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WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

Important information regarding Monday, April 18th, events. See page 3.

Reminder Reminder THE SUPREME COURT OF DELAWARE

Will Hear Oral Arguments on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 in the Vale Courtroom

The case summaries and counsel are listed on page 2. Watch around campus for postings about *Court Protocol* and *security procedures* to expedite screening by State Capitol Police in order to fill the Vale before 10 am.

Cases for Widener Day

10:00 a.m.

644, 2010 Reddy v. PMA Insurance Co. Gilbert F. Shelsby - David A. Denham 02

11:00 a.m.

711, 2010 Anderson v. State Santino Ceccotti'06 - Elizabeth R. McFarlan'98

12:00 p.m.

573, 2010 Phlipot v. State Bernard J. O'Donnell - Abby L. Adams'97

http://blogs.lawlib.widener.edu/delaware/2011/04/12/delaware-supreme-court-hears-oral-arguments-at-widener/

CASE SUMMARIES AND COUNSEL

10 a.m. Dr. Santosh Reddy v. PMA Insurance Co. This appeal of an action for contribution in a matter of medical negligence comes from Superior Court for Sussex County.

Attorney David A. Denham, who represents PMA Insurance, is a 2002 Widener Law alumnus.

11 a.m. Valerie I. Anderson v. State of Delaware. This is an appeal from Superior Court for New Castle County involving a decision to revoke Anderson's driver's license after finding she was a habitual driving offender. A Common Pleas Court judge first ruled she was a habitual offender and suspended her license, then vacated the order later the same day after giving the matter more thought in chambers. The case was appealed to Superior Court, which agreed with the Common Pleas Court judge's first finding, and decided Anderson was a habitual driving offender.

Attorney Santino Ceccotti, who represents Anderson, is a 2006 Widener Law alumnus. Attorney Elizabeth R. McFarlan, who represents the Delaware Department of Justice, is a 1998 Widener Law alumna.

Noon. Matthew Phlipot v. State of Delaware. This is an appeal of convictions for fourth-degree rape and witness tampering out of Superior Court for Sussex County. The victim was a minor female who began a consensual relationship with Phlipot after meeting him through his position as a volunteer basketball coach at her school in Lincoln, Del.

Attorney Abby L. Adams, who represents the Delaware Department of Justice, is a 1997 Widener Law alumna.

ATTENTION CLASS OF 2011!

Dean Ammons' casual get-together for the members of the Class of 2011 has been moved to Monday, April 25, from 4:30-6:00 pm. Location: 4th floor lobby.



All Students, Faculty and Staff are invited to view "Gasland" April 18, at 6:00 p.m., in the Vale.

Following the movie, we will join via interactive a short presentation and a Q&A session with Mr. Josh Fox the filmmaker, live from our Harrisburg campus.

Gasland is a documentary about natural gas fracking and its adverse environmental and health consequences. Natural gas fracking is currently a contentious issue in Pennsylvania, and is the s...ubject of international debate. Recently, the New York Times has denoted Pennsylvania as "ground zero" for fracking see link: www.gaslandthemovie.com

Gasland premiered at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival and is dedicated to the non-profit organization Damascus Citizens for Sustainability (DCS). It is the winner of five major awards in 2010: a Sundance Film Festival Special Jury Prize, a Big Sky Documentary Film Festival Artistic Vision award, a Thin Line Film Festival Audience Award, a Yale Environmental Film Festival Grand Jury Prize, and a Sarasota Film Festival Special Jury Prize. The film premiered on HBO in June 2010 and had its national theatrical release in September 2010. Josh Fox was one of four recipients, along with Michael Pollan and Alice Walker, of the 2010 LennonOno Grant for Peace, created by Yoko Ono to honor her late husband John Lennon's dedication to peace and commitment to the preservation of human rights. Gasland was also nominated for an Oscar this year and Mr. Fox was recently honored at the White House by President Obama.

Attention May Grads:

Please see the list of names that will appear in the Commencement program. Posted in the Atrium on the 1st floor. Please proof your information and send any corrections to Lauren Piotti in the Registrar's Office at extension 2150 or lpiotti@widener.edu.

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Thanksgiving is Just a Few Days Away....

You read correctly: Widener is celebrating Thanksgiving for a SECOND time this year! On **Thursday, April 28**, the Office of Alumni Relations and Development asks you to join us in giving thanks for our donors.

