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Widener University School of Law Announces 2004 Alumni Awards

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The Widener University School of Law has announced winners of its 2004 alumni awards, given annually to recognize outstanding leadership, service, and achievement of its graduates and faculty. Widener University School of Law has honored and awarded its distinguished alumni and professors since 1976.

Law School Dean <u>Douglas Ray</u> said, "The alumnae, alumni and faculty honored this year serve their communities, their states and their nation. We are proud to be represented by them."

Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award was awarded to John F. Brady, '91. The award is presented to an alumnus or alumna who, through service to his or her community or profession, or other accomplishments, has brought honor, recognition, and distinction to the Widener University School of Law. Brady currently serves as Majority Caucus House Attorney for the Delaware State House of Representatives where he is responsible for drafting legislation on public safety, correction, judicial and transportation issues. He also holds elected office as recorder of deeds for Sussex County, Delaware. In addition, he maintains a solo practice in Georgetown, Delaware. He worked as an assistant public defender in Delaware from 1998 to 2001.

Outstanding Service Awards were presented to Alexis Barbieri, '82 and Pennsylvania Representative Mark B. Cohen, '93, both of Philadelphia. Barbieri is Executive Deputy Attorney General with the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, where she is Director of the Public Protection Division. Cohen serves as a Democratic representative for Philadelphia County, and has been a member of the House since 1974. The service awards are granted for outstanding alumni service to the law school as a whole, to a particular concentration within the school or to the legal profession.

Outstanding Recent Alumni Awards were presented to Robert R. DeLong Jr. of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. and Christopher R. Fromm of Philadelphia. Both are graduates of the class of 1999. This award recognizes work by recent graduates who show energy and dedication as community leaders or provide invaluable service to the Widener University School of Law. DeLong is an attorney in general practice with an emphasis on elder law, advance health care directives, wills, trusts, estate planning and probate. DeLong is also a former adjunct professor with the Widener School of Law Legal Education Institute. Fromm is an attorney with the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office in the special narcotics prosecution unit.

The Liberty Award for Outstanding Citizenship was given to Tania M. Culley, '95, and Cmdr. Robert P. Taishoff, '89, of the U.S. Navy's Judge Advocate General Corps. The Liberty Award recognizes alumni who have demonstrated Widener University School of Law 10/29/2007 11:55 AM

an extraordinary commitment through service and dedication to their community, state or country. Culley, of Wilmington, Delaware, serves as a child advocate for the state of Delaware, Office of the Child Advocate. Taishoff, of Annapolis, Maryland, serves the Navy as Executive Officer, Trial Service Office North East in Washington D.C. and is responsible for the provision of prosecution services in a 21-state region.

Professor of the Year Awards were presented to Professors John. G. Culhane, Professor John L. Gedid and Professor Robert L. Hayman, Jr. Alumni nominate the educators and select the winners, who are honored for their significant contributions to the professional development of alumni.

Professor Culhane teaches on Widener's Delaware campus. He joined the Widener faculty in 1987 and teaches and writes in the area of torts, public health law, advanced torts, HIV/AIDS and the law, and family law. He also holds the title of lecturer at Yale University School of Public Health, where he teaches health law.

Professor Gedid teaches on Widener's Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. campus and serves as the director of its <u>Law and Government Institute</u>. He is a Pennsylvania commissioner to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, where he serves as reporter for the current project to revise the Model State Administrative Procedure Act. He teaches administrative law, Pennsylvania administrative law, contracts, sales, conflicts and state constitutional law.

Professor Hayman teaches on Widener's Delaware campus and is the H. Albert Young Fellow in Constitutional Law for 2003-2005. He joined the Widener faculty in 1990 and teaches and writes in the areas of constitutional law, civil rights, equal protection law, and jurisprudence.

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