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Message from Dean Linda Ammons

Congratulations on completing this school year. The dedication and professionalism of our students, faculty and staff combine to make the Widener University School of Law an outstanding school. Each year as Dean, I gain new insights of the many strengths of this law school. I applaud the leadership provided by our SBA leaders and the governing boards of our law journals, moot court, trial advocacy societies, and all of our student organizations. The commitment to public service exhibited by all the members of the Law School community is inspiring, and the work in our clinical programs on behalf of people and causes that would otherwise go unrepresented is an important contribution our law school makes to the communities of which we are a part.

To those of you who are graduating, congratulations! I am looking forward to seeing you and your families at graduation. I wish you the best of luck on the bar exam and I know you will make us proud as you embark on your legal careers. The bar exam, of course, is a major hurdle, and I urge you take your preparations very seriously. Take full advantage of the bar review courses. You should take at least one course, and if possible, you should try to take two - both BarBri or its equivalent and PMBR or its equivalent. The two approaches do not duplicate, but rather complement each other, and taking both, if you are able, will maximize your chances for success. Also, try to carve out as many weeks before the exam for studying as possible. If you are working, take as much vacation time as you can, or even unpaid leaves of absence if you can arrange it, to devote your energies to studying for the bar. You have come this far and invested so much money on your legal education already that it is worth a little more investment to maximize your chances of passing the bar on your first try.

For those of you returning next fall, I wish you a productive and enjoyable summer. If you will be engaged in law-related employment or internship opportunities, I am sure you will return in the fall with a great appreciation of what you have learned in your classes, and what you still have to learn. Those of you studying abroad, have a wonderful time and spread the news about Widener Law. Good luck, and come back in August with your batteries recharged and with a renewed dedication to your legal studies.

Thank you all for helping to make my year as Dean a successful one.

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http://blogs.law.widener.edu/grads2012/commencement-harrisburg-may-20-2012/



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

As final examinations approach, all students should take a few minutes to review the Law School rules relating to examinations. These rules may be found in §607-609 of the Academic Code and §203-205 of the Dean's Office Regulations.

According to §607(f)(l) of the Code, all examinations are graded anonymously. Students should not discuss the examination process, including the possibility of exam deferral or exam accommodation with faculty members. Any attempt by a student to identify himself/herself to a professor by placing notes or messages on an examination or exam booklet compromises the anonymous grading system. All questions should be directed to the Dean of Students Office or the Registrar's Office. Any compromise of the anonymous grading system by a student constitutes a violation of the Code of Conduct and could result in suspension or expulsion.

Permission to defer an examination will be granted only in extreme cases. Students should refer to the guidelines. Emergency deferrals will be granted to those students who, for medical reasons, are unable to sit for an examination when scheduled. A student who becomes ill and cannot take an examination when scheduled must call the Registrar's Office before the examination begins. If that student cannot appear in person or call the Registrar, he/she may miss the exam and apply for a deferral. An application for this type of deferral must be made within 48 hours of the original exam date and in no event later than the last day of regularly scheduled exams. The student must also provide the Registrar's Office with a letter from the attending physician which confirms that the student was unable to sit for the examination due to illness.

THURSDAY, MAY 3—9:00 AM—THE PIT
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TUESDAY, MAY 8—5:00 PM—THE PIT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9—9:00 AM—THE PIT

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