Take a minute to visit our Thanksgiving table on Main Street in the Law Building to sign our "thank you" poster for donors and/or to have your picture taken with a "thank you" sign for our donors. To thank you for your participation, we'll have sweet treats at the table. Also, check out the "Widener Thanksgiving Day: Gratitude for Giving" signs you'll see around campus throughout the day. These will contain some fun facts about donations to the school. The Barristers Club will be selling Turkey Noodle Soup, our version of Delaware's Bobbie turkey sandwich made with shredded turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, and mayo, and Pumpkin or Apple pie to help set the Thanksgiving mood on campus.

Happy Thanksgiving!

2011 Martin Luther King Jr. Semester of Service

The Public Interest Resource Center (PIRC) and the Law and Inequality Project (LAIP) have launched the Fifth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Semester of Service.

The Martin Luther King Semester of Service Project offers all members of the law school community an opportunity to perform both hands-on labor and pro bono legal services for those in need.

Students who perform at least twelve (12) hours of combined service before the end of the semester are designated "MLK Service Fellows" and are recognized at the Student Awards Ceremony. Students also earn credit towards pro bono distinction.

Participants perform at least 5-8 hours of charitable labor and 5-8 hours of law-related service for a combined total of at least 12 hours.

Last year, students volunteered over one thousand hours of time to MLK-SOS projects.

The 2011 Semester of Service Projects include:

1. CHARITABLE LABOR PROJECTS

Helping students at the Boys and Girls Club in Wilmington.

Helping at Delaware and Pennsylvania Food Banks.

Helping with the MS Walk in Wilmington

Helping with the Hispanic Student Recognition Program at the Latin American Community Center (LACC)

Helping with house construction through Habitat for Humanity

2. Law-Related Service Projects

Helping with a "legal needs" survey of patients at Brandywine Counseling & Community Services, in partnership with Widener's Medical Legal Project, and Community Legal Aid Society Inc.

Judging a Mock Trial as part of the Delaware State High School Mock Trial Competition, through partnership with the Delaware Law Related Education Center.

Teaching part of a curriculum on either "Comparative Law" or "Desegregation in Delaware" in Delaware high school classes, through partnership with the Delaware Law Related Education Center.

For More Information

MLK SOS Pamphlets describe the projects and have a sign-up sheet; they are available in the PIRC offices (L206/207) and at information tables in the atrium. Information is also available on the PIRC blog and LAIP website.

Email Kristin Crane at kmcrane@widener.edu or Professor Bob Hayman at rlhayman@widener.edu if you have any questions.

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Delaware Volunteer Legal Services, Inc.

Needed

Law Clerks to work

Work Study preferred but not mandatory
Great Experience!
Sharpen your client interviewing skills
Contact: Jacki Chacona, Esq.
478-8680 ext. 212

Graduate Programs Office Work Study Positions

Eligible work study students needed to work in the Graduate Programs Office for various office tasks. Please send resume to: Karla Harris, Graduate Programs Office or email to: kmharris@widener.edu

THE DELAWARE CIVIL CLINIC

Interpreter

DCC is seeking anyone who can speak a foreign language (especially Spanish) to act as an interpreter for our foreign speaking clients seeking legal assistance through the clinic. Please contact Pat Gallen, Secretary to the Delaware Civil Clinic at (302) 477-2061.

Any volunteers may count their hours towards Pro Bono Distinction

Research Assistant Constitutional Law

Must be have at least a working knowledge of Spanish and must have done well in Constitutional Law I. Please send resume and cover letter to Professor Erin Daly at edaly@widener.edu

Alumni and Development Office

Seeks a work study eligible student worker for approximately 10 hours per week (\$8 per hour). Duties include research and general clerical tasks such as filing, copying, and assistance with office mailings. Please contact Suzanne Watts at 302-477-2172 or via email slwatts@widener.edu.

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

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)(1) 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 Associate Dean of Student Affairs 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. Students who begin an examination and leave due to illness may not make up the examination on the makeup day. The examination must be retaken at the end of the next semester in which the course is offered.

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Anonymous numbers must be placed on all examination booklets and on the examination itself. In the unlikely event you forget to put your anonymous number on your papers before time is called, you may do so at the proctor's table when you turn in your exam. If you continue to write after the proctor has told you to stop, your examination number and the fact that you did not stop when told will be reported to the Registrar's Office and may ultimately be reported to the Office of Student Affairs.

Open book exams

You may bring into an open book exam only those items designated by the professor. If you are in doubt as to what can be brought into the exam, check with your professor before the examination.

Scrap paper

Scrap paper will only be permitted in an examination if the professor has specifically told the Registrar that it will be permitted. The proctor will distribute scrap paper to you during the examination.

Lavatory breaks

You are reminded that the honor code applies during the entire exam and a lavatory break does not mean there is a break in the honor code rules.

