

# THE DIGEST

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ATTENTION: On April 14, 2011, the Side Bar will be available for takeout only.

Students may eat in the faculty dining room.

### TRIAL ADVOCACY HONOR SOCIETY

22nd Annual

**Hugh B. Competition** 

**Trial Advocacy Competition** 

Congratulations to Karin Judge and Katie Pilgren, winners of the Harrisburg final round of the Hugh B. Pearce Trial Advocacy Competition. They will take on the winners of the Delaware final round on April 12th on the Delaware campus at 6:00 p.m.

History of the competition: The Hugh Bryan Pearce Student Trial Competition was inaugurated in 1989 in memory of Hugh B. Pearce, Widener University School of Law Class of 1990. Mr. Pearce was a helicopter pilot with the Delaware National Guard. On June 17, 1989, while on maneuvers, Chief Warrant Officer Pearce tragically met his death in a helicopter accident. In preserving Hugh's memory, Widener Law School established the Hugh B. Pearce Memorial Fund that supports an annual trial advocacy competition. The focus of the competition is to enable students to develop intelligent and creative advocacy skills while remaining courteous and respectful to their colleagues and opponents. The competition promotes excellence in trial advocacy.

May

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS April

- 12 Hugh Pearce Final Round in Delaware 2 Final Exams Begin
- 18 ELC Event 22 Graduation
- 19 Student Commencement Meetings 30 Memorial Day 22 Good Friday Holiday (no classes) 31 Classes Begin
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- 26 Student Awards Ceremony June 2 Add/Drop
- 29 Last day of classes June
- 30-May 1 21 No Tuesday classes meet; Monday class schedule followed

## **Law Library Hours and Suggested Resources**

As the semester begins to wind down and final examinations approach, the library's schedule will be changing.

During the examination period, the library will be open extended hours.

### For the Spring Holiday, the library's hours will be:

Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 24: 3:00 pm - Midnight

### For the examination period, the library's hours will be:

Monday, April 25 – Tuesday, May 17: 8:00 am – 2:00 am

Wednesday, May 18: 8:00 am – 10:00 pm

### For the intersession before summer classes begin, the library's hours will be:

Thursday, May 19 and Friday, May 20: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 21: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 22: Library Closed

Monday, May 23 – Friday, May 27: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 28 - Monday, May 30: Library Closed



To help you prepare for your finals, the library has collected a number of study aide resources that may be useful to you. A popular set used by many students is the *Examples & Explanations Series*. This set combines text to explain legal doctrines with exercises to give practice in applying the concepts. To view a list of available titles, do a key word search in the library catalog for "examples and explanations." The library staff would remind you these study materials have shortened check-out times to ensure many students will have the opportunity to use them.

# Thanksgiving is Just a Few Days Away....



You read correctly: Widener is celebrating Thanksgiving for a SECOND time this year! On **Monday, April 11**, 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 in the Pit** 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 cafeteria will even be selling hot turkey sandwiches with gravy to help set the Thanksgiving mood on campus.



Thanksgiving Day will be capped off with the **Student-Overseers Reception** in the **Reception Room** from **5:00 – 6:00 p.m**. This **FREE** event will give you the opportunity to meet and greet members of the Board of Overseers and visit with the Dean. The Office of Alumni Relations and Development will also **provide food and beverages** for your enjoyment at the reception. If you plan to join us for this event, e-mail anbarton@widener.edu to **RSVP**.

Happy Thanksgiving!

# SUMMER 2011 INTERNSHIP POSITIONS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINIC

Widener's Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic is now accepting applications for summer intern positions. The Clinic seeks to have 6 to no more than 8 interns assist in handling pending and new Harrisburg Office matters during the summer break. Interns will work under the direct supervision of Clinic Director Prof. Kristl and/or Staff Attorney Darlene Heep on a variety of projects, which may include:

- \* research and writing of legal memos dealing with issues in pending matters;
- \* drafting client letters, briefs, motions, and other documents for use in pending matters;
- \* updating and preparing new materials for the Clinic's pages on the Environmental Law Center's website
- \* preparing for and attending client meetings, public hearings, and court hearings
- \* responding to inquiries on the Widener Environmental Help Line.

Projects will be designed with individual experience and capacity in mind (i.e., we try hard to make sure you're not in over your head!)

Intern positions are available for Regular and Evening Division students who, by the time the internship starts, have completed at least 1 year here at Widener

This can be a great chance to gain real, practical experience in general and to check out the Environmental Clinic to see if it might be right for you to take for credit later in your law school career.

