

# DE LAW NEWS

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

## BUS TRIP TO THE



**LEAVING CONCORD HALL AT 5:30 A.M. SHARP  
RETURNING AT 8:30 P.M.**

**\$20.00 per ticket**

**Contact: Debra Berry in O.S.A. (ext. 2142) to purchase tickets  
Contact: Michael Follett at [mjfollett@gmail.com](mailto:mjfollett@gmail.com)  
for further details**

**Breakfast: Bagels & juices**

**Lunch: on your own  
(BYOL)**

**Sponsored by:  
Democratic Law Caucus**

**Deadline to purchase  
tickets:  
Jan 16th, 5:00 p.m.**

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## ALUMNI NEWS



Attorney  
Walter Lober, '94



Attorney  
Christopher Miller, '96

For More Information, Contact:  
Shannon Jordan, 1-800-394-3660, ext. 1769  
Marketing Asst., Edgar Snyder & Associates

### Widener University School of Law Alumni Named Rising Stars

Two Widener University School of Law alumni at the law firm of Edgar Snyder & Associates have been named Pennsylvania Rising Stars. Attorney Walter F. Lober and Attorney Christopher M. Miller have received the honor, which is awarded to outstanding Pennsylvania lawyers who have demonstrated superior professional potential.

Attorney Lober has a certificate of Achievement in Workers' Compensation from the Widener University School of Law.

He is immediate past president of the Workers Compensation section of the Allegheny County Bar Association. Attorney Lober is also a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Workers' Compensation Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the American Association for Justice, the Pennsylvania Association for Justice, and the Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association.

This is the fourth consecutive year that Attorney Miller has been selected as a Pennsylvania Rising Star. While attending law school, he was the President of the Student Bar Association and a recipient of the Dean Arthur Weeks Outstanding Service Award.

Attorney Miller is a member of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice, the Allegheny County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He serves on the Board of Governors for the Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association.

Rising Stars are nominated by their peers as being the best up-and-coming attorneys who are age 40 and under or who have been practicing 10 years or less. Attorneys Lober and Miller are honored in the December 2008 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers - Rising Stars Edition magazine and in Philadelphia magazine.

## ADMISSIONS OFFICE

### "Hey Law Students"

Do you feel you have a story to tell?

Are you longing for a creative outlet to dispel pre-finals anxiety?

Then why not become a blogger for Widener Law's website? The Admissions Office is looking for talented student bloggers to write interesting and insightful posts describing the law school experience. Visitors to the site can follow your journey through law school and watch you grow and develop into the successful lawyer you aspire to be. If this appeals to your inner Shakespeare, then e-mail **Eric Kniskern** at [emkniskern@widener.edu](mailto:emkniskern@widener.edu).

KEY CAMPUS CONTACTS & OFFICE HOURS

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Admissions	2210	Geesey House	Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Aramark	2242	Barristers' Club Crown Court	Mon - Wed 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mon - Wed 8:30-10:30 a.m. / 2:30-6:30 p.m. Thur 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Fri 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Bar Programs	2087	Law 250	Mon - Thur - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tue - Wed 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Bookstore	478-0606	BookStore	Mon - Tue 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Wed - Thur 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fri 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Bursar	2181	Law 110	Mon - Tue - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Wed - Thur 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Campus Safety	2200	Concord Hall	Open 24 Hours
Campus Services/Housing Office	2077/2029	Passmore House	Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Career Development Office	2163	Law 1st Flr.	Mon - Thur 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
IT Services - Lab	2221	Law 1st Flr.	ITS Open Lab Hours Mon - Thur 8:00 a.m. - Midnight Fri 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Sat 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Sun 10:00 a.m. - Midnight Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon - Thur 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
IT Services - Office	2196	Law 1st Flr.	Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Copy Center	2165	Law 117	Mon - Thur 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Dean & Vice Dean	2206	Law 435	Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Development and Alumni Relations	2172	Geesey House	Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Financial Aid	2272	Law 100	Mon-Wed-Thur-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tue 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Mon - Fri 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.
Housekeeping	2212		
Legal Information Center	2244	Law 2nd Flr.	See LIC section of <i>De Law News</i>
Mailroom	2217	Law 116	Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Maintenance	2219		Mon - Fri 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Office of Student affairs	2142	Law 250	Mon - Thur - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tue - Wed 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Registrar's Office	2170	Law 114	Mon - Thur - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tue - Wed 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
<b>STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS</b>			Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
<i>Student Bar Association</i>			
Secretary - Debra Berry	2142		
<i>Delaware Journal of Corporate Law</i>			
Secretary - Linda Flaharty	2145		
<i>The Widener Law Review</i>			
Secretary - Debbe Patrick	2014		
<i>Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Society</i>			
<i>Moot Court Honor Society</i>	2144		
Secretary - Doris Zinck			

**CAMPUS MAP  
AVAILABLE ON OUR  
WEBSITE**  
[law.widener.edu](http://law.widener.edu)

# RECYCLING NEWS

## DID YOU KNOW?.....



The recycling containers located throughout our buildings are comingled? This means there is no need to sort our recyclables. Office paper, newspaper, glass bottles, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans can be placed in the same recycling containers.

