AND 4L STUDENTS

FREE! FREE! FREE!

What: Live MPRE Review Lecture provided by BARBRI for the November 6, 2010, MPRE Exam
When: Tuesday, October 12, 2010, from 5:00 –9:00 p.m.
Where: Widener Harrisburg, Room 204

BARBRI is excited to offer all students a free, live MPRE review lecture this semester. In order to attend the lecture, you must complete an MPRE review registration form so that we can ensure that we have enough review books and lecture handouts for all students taking the BARBRI MPRE review. These forms are available at the BARBRI table. The BARBRI table is located in the Pit and we have table hours every Tuesday. You can also register online at barbri.com.

Signing up for the BARBRI lecture does not constitute signing up for the MPRE exam. In order to register for the actual exam, you must complete an application with National Bar Examiners. If you register by September 28, 2010, the fee is $63.00. The late application receipt deadline date is October 14, 2010, and the fee for late registration is $126.00 You can register online at ncbex.org. Come by and visit us at the BARBRI table and we will be happy to sign you up for the FREE lecture!

Harrisburg BARBRI reps: Jonathan McVey, Jessica Goldberg, Jessica Lathrop, Dougie Chon, Jen Smith, Steven Werner and Stacy Miller.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

12	*In-Service Day (no classes)*
12	*ELPS Picnic & Hike*
12	*Free MPRE Review Lecture*
13	*Pizza in the Pit/Team Squash*
14	*Women's Law Caucus Bake Sale*
16	*"Relay for Life"*
18	*ELPS Career Day*
19	*Pizza & Policy in the Pit*
22	*SBA Halloween Party*
27	*Professionalism Day/Night (attendance required) (no classes)*

November

8	*No Monday Classes meet; Wednesday class schedule followed*
8	*2010 MSAPA Symposium*

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Brian Fearnbaugh

Betty Ann Mortenson

Kelly Arnold

Eric Kniskern

WIDENER LAW PROUD TO BE TOBACCO FREE JULY 1, 2010

RELAY FOR LIFE

American Cancer Society

OCTOBER 16, 2010

HARRISBURG LAW NEWS

Submission information:

The ***NEXT*** issue of ***The Digest*** will be published on **October 18, 2010.**

All information should be submitted to *Dorothy Koncar,* (**dakoncar@widener.edu**), Administration Building by **NOON, Wednesday, October 13** in order for the news to be published.

WIDENER SCHOOL OF LAW RECYCLING PROGRAM IS SINGLE-STREAM

Recyclables can be co-mingled in the containers on campus.

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

But it is not all about recycling. One of the easiest ways to be good to the environment is to **REDUCE** or cut back in key areas of your life. Three of the most important resources you can **reduce** are: energy, water and solid waste.

REGISTRAR'S INFORMATION LINE

717-541-1941

STUDENT INFORMATION LINE

717-541-1939

"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."

~ Mark Twain

Team Squash *presents* Pizza in the Pit

for Relay for Life

Team Squash thanks ARAMARK for donating pizza

Wednesday, Oct 13

11:45*a.m.* – 12:45*p.m.*

$5.00 Donation

2 slices of pizza

Cookies

Beverages

Cancer

Women's Law Caucus

BAKE SALE!

Fundraising for Relay for Life

Thursday, Oct. 14th

9 AM – 6 PM

In the Pit

The WLC will be selling cupcakes, muffins, cookies, brownies & other sweet treats!

(Photos are courtesy of GeorgetownCupcake.com)

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OCTOBER W.O.W.I.E.

October's "Winner of Widener Indispensible Essentials" (WOWIE) is Justine Pate.

"Make friends!" That is student Justine Pate's advice to 1L students. Justine stresses there are a lot of great students at Widener and that a strong network of friends is essential during law school. The 3RD stated, "law school is a unique experience that most non-law students don't understand and it is important to have friends at school that get it."

Prior to attending law school, Justine Pate attended SUNY-Albany where she was a double major earning degrees in Political Science with a focus on International Relations and English. At her undergraduate institution she was an active member of the University's Amnesty International Chapter. The bar pass rates and school's location helped Justine make the decision to attend Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg.

Justine is currently an active member of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund. As Secretary of the student organization, she is responsible for recruiting new members to ensure a long legacy for the group and she helps coordinate their events on campus.

After graduation this May, Justine would like to practice in the field of labor law. This career choice will fit well with her previous experience of working as a Union organizer in New York and as a legal intern at the state workers union, AFSCME. Justine is currently a law clerk at the Office of the Consumer Advocate.

What is Justine's hidden talent? Her response was, "I'm actually pretty OK at playing the saxophone."

The WOWIE award is given to a current student who is selected at random on a monthly basis. Each winning future alumnus/a will receive a gift from the Office of Alumni Relations and Development.

EXAMSOFT

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

FINAL EXAMS– NOVEMBER 19th

ALL USERS MUST:

1) **Register with the Registrar's Office by:**

- **Signing the ExamSoft book in the Registrar's Office**

  OR

- **Filling out the online form listing your courses**

2) **Pay the Business Office $60.00 which covers Fall, Spring and Summer semesters.**

New Users are invited to an ExamSoft Demonstration on October 5th at 11:30 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. in Room L205.

REGISTRAR'S CHECK LIST

YEARLY

- ExamSoft –In the Fall register with ExamSoft, download program and pay Business Office.