#### Requirements

Applicants must submit their resume and interview with the Clinic Director and Staff Attorney. Applicants accepted into the program must agree to do the following during the summer (May 31 – August 4):

- \* work at least 10 hours a week on Clinic matters
- \* attend "Firm Meetings" every two weeks to discuss pending matters and issues (generally to be scheduled on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.)
- \* meet reasonable deadlines set by the intern and Clinic Director and/or Staff Attorney
- \* maintain confidentiality and comply with all applicable rules of professional conduct

### <u>Application Deadline</u>

Interested students must submit their resume and a short statement of why they are interested in the position to the Clinic Director by email (<a href="ktkristl@widener.edu">ktkristl@widener.edu</a>) no later than 6:00 p.m. on MONDAY APRIL 11, 2011. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered unless the positions have not been and cannot be filled by those applying before the deadline. Interviews will take place on Tuesday April 12, Tuesday April 19, or Tuesday April 26 before or after the scheduled Environmental Clinic class at 4:00 p.m. When submitting your resume, please indicate which dates and times you would be available to meet with the Clinic Director and Staff Attorney for an interview. Internships will be awarded by April 28. Questions? Feel free to email them to the Clinic Director.

### **STEPHANY ROMERO 1RD:**

April's "Winner of Widener Indispensible Essentials" (WOWIE) and Future Alumni Spotlight.



Our April WOWIE, Stephany Romero '13, is originally from Newark, New Jersey. She completed her post-graduate education in the Garden State as well at College of St. Elizabeth (CSE). At this Morristown, New Jersey, college, she majored in Justice Studies and minored in English and Communication. During her time at CSE, Stephany co-founded the Justice Studies Club. She held a leadership position in this new organization as the vice president. In addition to being an active member of the Justice Studies Club, Stephany was also a member of the Criminal Justice Honor Society.

The 1RD student recalled that the experience that inspired her to attend law school was an internship for the American Friends Service Committee, which is a non-profit organization in her hometown. Throughout the course of this internship, she had the opportunity to do legal work with attorneys for undocumented individuals. The satisfaction she received through this opportunity motivated her to make helping others her profession. In fact, she hopes to practice immigration law after graduating from Widener Law in 2013.

When asked what drew her to Widener-Harrisburg, Stephany replied, "I really liked that it was a small law school because I knew I would get more one-on-one time with professors."

The WOWIE award is given to a current student who is selected at random on a monthly basis. Each winning future alumnus/a will receive a gift from the Office of Alumni Relations and Development.

### April Birthdays

Professor John Gedid

Mary Catherine Scott, Clinic, Staff Attorney

Professor Michael Dimino

Megan Morris, Library

Professor Katherine Jones

Brenda Rebuck, ARA

Natalie Einsig, Career Development Office

Melissa Hall, Financial Aid Office

Brent Johnson, Library



The Campus Safety Office is located in the lobby of the Library Building. The telephone number is 717-541-3948.

# REGISTRAR'S OFFICE



### **COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY 2011**

<u>GRADUATES</u>. Please check the following pages to make sure that your name and universities attended and degrees attained are the way you would like to have them published in the Commencement Program.

<u>Ushers.</u> The Registrar's Office needs 8-10 reliable students to volunteer as ushers at commencement on May 22. **Qualifications:** Must be willing to work from 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. and have transportation to the Forum in downtown Harrisburg. Ushers must be dressed professionally, sober and willing to deal with excited graduates and families.

Graduation Meetings. Graduation meetings will be held on April 19, 2011, at 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. in room A180. Caps, gowns and a packet containing invitations, announcements and tickets will be handed out at these meetings.

The Registrar's Office 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.

Please make it a habit to check Campus Cruiser and the Law School Website at law.widener.edu for important announcements.



REGISTRAR'S INFORMATION LINE

717-541-1941

STUDENT INFORMATION LINE 717-541-1939

### HARRISBURG LAW NEWS

### **Submission information:**

The *NEXT* issue of *The Digest* will be published on **April 18, 2011.** All information should be submitted to *Dorothy Koncar*. (dakoncar@widener.edu), Administration Building, by NOON, Tuesday, April 12th in order for the news to be published.

# 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 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. 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



# SIDEBAR CAFÉ

**April 11-15, 2011** 

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

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

Monday Kettle Classic Potato & Bacon Soup

Montaque's Deli Hot Turkey Sandwich w/gravy

Café Feature Egg & Ham Bagel

Itza Pizza Meat Lovers Pizza by the Slice

Tuesday Kettle Classic Tomato Florentine Soup

Montaque's Deli Sloppy Joe Sandwich

Café Feature Egg & Bacon Bagel

Itza Pizza Cheese Pizza by the Slice

Wednesday Kettle Classic Chicken Corn Soup

Montaque's Deli Fresh Mozzarella & Ham Sub

Café Feature Egg, Ham & Cheese Bagel

Itza Pizza Pepperoni Pizza by the Slice

Thursday Kettle Classic Cream of Tomato Soup

Montaque's Deli Cheese Steak Sandwich

Café Feature Egg & Cheese on a Roll

Itza Pizza Ranch Broccoli Pizza by the Slice

The Side Bar will only be available for take out today.

Friday Kettle Classic Lumber Jack Vegetable Soup

Montaque's Deli Breaded Haddock Sandwich

Café Feature Egg & Sausage Muffin

Itza Pizza Meat Lovers Pizza by the Slice