

DE LAW NEWS

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

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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BOOKSTORE

It's that time again sell your books during our

“Book Buy Back”

May 2nd - May 21st

Open during Commencement

Saturday, May 21st

Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Don't forget your last minute gifts,
souvenirs and frames.

www.widenerlawbookstore.com

Summer Hours

Monday, June 6th til Friday, August 5th.

4 day work week, Monday - Thursday, unless noted by Department. See list on **page 8**.

School of Law will resume normal hours Monday, August 8th.



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 lpriotti@widener.edu.

HELP WANTED & INTO

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

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.

DELAWARE BAR REVIEW STUDENT ASSISTANTS

Four reliable individuals (3 day and 1 evening) are needed to assist in the administration of the 2011 Widener Delaware Bar Review course sessions. The student assistants will receive a discounted

tuition fee. To apply, please send a letter requesting consideration for the position along with a copy of your resume to the Bar Programs Office in Room 250 or call 477-2087 for more information.

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

FINANCIAL AID Clerical position

Taking a summer course? The Financial Aid Office is looking for a student to do general clerical work. Requirements: minimum GPA 2.0 & workstudy eligible. The hours are flexible, up to 20 hours a week and no Friday's. Interested students should contact the Financial Aid Office at 477-2272 for more information or stop by the Financial Aid Office.

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.

CAMPUS SERVICES

Quiet Hours:

There will be mandatory quiet hours in effect in the dormitories and apartments on campus starting **Friday, April 29. through the end of the semester**. Quiet hours will be in effect 24 hours a day until final exams are over. Any problems during the day should be reported to Campus Services. Any problems after hours should be reported to Campus Safety. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Dormitory Closing:

The dormitories will be closing at **12 noon on Thursday, May 19**. All residents will need to vacate their dormitory room and return their key to the Campus Services office before they leave campus. You will need approval from the Campus Services office to remain in your dorm room beyond this date. If you have signed up for I.T.A.P., bar review housing or summer housing, you are exempt from this deadline. If you are graduating, you must vacate your room by Sunday, May 22nd. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Chris Burrell at cmburrell@widener.edu or Kim Louisignau at kalouisignau@widener.edu.

Attention All Graduates:

If you are graduating, or if you will not be returning to campus for the fall 2011 semester, please remember to close your student mailbox and return the mailbox key. Just stop by the mailroom during their scheduled hours to fill out the form for forwarding your mail and return your key. After hours, just put your key in an envelope, along with your forwarding address, and drop it through the mail slot in the window.

If you are using one of the lockers on campus, and will not be returning in the fall, please return your locker key to the Campus Services office, located in the Passmore House. You will be given a voucher for the refund of the locker key deposit.

Please remember to turn in your *mailbox* and *locker keys* before you leave campus for the final time. Thank you!

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.

Anonymous numbers 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 MUST BE POSITIVELY 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

<http://blogs.law.widener.edu/grads2011/>

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.

SUMMER 2011 OFFICE HOURS

Admissions		9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Audio Visual	(M-Th)	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
	(F)	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Bookstore	(M, T)	11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
	(W, Th)	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Bursar		8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Business & Administration		9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Campus Services	(M-Th)	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Career Development		8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Computer Labs		<i>Hours will mirror Library (LIC)</i>
Copy Center		8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
DE Civil Clinic		8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
DVLS	(M-F)	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Dean's Office		9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
DE Journal of Corporate Law		8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Development/Alumni		8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Environmental Law Clinic		8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Financial Aid		8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Information Technology Services		8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
LEI		8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Legal Information Center		<i>May 23 - July 28</i>
	(M-Th)	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
	(F)	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
	(S)	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	(S)	Noon - 10:00 p.m.
		<i>Closed Memorial Day Weekend 5/28-30</i>
	<i>July 4</i>	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	<i>July 29 - Aug 14th</i>	
	(M-Th)	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
	(F)	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	(S)	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	(S)	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Office of Student Affairs	(M, T, Th)	8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
(Or by appt.)	(W)	8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
PA Civil/Criminal Clinics	(M-Th)	8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
	(T-W)	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Public Interest Resource Center		9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Mailroom		7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. <i>Express Mail 3:00 p.m. / Post Office 5:00 p.m.</i>
Maintenance	(M-F)	7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Registrar		8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Widener Law Review		8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Summer Hours

4 day work week,
Monday - Thursday,
unless noted by De-
partment.

