

# The Digest

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ HARRISBURG CAMPUS  
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## CIVIL LAW CLINIC WORK STUDY POSITION

The Civil Law Clinic would like to hire a work study-approved student for general clerical duties including: excellent phone skills, Microsoft Office applications, filing and basic office duties. Start date is August 27, 2012, for 10-15 hours per week from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Please send a resume to Kevin Jones at [kpjones@widener.edu](mailto:kpjones@widener.edu).

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### REMINDER FROM THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

**Equal Justice Works Job Fair/  
Conference registration begins  
on August 15 and ends Sep-  
tember 13, 2012. For more in-  
formation and to register, log  
onto:**

**[www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org).**



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### September

- 3** *Labor Day Holiday (no classes)*
- 6&7** *SBA Representatives Elections*
- 8** *Dean's Picnic*
- 25`** *Yom Kippur (no classes beginning with 4:00 p.m. and later classes)*
- 26** *Yom Kippur (no classes)*

#### October

- 8** *The Patrick J. Murphy Lecture*
- 13** *Relay for Life*
- 15** *In-Service Day (no classes)*
- 26** *SBA Halloween Party*
- 30** *Professional Development Day/Night (attendance required) (no classes)*

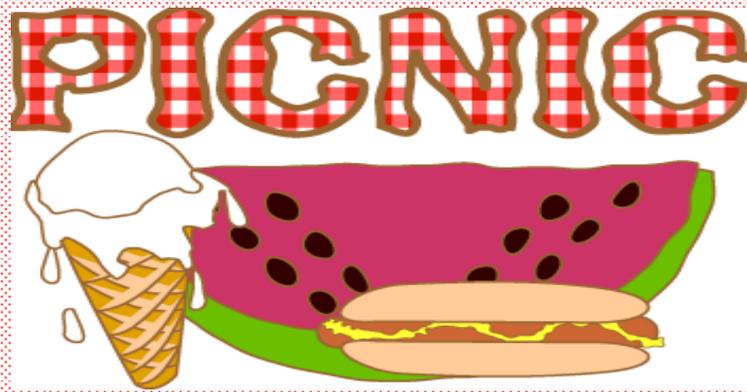
## **WIDENER L&G INSTITUTE AND PCN TEAM TO PRODUCE NEW LEGAL SHOW**

### **STUDENTS ENROLLED IN L&G/PCN PRACTICUM WILL HELP PRODUCE AND APPEAR IN THE SHOWS**

The Widener Law & Government Institute and Pennsylvania Cable Network will produce a new town hall legal show in 2012 and 2013. The show, titled Law & Government Forum, will be conducted like a town hall meeting on timely legal issues. There will be at least four shows. Some of the shows will originate on the Widener-Harrisburg Campus, and some will be held at nearby colleges. The audience will consist of law students and, on non Widener Campuses, political science students. An expert panel of Widener law and political science professors will discuss questions posed by a moderator and by the audience.



The shows will be supported through the L&G/PCN Practicum. Students who enroll in the practicum will assist faculty and the moderator with research on the topics chosen for each show. Practicum members will also have the first opportunity to question and comment when the shows are recorded. Appearance on this show, especially coupled with helping to produce the show, will be a valuable resume addition. Enrollment is limited in the practicum, so students are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible. The L&G/PCN Practicum is one credit hour in the Fall Semester of 2012 and one credit hour in the Spring Semester of 2013. The class will meet at 5:15 p.m. on Mondays during the fall semester. Any student with questions should contact Professor Gedid at [jlgedid@widener.edu](mailto:jlgedid@widener.edu) or (717) 541 3901.



The annual Dean's Picnic, sponsored by the Student Bar Association and the Office of the Dean of Students, will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2012, from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. on the grounds around the Student Organizations Building.

Save the date and plan to attend this fun-filled event and be sure to bring along family and friends. There will be lots of food, beverages, games, prizes, music and, of course, the opportunity to get to know your fellow classmates, faculty, administrators and staff.

