# THE DIGEST

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### The Widener Law & Government Institute



Inaugural Patrick J. Murphy Lecture

Congressman Patrick J. Murphy Monday, November 22, 2010 10:00 a.m.—Room A180

Widener Law is honored to welcome back to campus, Rep. Patrick J. Murphy. Congressman Murphy is a 1999 graduate of the Harrisburg campus and currently represents Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District in Washington, D.C.

Congressman Murphy is an Iraq war veteran, former West Point professor, criminal prosecutor and proud husband and father. Murphy started his higher education at Bucks County Community College and then went on to King's College in Wilkes-Barre. While attending King's, Murphy entered the U.S. Army and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

During his military career, Patrick trained as an airborne and air assault paratrooper, and later served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in New York, a prosecutor in North Carolina and an assistant professor of Constitutional Law at West Point. When September 11th happened, Murphy went into his commander's office and volunteered to deploy. His first deployment was to Bosnia in 2002 and the second was to Bagdad, Iraq from 2003-2004. While in Bagdad, Patrick served as a Captain in the Army's elite 82nd Airborne Division and was later awarded the Bronze Star for Service.

After returning home, Patrick practiced law at Cozen O'Connor before running for Congress. In November 2006, Patrick won his first election and he was sworn in on January 4, 2007.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** November 15 Table Talk/Registrar's Office & Dean of Students 19 ExamSoft Registration Deadline 20 Wills for Heroes 22 Inaugural Patrick J. Murphy Lecture 24-26 Thanksgiving Holiday ABA Blood Drive 30 December Last day of classes 7-8 Reading Period 9-22 Final Exams 21 First Day of Winter

The greatest danger for most of us in not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it."

~Michelangelo

### HARRISBURG LAW NEWS

### **Submission information:**

The *NEXT* issue of *The Digest* will be published on **November 22, 2010.** All information should be submitted to *Dorothy Koncar*.

(dakoncar@widener.edu), Administration Building, by NOON, Wednesday, November 17 in order for the news to be published.

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### INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

What Are You Doing Next Summer?...

Think about traveling abroad to Sydney, Nairobi, Lausanne or Venice. Widener School of Law offers students an opportunity to study abroad during the summer of 2011. Students may travel to Lausanne, Sydney, Nairobi

or Venice and earn credits while enjoying an enriching academic experience and the history and culture of a foreign country. For additional information, please contact the Coordinator of International Programs at Ext. 2248 or check out our website at <a href="law.widener.edu">law.widener.edu</a>



### **LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER**

### REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-Midnight
Friday 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Midnight

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

November 24 8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

November 25 Closed—Thanksgiving Day

November 26—27 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

November 28 Noon—Midnight

### **EXAM HOURS**

Everyday 8:00 a.m.—2:00 a.m.

December 22 8:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m.

REGISTRAR'S INFORMATION LINE

717-541-1941

STUDENT INFORMATION LINE

717-541-1939



### ABA Hosts Blood Drive At Widener Law

When: Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Where: The "Pit"

Time: Noon - 6pm



### Some facts about Blood Donations:

- The #1 reason donors say they give blood is because they "want to help others"
- Two most common reasons cited by people who don't give blood are: "Never thought about it" and "I don't like needles"
- The actual blood donation typically takes less than 10-12 minutes. The entire process, from the time you arrive to the time you leave, takes about an hour.
- Statistics show that 25 percent or more of us will require blood at least once in our lifetime.
- Whole blood donors can donate as frequently as every 56 days. A benefit from donating this often is that you receive a mini-physical once every two months.
- Each whole blood donation can help as many as three people. One unit is divided into three parts: red blood cells, platelets, and plasma.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> If you have additional questions, or wish to sign up email: 3rdcircuitgovernor@gmail.com.

### **BLSA/MLSA CLOTHING DRIVE**

The weather is getting colder and there are many less fortunate folks in need of warm clothing.

BLSA/MLSA is currently conducting a clothing drive in order to obtain coats, jackets and sweaters to be distributed to the Bethesda Mission's men's and women's shelters in Harrisburg.

Please place any coats, jackets or sweaters that you might not be using any longer into the boxes located in the Pit. The clothing must be clean and in decent wearable condition.

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.



### **WILLS FOR HEROES**

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 exe-

cuted 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 na-

tional 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 (<a href="http://www.willsforheroes.org">http://www.willsforheroes.org</a>) or the Young Lawyers Division section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association website (<a href="http://www.pabar.org/public/yld">http://www.pabar.org/public/yld</a>). 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 <a href="mail.com">silvajen811@gmail.com</a> or Christina Fisher, the regional coordinator, at christina.m.fisher@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up!



# 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.

### SIDEBAR CAFÉ

### November 15-19

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 Roasted Corn Soup

Montaque's Deli Western Club Sandwich

Café Feature Egg & Bacon on a Muffin

Itza Pizza Pepperoni Pizza by the Slice

Tuesday Kettle Classic Cream of Mushroom Soup

Montaque's Deli Ratatouille Sub

Café Feature Egg & Sausage Bagel

Itza Pizza Meat Lover's Pizza by the Slice

Wednesday Kettle Classic Pumpkin Spice Soup

Montaque's Deli Smoked Sausage with Peppers & Onions

Café Feature Egg & Veggie Burger Wrap

Itza Pizza Pineapple & Ham Pizza by the Slice

Thursday Kettle Classic Chicken Tequila Soup

Montaque's Deli Tarragon Chicken Salad Sandwich

Café Feature Egg, Bacon Cheese Wrap

Itza Pizza Zucchini Pizza by the Slice

Friday Kettle Classic Chicken Rice Soup

Montaque's Deli Chicken Nuggets & Fries

Café Feature Egg & Ham on an English Muffin

Itza Pizza Cheese Pizza by the Slice