Monday, June 6th til
Friday, August 5th.

School of Law will
resume normal hours
Monday, August 8th.

CAMPUS SAFETY

477 - 2200

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Registrar's Office

Information Line

(302) 477-2149

Registrar's Office Email

Address:

delreg@widener.edu

ARAMARK

Barristers' Club

Attention Hours of operation for exams:

May 2nd-May 25th ~ *Closed*

Crown Court

Mon, May 9th 9:00 - 5:00

Tue, May 10th 9:00 - 5:00

Wed, May 11th 9:00 - 2:00

Thur, May 12th 9:00 - 5:00

Fri, May 13th 9:00 - 2:00

Sat and Sun Closed

Mon, May 16th 11:00 - 2:00

Tue, May 17th 9:00 - 2:00 (*last exam day*)

May 18th, 19th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, and 25th

11:00 - 1:00

Have a great summer





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.

302-478-0606



Student Organizations

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 AHSTULMAN@MAIL.WIDENER.EDU

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](mailto:EMSABLE@MAIL.WIDENER.EDU))

NOTE DUE: JULY 1ST BY 5PM

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

Healthy Start Donation Drive



- The Health Law Society and ACLU is sponsoring a donation drive to benefit Crozer-Keystone Healthy Start, a program that provides a range of case management, health education and outreach to women who are pregnant or who have children under two years old.
- Items that may be donated include: non-perishable food, gently used maternity or baby clothing, as well as general baby items (e.g. formula, diapers, wipes).
- The bin will be placed in Main Street. Anyone with additional donations can contact Shannon at mace.shannon@gmail.com for pick up as well.



The Health Law Society



Is Pleased to Announce the Winners of
the Spring 2011 Annual Writing
Competition

Congratulations!

First Place: Molly Cleary

Second Place: Hans Wetzel

Thank you to everyone who participated.
All competitors will be published in the
Spring 2011 *Health Law Colloquium*.

MOE LEVINE NEWS

The Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society extends congratulations to this year's Hugh B. Pearce Trial Competition winners:

David E. Wenger and Morrison Fairbairn

On Tuesday, April 12, The Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society of the Delaware campus hosted the final round of the 22nd Annual Hugh B. Pearce Trial Competition with The Honorable M. Patricia Richmond. The team of David Wenger and Morrison Fairbairn represented the Delaware campus and the team of Katie Pilgren and Karin Judge represented the Harrisburg campus. This year's competition brought extremely high caliber students to the final round and after more than two hours of intense litigation, the Delaware team prevailed.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year's competition:

Jessica Amoroso*	Dianna Hall	Danielle Oppenheim*
Justin Anderson*	Greg Heleniak	Michael Pak
Gillian Andrews*	Emina Henne	Adam Z. Penna*
George Asllani*	Kelly Hicks*	Kimberly Renner*
Matthew Bilker*	Matthew Hindley*	Albert J. Roop V*
Nate Bowen*	Josh Inkell*	M. Stewart Ryan*
Harrison Carpenter*	Maria Janoski*	Chip Sheridan
Kaitlyn Coyne	Eric Laury*	Tetra Shockley*
John Crohe*	James Lewis	Eric Siegel*
Samuel Elbardissi	Irina Luzhatsky	Gregory Skolnik*
Morrison Fairbairn*	Nicholas Madiou*	Christopher Sulock*
Pedja Filipovic	Michael Mazur	Ashley Talley*
Hollis Fishman*	Peter McGivney*	Leah Triola*
Benjamin Gifford	Michael McNeil	Christopher Walther*
Patricia Glavin*	Alicea Milbourne*	David E. Wenger III*
Ronald Golden*	Ryan Moriarty*	Jon White
Christopher Goldschmidt*	Kevin O'Brien*	Marc Wienkowitz

*Denotes Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society member.

The Society would also like to acknowledge Allison L. Segal, this year's Hugh B. Pearce Chairperson. Because of her hard work and dedication this year's competition was a huge success.