**FUN, FOOD & GAMES**

## Legal Advocacy for Veterans

Veterans have made tremendous sacrifices on behalf of this great nation. Unfortunately, many servicemen and servicewomen experience difficulty transitioning to civilian life. These men and women, along with their families, often need information and assistance to access affordable housing, educational opportunities, gainful employment, adequate healthcare and – yes – *legal services*.

The Pennsylvania Service Connect Team (PSC) is a new initiative developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a federal agency. In partnership with Dauphin County and the City of Harrisburg, PSC addresses the needs of vets and their families. Our area is one of thirteen regions in the nation selected for this unique venture between the private sector, community and faith-based organizations, and government agencies.

PSC will host the Service, Support & Resource Showcase Event to provide information and support to veterans, their families and other underserved individuals. We need legal volunteers to launch this event on Saturday, September 22, 2012, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at New Hope Church, 584 Colonial Club Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112. If you can only attend for one or two hours, your support is still needed!

Legal volunteers will connect with the target population to explain how to access lawyers, how to navigate legal referral services, and how to select an attorney from the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Dauphin County Bar Association, the Keystone Bar Association, Mid-Penn Legal Services, and the Harrisburg Civil Law Clinic of Widener University School of Law.

We ask that you serve as a volunteer at this event on September 22, 2012 to explain legal services that are available to veterans. If you are interested in this project, please contact Professor Starla Williams before the next planning meeting on Thursday, August 30, 2012, to register your volunteer efforts and donations. If you know a local attorney who is interested in providing legal services to veterans - *pro bono* or otherwise - please contact Professor Williams to discuss how they can connect with veterans.

The event is designed as a “service fair” environment with information booths, resource tables, informal speakers and much more. The setting will be family-friendly, so children are welcome to attend with volunteers from the local legal community.

Thank you for your support of local veterans!

Starla Williams, J.D., LL.M.  
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Widener University School of Law – Pennsylvania  
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717-541-1992



# ADMISSIONS OFFICE

## OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

This is a reminder to any student whose file may be missing the official transcript showing award of your undergraduate degree. This official transcript from your undergraduate institution is required to be in your file for you to matriculate at Widener University Law School, Harrisburg Campus for the Fall 2012 academic year.

Please submit your transcripts to the Admissions Office located in the Administration Building as soon as possible.

## STILL LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO LIVE?

Local housing information is available for Widener students at the Admissions Office. Stop by our office in the Administration Building if you are looking for a place to live or a roommate. You can also join our Facebook group – Widener Law Incoming Class 2012, Harrisburg Campus – for the latest housing updates and listings.



## **August Birthdays**



**Jessica Schuller, Fac. Sec.**  
**Bob Dolbin, Maintenance**  
**Ed Sonnenberg, Library**  
**Prof. Robert Power**  
**Prof. Tonya Evans**  
**Diane Goltz, Library**  
**Prof. Susan Raeker-Jordan**  
**Sharon Murphy, Bursar's Off.**

## **HARRISBURG LAW NEWS**

### **Submission information:**

The **NEXT** issue of *The Digest* will be published on **September 3, 2012.**

All information should be submitted to **Dorothy Koncar**.

([dakoncar@widener.edu](mailto:dakoncar@widener.edu)), Administration Building by **NOON, Wednesday, August 29**, in order for the news to be published.

**The journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.**

**~ Lao Tzu**

## BURSAR'S OFFICE

### Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Telephone: 717-541-3905 or 717-541-3957

Fax: 717-541-1965

### Important Announcement Regarding Financial Aid Refunds

Widener University is pleased to offer tuition account refunds by direct deposit to our students. Students who do not choose direct deposit will have their refund checks mailed to the address on record at the University, there will be no pick up of refund checks in person at any campus office.

Direct deposit will allow students to receive semester tuition account refunds more quickly. Students will have the added convenience of email notification when funds are transferred out of the University and direct deposit allows for immediate access to funds (according to each bank's policy). This service is now Widener University's preferred method of delivery. Contact Enrollment Services at 610-499-4161 or your campus Bursar's Office at 717-541-3957 if you have questions.

#### To sign up for direct deposit please follow these important steps:

Log on to Campus Cruiser. Click the Web Advisor tab. Click on Banking Information located under the Financial Profile section on the left side of the page. Carefully fill out the necessary banking information. Check with your bank for the correct bank routing number and make sure that you input your correct account number.

#### PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Any incorrect banking information provided to Widener University will cause a delay in the deposit of your refund.
2. Your electronic refund will be available in the same timeframe that it would be available as a paper check.
3. Any changes made to registration after funds have been deposited may cause a balance owed to Widener University and it is the student's responsibility to reconcile it with their campus' Bursar's Office. Failure to do so may result in a late fee and/or a hold on your student record. A Bursar's Office hold prevents a student from viewing their grades, registering for classes or receiving a transcript until the balance has been paid.
4. Accepting these funds while no longer enrolled, constitutes fraud and the amount deposited will be due back to the university.
5. If you withdraw from Widener University, a balance may be owed that is the student's responsibility to reconcile with the Bursar's Office.

## *Your Campus Bookstore* at the Widener University School of Law

The Harrisburg Campus Bookstore Staff welcomes you to our school and to our store. We primarily provide your textbooks and school supplies. In addition we offer a variety of clothing and gifts imprinted with the school name and crest, including some items for moms and dads. Our regular Bookstore Hours for Fall and Spring terms will begin on **August 27, 2012**, and will be as follows:

**Monday – Thursday: 10:00am – 1:00pm and 2pm – 6pm**

**Extended and additional hours** will begin on **August 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please check our website at [www.widenerlawbookstore.com](http://www.widenerlawbookstore.com) for current day/hour postings.

We accept cash, checks and all major credit cards for purchases. We buy back textbooks throughout the year as wholesale prices dictate, but at the end of Fall and Spring terms, during finals, we can offer up to 50% of the original cost for texts being used in the next term. See in-store ads, bulletin board postings and web announcements for dates of Buyback and extended store hours. We also offer **rental** options on our textbooks.

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### **Our Returns Policy is as follows:**

#### **Receipt is required for all refunds.**

**Textbooks** may be returned for a full refund each term for 30 days from purchase date **or** the last day of Add/Drop, *which ever comes first*. See store for full details. Receipt required.

**Clothing, Gift and School Supplies** may be returned as long as merchandise is current and in sellable condition. Receipt required.

**Study Aids and Reference Materials** are non-refundable. They may, however, be exchanged within five days of purchase. Receipt required.

**Please note: During exam periods Study Aids and Reference Materials may not be refunded or exchanged.**

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The staff of the bookstore looks forward to meeting and serving you. We welcome your input on other items or product lines you would like to have available. Use the coupon below to receive a discount off the purchase of a clothing item.

**Widener Law Bookstore, 3805 Vartan Way, Harrisburg PA 17070**  
**ph: 717-541-3909; fax: 717-541-1949; [www.widenerlawbookstore.com/widelawpa](http://www.widenerlawbookstore.com/widelawpa)**

Widener Bookstore/Harrisburg Campus Only

This coupon is good for 25% off a single clothing item, sale or regular price. Valid August 1<sup>st</sup> through Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012. One coupon per customer, please.

# CAMPUS SAFETY

**The Campus Safety Office is located in the lobby of the Library Building.**

**The telephone number is 717-541-3948.**

## **SAFETY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

We need your assistance and you are encouraged to report anything that you may consider suspicious. Please visit the Campus Safety website for information on our crime stats, services, safety and security policies and **The Campus Alert System.**

## **MEDIA SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

The Media Services Department offers a variety of equipment and services to the faculty, students and student organizations. Overhead projectors, slide projectors, audio-cassette player/recorder, TV/VCR, camcorders, speaker phones, portable microphones and power point presentations as well as use of the Smartboards are available to students for lectures and student simulations. Operators are available for use in video-taping. Interactive video between the two campuses is also available for approved events.