Student ID

Finally, remember to bring your *student ID* to each of your examinations. **STUDENTS <u>MUST</u> BE POSI TIVELY IDENTIFIED BY THE REGISTRAR OR PROCTOR BEFORE SITTING FOR EACH EXAM.**

Students are reminded that the **Student Code of Conduct §202(1)** requires you to report all Code of Conduct violations.

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

CLERGY MEMBER NEEDED

We are looking for a member of the clergy who is a student, family member, or friend who is willing to deliver an ecumenical invocation and benediction at this year's commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 21, 2011. Please contact Pattie Donoghue at 302-477-2710 if you or someone you know may be interested.

GRADUATION WORKERS NEEDED

Your help is needed!! If you would like to work at the law school commencement on Saturday, May 21, please contact Denise Manelski at 302-477-2045 or stop by her office located in Polishook Hall, Legal Education Institute. This is a great opportunity to make some extra money! By working at this event, you will also receive two reserved seating tickets for your own graduation. It is a day filled with fun and celebration!

Do you have a relative who is a Widener University School of Law Graduate?

Any member of the graduating class who is related to an alumnus of Widener University School of Law may invite the alumnus to participate in the commencement ceremony. Please contact Pattie Donoghue at 302-477-2710 with the following information: your name and telephone number; alumnus's name, address, and telephone number; and your relationship.

SINGER NEEDED

If you have the ability and the desire to sing the national anthem at this year's 2011 commencement ceremony, then we are looking for you! Preference is given to a member of the graduating class but anyone interested is encouraged to try out. Please contact Pattie Donoghue at 302-477-2710 to schedule your audition.

COMMENCEMENT SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING AND SEATING

Special needs parking and seating at commencement is available for individuals using wheelchairs or those with conditions that prohibit them from walking to their seats. Request forms to obtain tickets to the special needs parking and seating areas are available at the Registrar's Office or online. **Completed forms must be returned by Friday, May 13.** Upon receipt of the completed form, the graduate will exchange two white tickets for a pass to present at commencement in order to gain access to the designated parking and seating areas. With each request, one additional person will be permitted to accompany the special needs individual and will be seated in this designated area. Stop by or call the Registrar's Office at (302) 477-2170 with questions.

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Registrar's Office
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delreg@widener.edu

CAMPUS SAFETY
477 - 2200
24/7



ARAMARK

Barristers' Club

Mon - Wed 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Crown Court

Mon - Wed 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thur - 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Fri - 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Come in and see what we have, more then just books!



BOOKSTORE

www.widenerlawbookstore.com

Monday & Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Student Organizations

Student Animal Legal Defense Fund

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Presents

Ms. Hetti Brown of Delaware Votes for Animals

Thursday, April 27th from 5-6 p.m., in Law Building Room 118.

Ms Hetti Brown will discuss the citizen's role in

animal advocacy.

Refreshments will be served

All are welcome!

The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law Announcements



THE JOURNAL WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE AND WELCOME OUR NEW-EST GRADE-ON MEMBERS:

NATHAN BARNETT

MATTHEW BEEBE

KEVIN BRADY

KELLY BREEN

ROBERT CRAWLEY

Marisa DeFeo

BRIAN ENG

PATRICK GIBSON

JOVIN JOSE

VICTORIA LODGE

JULIA MACOMB

JASON PLOPPERT

SELENA SCHNAUFFER

PATRICK WENK

THE DELAWARE JOURNAL OF CORPORATE LAW SUMMER WRITE-ON COMPETITION

ARE YOU INTERSTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE JOURNAL?

It's not too late to find out how!

PACKET PICKUP DATES: MAY 20TH – JULY 1ST

GPA REQUIREMENT: 2.7

FOR 1RD OR 2EDS

THREE WEEKS TO COMPLETE FROM DATE OF PICK-UP

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT AARON STULMAN AT <u>AHSTUL-MAN@MAIL.WIDENER.EDU</u>

THE DELAWARE JOURNAL OF CORPORATE LAW SUPERIOR AUTHORSHIP COMPETITION

ARE YOU A 2RD OR 3ED INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE JOURNAL?

TOPIC DUE: APRIL 30TH (SUBMIT TO ERIC SABLE AT EM-SABLE@MAIL.WIDENER.EDU)

NOTE DUE: JULY 1ST BY 5PM

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT AARON STULMAN AT AHSTUL-MAN@MAIL.WIDENER.EDU OR ERIC SABLE AT EMSABLE @MAIL.WIDENER.EDU

WIDENER LAW REVIEW'S SUPERIOR AUTHORSHIP COMPETITION INFORMATION SESSION

Are you a 2nd Year RD or 3rd Year ED Student Interested in Membership with Widener Law Review?