EVERY SEMESTER

- ExamSoft - Register courses with Registrar's Office before deadline date.
- RD Students - Hand in Employment Form
- ADD/Drop week—First week of classes

WEEKLY

- Read DIGEST (Available Mondays on line)
- Check Electronic Bulletin Board
- Inform Registrar of any address changes
- Check Student Mailbox

DAILY

- Check E-Mail!

WILLS FOR HEROES

The Wills for Heroes Program seeks Lawyer Volunteers to participate in an event at Widener Harrisburg School of Law to provide local First Responders with Free Estate Planning Documents.

Widener Harrisburg School of Law and the Trial Advocacy Honor Society are sponsoring a Wills for Heroes event to provide free Wills, Living Wills, Health Care and Financial Powers of Attorney to our first responders.

WHERE: Widener University School of Law, 3800 Vartan Way, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

WHEN: Saturday, November 20, 2010 from 9 AM – 5 PM.

WHAT: "Wills for Heroes" is a free service that provides wills, living wills, health care and financial powers of attorneys to first responders and their spouses, partners and significant others. At the conclusion of the one-hour appointments with Lawyer Volunteers, first responders leave with a fully executed set of estate documents.

WHY: First responders selflessly devote their lives to serving our communities. Despite the inherently dangerous nature of their jobs, an overwhelmingly large number of first responders – approximately 80 – 90% – do not have wills. (This figure is based on experiential data from state and national first responder organizations.)

We need 10 to 20 lawyers, at least 4 notaries and 8 witnesses (who do not have to be lawyers) for the event. Lawyer Volunteers do not need to practice trust and estate law. We will conduct a one-hour refresher course the morning of the event to familiarize Lawyer Volunteers with what they need to know. In addition, we will conduct training on the computer-based program used to generate the estate documents. Lawyers who are well versed in estate planning will be available throughout the event to answer any questions that may arise.

The event usually runs from 9 AM – 5 PM with training from 9 – 11. Appointments begin at 11 AM. If you previously participated in a Wills for Heroes event, and do not need the training, you should arrive at 10:30 AM. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

About the Wills for Heroes Program

Anthony Hayes, a South Carolina lawyer, who wanted to do something meaningful to help the country after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, founded the Wills for Heroes program. He met with South Carolina fire fighters and noted a glaring need for estate planning services.

Daniel McKenna, a Philadelphia-based Ballard Spahr attorney and board member of the Wills for Heroes Foundation, initiated the Wills for Heroes program in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division adopted Wills for Heroes as one of its statewide public service projects in spring 2009.

Each first responder sits with a Lawyer Volunteer to review a questionnaire that the first responder has filled out in advance. The Lawyer Volunteer enters the information into a computer-based program and reviews the documents with the first responder to ensure accuracy. The documents are printed, signed and notarized.

If you need more information about this program, please go to the Wills for Heroes Foundation website (http://www.willsforheroes.org) or the Young Lawyers Division section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association website (http://www.pabar.org/public/yld). If you are new to Wills for Heroes, you must complete the PBA's online registration form. Feel free to contact Jennifer Silva, the student coordinator, at silvajen811@gmail.com or Christina Fisher, the regional coordinator, at christina.m.fisher@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up!

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS – SUMMER 2011

Venice

- Studying overseas can be a tremendous asset to a legal education and summer is the perfect time to earn credits while experiencing international cultures and learning different perspectives of faculty and students from foreign countries in Widener's International Law Institutes in Venice, Nairobi, Sydney, and Lausanne.

Nairobi

- With the globalization of the world economy, an understanding of international business, trade, and jurisdiction has become essential for the modern lawyer.

Sydney

- Faculty members are drawn from Widener School of Law as well as from universities and international organizations in each city. Members of the bench and bar of the host country provide special lectures and seminar discussions.

Lausanne

- Why not consider adding a law-related experience to your resume' that stands out to employers and may open opportunities in an increasingly global world of law practice.

- Take a tour of our programs at law.widener.edu or call the Coordinator of International Programs at (302) 477-2248.

SIDEBAR CAFÉ

October 11—October 15, 2010

Breakfast from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Monday	**Kettle Classic**	**Cream of Mushroom Soup**
	Montaque's Deli	**Chicken Caesar Wrap**
	Café Feature	**Egg & Cheese Bagel**
	Itza Pizza	**Pepperoni Pizza by the Slice**
Tuesday	**Kettle Classic**	
	Montaque's Deli	**CLOSED**
	Café Feature	
	Itza Pizza	
Wednesday	**Kettle Classic**	**Lumber Jack Vegetable Soup**
	Montaque's Deli	**Taco Salad Wrap**
	Café Feature	**Egg & Sausage Bagel**
	Itza Pizza	**Broccoli Pizza by the Slice**
Thursday	**Kettle Classic**	**Pasta Fagioli Soup**
	Montaque's Deli	**Egg Salad with Bacon Sandwich**
	Café Feature	**Egg & Ham Bagel**
	Itza Pizza	**Meat Lovers Pizza by the Slice**
Friday	**Kettle Classic**	**New England Clam Chowder**
	Montaque's Deli	**All American Turkey Sandwich**
	Café Feature	**Egg & Sausage Muffin**
	Itza Pizza	**Cheese Pizza by the Slice**