Request forms are available by contacting Brian Fearnbaugh in the Media Services Office located on the second floor of the Library Building and by phone at 717-541-3963. They must be completed at least seven days in advance and submitted to the Media Services Office. **Student events must be approved by the Dean of Students.**

Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

# FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Welcome to Widener Law! The Financial Aid Office is available to assist students with their financial aid process and answer any questions you may have. We are located in the Administration Student Center, Room 143 in the Administration Building. Our office hours and contact information are as follows:

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Telephone: 717.541.3961

Fax: 717.541.1964

Email: [lawfinaidhb@widener.edu](mailto:lawfinaidhb@widener.edu)

## HOW FINANCIAL AID WORKS

The financial aid application process must be done annually and begins early in the spring semester for the following year. Application instructions will be sent early February. Please pay particular attention to financial aid notices and deadlines to ensure consideration for all desired funds.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO EXCESS FUNDS

Once you have applied for financial aid and tuition is charged to your account, any excess loan funds will be credited to your account and then given to you in the form of a refund check. Refund checks are provided to the student in the early part of the semester depending on when your loan funds are approved by the Department of Education for disbursement. To receive those funds efficiently, you should sign up for direct deposit via your Campus Cruiser account. Direct deposit allows students to receive semester refunds more quickly. Students will have the added convenience of email notification when funds are transferred out of the University and direct deposit allows for immediate access to funds (according to each bank's policy). This service is Widener University's preferred method of delivery.

## HOW TO DEFER PRIOR EDUCATIONAL LOANS

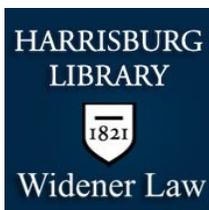
To defer payments on any prior education loans, deferment forms must be submitted to the Registrar's Office for certification and submissions to your loan servicers. Contact your servicers for correct paperwork.

## WORKING DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

The student employment program has very specific requirements and deadlines. If you are interested in student employment, consult the Financial Aid Office for job placement and payroll procedures. All required University paperwork must be on file before students may begin working and paychecks are issued.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A summary of all available types of financial aid is located in the *Debt Management Guide & Financial Aid Sourcebook*, which may be picked up in the Financial Aid Office. For an additional list of outside scholarships, visit our website at <http://law.widener.edu/go/scholarships>. You will be prompted for the user name: *lawmoney* and password: *widener*. Be sure to check *The Digest*, your student mailbox and the Financial Aid bulletin board on a regular basis for important notices! Read all forms carefully and keep copies of all paperwork in one place for easy access and reference. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office.



## FROM THE LIBRARY

The librarians have been busy creating research guides. These resources are intended to provide research tips on subject-matter research, give easy access to helpful legal websites, and even offer some basic legal research instruction. You can find these by clicking on “Research Guides” on the law library home page, or by using this link: <http://libguides.law.widener.edu/>

The Pennsylvania Legal Resources Guide is a comprehensive online resource that provides links to online resources on a wide-range of Pennsylvania-related material. At this website you will find links for free court opinions, legal forms, and even guidance on how to research Pennsylvania legislative history. The direct link for the Pennsylvania Legal Resources Guide is: <http://libguides.law.widener.edu/paresources>

Another helpful research guide in this collection is the Real-World Research Guide aimed at assisting students who will be completing an extern program while at Widener School of Law. In this research guide, you will be introduced to some of the more common Federal and State resources commonly accessed online while on the job in the “real world.” The direct link for this guide is: <http://libguides.law.widener.edu/content.php?pid=220813>

### **Please note the law library’s hours for Labor Day:**

Friday, Aug. 31	8 a.m.—8 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 1	9 a.m.—5 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 2	Noon—8 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 3	Noon—10 p.m.

## REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Our regular office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Hours may be extended if necessary during the course of the semester. The office phone number is 717-541-3904.

### EXAM ACCOMMODATIONS

Any student requiring special accommodations for midterm and/or final examinations must submit a Dean's Action Request Form and appropriate documentation to the Dean of Students. **This should be done as soon as possible, but no later than October 5, 2012**, in order to allow time to review the information. Dean's Action Request Forms are available in our office.

The Registrar frequently provides updates on our bulletin boards, on the Registrar's Information Line and via email. The bulletin boards are located outside our office and on the second floor of the Library Building. The phone number for the **Information Line is 717-541-1941**. Call this number for notices of school closings or delays, course cancellations, etc. Finally, please be sure to check your Widener email account frequently for information.