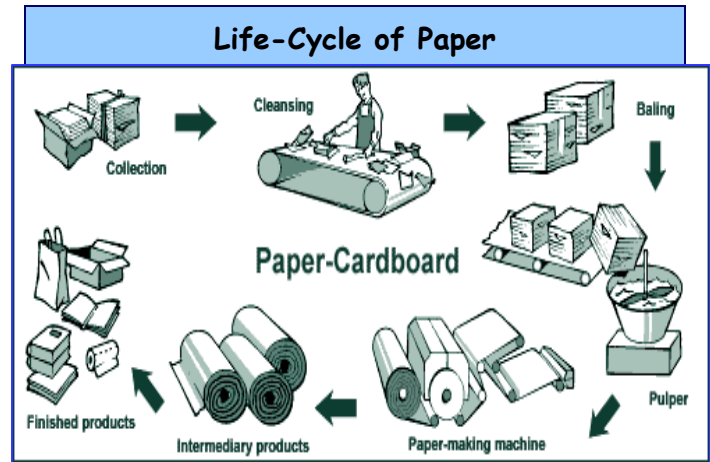
RECYCLING NEWS

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

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

*2011 Summer International Law Institutes***The World is waiting!! Your Options are Many!!****Application Deadline extended to May 1st!****Lausanne**

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 Tuition: \$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 snorkelling 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. Tuition: \$915/credit

**Nairobi**

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. Tuition: \$915/credit

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

Or contact Arlene Trapuzzano at artrapuzzano@widener.edu

May

2-17 Final Examinations
18-25 Delaware I.T.A.P.
21 Commencement – Delaware
24-June 23 Trial Admissions Program
30 Memorial Day
31 Classes begin
31-June 2 Add/Drop

June

21 No Tuesday classes meet; Monday class schedule followed
28 & 30 Trial Admissions Program Examinations

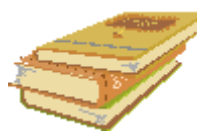
July

4 Fourth of July Holiday; *no classes*
19 Last day of classes
20 Reading Period
21-28 Final Examinations



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Submission information
The *Next* issue will be published on **August 15th** Submission deadline to ***Christy Farley*** (delawnews@mail.widener.edu), 4th Floor Law Building, is **NOON, Wednesday, August 8.**

Congratulations to the 2011 graduates!
Best wishes for the future.



Regular Library Hours

Monday - Thursday	8 a.m. - Midnight
Friday	8 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m. - Midnight

Library Exam Hours

April 29 - May 16:	8 a.m. to 2 a.m.
May 17 - May 19:	8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
May 20:	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
May 21 (Graduation):	CLOSED
May 22:	Noon to 5 p.m.

Skills Not Taught in Law School: What Associates Need to Know

Kimberly Egan, a partner in the DC office of DLA Piper, offers a list of fifteen attributes that drive the professions's most successful attorneys. These skills are not taught in law school, but they can and should be developed. Here are tips Nos. 12 & 13:

12. Time Management

Everything takes longer than expected. For research and writing projects, a good guide is the "double it to the next power" rule. For example if someone says that a project will take two hours, it actually will take four days. Good layers give themselves extra time in case things go wrong. Good lawyers are prepared for the messengers to get stuck in traffic, trains and planes to get delayed and computers to malfunction. Developing good time-management skills is especially important when juggling multiple clients and when more than one deadline occurs on the same day. Learning how to do it early is critical.

13. Diligence

The most effective new lawyers turn in completed work product, not "drafts." To senior lawyers, "draft" does not mean "work in progress," or work completed "so far." Proofreading is critical. Running spellcheck is not a substitute for proofreading. Proper grammar is not a matter of "style." And no assignment in a law firm is beneath anyone. There is no magic band of elves that comes in at night and does all the little tasks that a busy lawyer would rather not do.

Please return all Library Books

Please return any borrowed library materials before you leave for the semester. This is especially important for those materials borrowed through Interlibrary loan. We have borrowed those books on your behalf from another library and do not want to jeopardize our ability to borrow from them again.

Read the Library Blog

Did you know that the library has a blog? Check it out at:

<http://blogs.lawlib.widener.edu/delaware/>

Janet Lindenmuth, Electronic Services Librarian does a great job posting information useful to a legal audience. For example, she recently posted:

We had a great turnout for our program: *Prepare to Practice: Free Online Legal Resources and Research Tips for New Associates, Summer Associates, Interns, Clerks, Law and Paralegal Students*. Did you miss it? Don't worry the handout for this informative program is now available:

[Free Legal Resources Handout](#)