Widener Law Review offers you the opportunity to:

~Enhance your legal research and writing skills

~Be a member of a law review publishing an unlimited range of legal topics

~Meet alumni through Widener Law Review Networking events

~Place Widener Law Review on your resume, enhancing your application materials and increasing job opportunities

~Take part in Widener Law Review"s annual symposium with topics including:

The Child Witness, Health Law and the Elderly, The Death Penalty, and Environmental

Law.

Attend Our Superior Authorship Information Session for More Details Wednesday, April 20th

5:30 PM Polishook 102

For more information, please contact Patty Piotrowski at pmglavin@mail.widener.edu

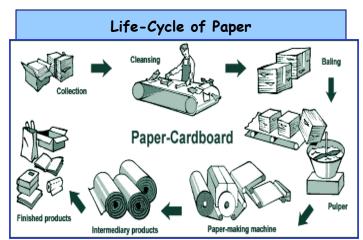
RECYCLING NEWS

BY THE NUMBERS.....

Once: the number of times most of the more than 25 billion cartons manufactured in the U.S. are used.

55%: the amount of water saved by producing recycled paper as compared to virgin paper. Recycled paper takes 60-70% less energy to produce than paper from virgin pulp.

Source: EPA





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



Our planet's ability to provide for us has been exceeded by our "ecological footprint."

What is an "ecological footprint?"

That's the amount of land and sea required to provide the resources for our food, shelter, and other goods—as well as the amount of land and sea needed to absorb the pollution and waste we produce in the process.

Right now, our ecological footprint is 3x's bigger than the Earth can handle. We need to take steps to reduce our footprint. Small steps are vital—their impact really does add up.









Source: Global Footprint Network

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2011 Summer International Law Institutes

The World is waiting!! Your **Options are Many!!**

Application Deadline extended to May 1st!



June 5-July 2, 2011

Students will enjoy the history and culture of Switzerland with a chance to meet students, faculty, and international civil servants from a variety of different cultures. This program offers international law classes, tours of various organizations such as World Health Organization. 1 credit courses in Comparative Bioethics, Comparative & international Health Law, international investment, Comparative Disability Law, international Organizations, Trading in and With Europe Tultion: \$915/credit



Venice

June 24-July 24, 2011

Students will immerse themselves in Venetian culture while studying international law topics. The program visits Venetian Courts. The new location at Venice International University will give students the chance to meet other students and faculty from different locales. 1 credit courses focusing on Comparative Civil Litigation, Comparative Corporate Law, European Union Law, Global Issues in Commercial Law I & II, International & Comparative Labor & Employment Law. Tuition: \$915/credit



Sydney

June 20-July 22, 2011

Australia is a fascinating and diverse nation. Picture snorkeling or scuba diving around the Great Barrier reef, hiking in the Outback or walking the beaches with kangaroos. Students will visit the "High Court" in Canberra and observe the Prime Minister being "grilled" by Parliament. This program exposes students to Australian legal perspectives. 3 credit courses focusing on Comparative Corporate Law and Australian Legal Perspectives. Tultion: \$915/credit

Nalrobi

June 12-July 15, 2011

Students can explore the cultural diversity of Kenya. This unique program immerses students in international legal problems while exposing them to wide differences in culture and perspective. There will be tours of the United Nations Environment Programme and Kenyan Law courts. 2 credit courses in Comparative Family Law. Law & Literature of Colonialism & Post-Colonialism, Comparative Constitutional Law and international Environmental Law. Tultion: \$915/credit

For information visit our website: law widener edu/go/summer

Or contact Arlene Trapuzzano at artrapuzzano@widener.edu

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MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011

April

20	Delaware Supreme Court Oral Arguments - 10:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.
20	Widener Law Review - Information session, 5:30 p.m. Room P102

22 Good Friday holiday (no classes)

27 Student Animal Legal Defense Fund - Guest Speaker, 5:00 p.m., Room Ll 18

29 Last day of classes 30-May 1 Reading Period

May

2-17 Final Examinations 18-25 Delaware I.T.A.P.

21 Commencement – Delaware24-June 23 Trial Admissions Program

30 Memorial Day31 Classes begin31-June 2 Add/Drop

June

21 No Tuesday classes meet; Monday class schedule followed

28 & 30 Trial Admissions Program Examinations

July

4 Fourth of July Holiday; no classes

19 Last day of classes20 Reading Period21-28 Final Examinations



DE LAW NEWS Submission information

The Next issue will be published on
April 25 Submission deadline to
Christy Farley
(delawnews@mail.widener.edu),
4th Floor Law Building, is NOON,
Wednesday, April 20.