## WIDENER SCHOOL OF LAW RECYCLING PROGRAM IS SINGLE-STREAM

### Bottles and Cans

- In 2004, 55 billion aluminum cans were landfilled, littered or incinerated, that's 9 billion more than were wasted in 2000. This is enough cans to fill the Empire State Building twenty times. It is also a quantity equivalent to the annual production of three to four major primary aluminum smelters.
- Because so many of them are recycled, aluminum cans account for less than 1% of the total U.S. waste stream, even so, the energy required to replace the just the aluminum cans wasted in 2001 was equivalent to 16 million barrels of crude oil, enough to meet the electricity needs of all homes in Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, San Francisco and Seattle.
- During the time it takes you to read this sentence, 50,000 more 12-ounce aluminum cans are made. Let's recycle them.

Although recycling is the most common method of plastic waste pollution prevention, less than one percent of all plastics products are recycled in the U.S. Americans throw away 25,000,000 plastic beverage bottles every hour!

**REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE!!**



# WIDENER LAW JOURNAL

*Law Review of the Widener University School of Law*

*Proudly Introduces*

**2012-2013**

## **New Members**

Matthew Androsky

Lara Antonuk

Timothy Bishop

Jennifer Cleghorn

Jerika Cummiskey

Meredith DeMark

Patrick Erne

Thomas Gallagher

Camille Howlett

Mitchell Jones

Philip McCarthy

Thomas McQuillan

Katy Nixon

Nicholas Peters

Andrew Race

Langdon Ramsburg

Katherine Riggleman-Thomas

John Tabler



THE PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER  
**OCT 2 2012**  
PHILADELPHIA

Widener Law School is a supporting organization of the Pennsylvania Conference for Women, which will be held October 2, 2012, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia.

Join us at the 2012 Pennsylvania Conference for Women! Registration is now open for this year's Conference, which will be held October 2nd in Philadelphia. The Conference features motivational keynote speeches, engaging workshops and panel discussions that cover a vast range of topics specifically designed for women, including healthcare, leadership, managing change, finding work life balance and personal finance. This year's theme, *Imagine!*, dares women to find their purpose and make a difference in our own lives and in the communities and world we live in. As a Supporting Organization of the Conference, YOU are entitled to a registration discount! Be sure to enter PACP98 when registering.

The link to the conference website is:

<http://www.paconferenceforwomen.org/>



Arianna Huffington  
president and editor-in-chief of  
the Pulitzer Prize winning  
Huffington Post Media Group

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**imagine**  
FIND YOUR PURPOSE      MAKE A DIFFERENCE



### 2013 Summer International Programs

- 3 great programs--Nairobi, Venice, and Lausanne
- Each one is really different
- Each one provides amazing opportunities
  - ◆ Not just to *visit* foreign countries
  - ◆ But to *live* in one and to learn about different cultures
  - ◆ And to *learn* something about you...
- Add a law-related experience to your resume' that stands out to employers and may open opportunities in an increasingly global world of law practice
- Each program offers opportunities to take classes with foreign *and* Widener professors
- Each program offers opportunities to travel around the country and region
- All programs are organized to allow students to balance class work with time to explore and learn about the country
- Visit our website at [law.widener.edu](http://law.widener.edu) for more information about our summer programs and these fascinating cities
- **CONTACT:** Arlene Trapuzzano at [arttrapuzzao@widener.edu](mailto:arttrapuzzao@widener.edu) for more information



## **SIDEBAR CAFÉ**

**August 27—31, 2012**

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

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Vegetable Beef Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Ranch Turkey Wrap</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Sausage Sandwich</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Jerk Chicken Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Chicken Noodle Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Meatball Sub</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Bacon on a Bagel</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Cheese Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Split Pea &amp; Ham Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Crispy Buffalo Chicken Sandwich</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg, Ham &amp; Cheese on a Bagel</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Pepperoni Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Tomato Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Portobello &amp; Red Peppers Sandwich</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Cheese on a Roll</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>White Pizza with Broccoli by the Slice</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Corn &amp; Shrimp Chowder</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Grilled Tomato, Basil &amp; Mozzarella Sand.</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Sausage Muffin</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Meat Lovers Pizza by the Slice</b>