Members of the Widener community and their families - faculty, staff, student, and alums – are welcome to take all of their household recyclables to the containers in the back lot of the law school near the maintenance shed? The containers there will take corrugated cardboard, plastic grocery bags, and batteries, along with the usual glass, plastic bottles, aluminum, newspaper, junk mail, and office paper. And to make recycling even easier: Sorting is now a thing of the past! The Widener drop-off center near the Maintenance shed is now “single-stream,” which means we no longer have to sort our recyclables before coming to the drop-off center. Glass, plastic bottles, aluminum, and paper can now be comingled into any of the containers. Note, however, that batteries, cardboard, and plastic grocery bags will continue to be collected in separate containers due to their size or special nature.

Please help the environment by taking advantage of this great free resource.

We also have recycling for the small inkjet black and color cartridges. The container is located outside the ITS office.

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### STUDENT DIRECTORIES

The Student Directory is available to pick up in the Office of Student Affairs.

## INTERNATIONAL LAW INSTITUTES SUMMER 2009



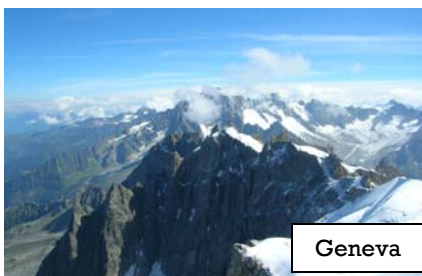
Venice



Sydney



Nairobi



Geneva

### International Programs

- 4 great programs, Sydney, Nairobi, Venice and Geneva
- 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 yourself...
- 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
- We can put you in touch with students who have completed the program in the past to answer your questions.
- **CONTACT:** Arlene Trapuzzano at [artrapuzzao@widener.edu](mailto:artrapuzzao@widener.edu) for more information

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VIEW  
OUR NEWSLETTER

<http://law.widener.edu/summernews>

Registrar's Office Information Line  
(302) 477-2149

Registrar's Office Email Address:  
[delreg@widener.edu](mailto:delreg@widener.edu)

# Student Organizations

**THE MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY**  
PRESENTS THE  
**19TH ANNUAL DELAWARE/HARRISBURG**  
**MOOT COURT INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION**

**Competition Sign Up**

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. - Law Building - Atrium  
&  
Wednesday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Moot Court Office  
Concord Hall

**Competition Packet**

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 3 p.m. - Available on the Moot Court web page

**Brief Due**

Friday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Moot Court Office  
Concord Hall 138

**Preliminary Rounds**

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m.

**Quarter-Finals**

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.

**Semi-Finals**

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m.

**Delaware Final**

Monday, Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m.

**Delaware/Harrisburg Final**

Thursday, Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.

This annual competition runs concurrently on both campuses with the Final Round pairing the finalists from the Delaware campus against the finalists from the Harrisburg campus. The competition focuses on oral and written advocacy skills at the appellate level. All 2RD, 2ED, 3RD, 3ED & 4ED students are eligible to compete. **PLEASE NOTE: There is no GPA requirement to compete.** Finalists in the competition are eligible for membership in the Moot Court Honor Society and must have a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or greater at the time membership is offered. All competitors are required to compete in teams of two individuals and a written brief is required. Everyone will compete in the one of the two preliminary rounds on either Tuesday, February 3, or Wednesday, February 4, 2009. Only those participants that advance will compete in the subsequent round.

**\*\* SIGN UP OBLIGATES YOU TO COMPETE \*\***

If you have any questions, please contact William Brennan, Del/Har Chairperson at 477-2082, williammbrennan@gmail.com or stop by the Moot Court offices in Concord Hall-Room 138.

## VETERANS NEED YOUR SUPPORT !

Many of the patients and residents of the Wilmington VA Hospital and the VA Rest Home have no family and very limited income. They have given so much in service and defense of the United States of America and its people. Now is the time to show our support and appreciation for these brave men and women and the sacrifices they have made in the name of democracy and freedom. The Military Law Society will be placing a box on Main Street in the Main Law Building and in Polishook Hall to collect items to be donated to the Wilmington Veterans Hospital and the VA Rest Home. These boxes will remain throughout the school year and donated items will be delivered regularly. A list of needed items follows. This is one small and easy way we can all say thank you. The MLS and the staff and patients of the VA thank you for your support and contributions. - Damiano Presley del Pino, President - Military Law Society.

### Needed Items:

- activity books, puzzles, games
- used books
- used music tapes or cds
- **personal care items**
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- hair brushes/combs
- shaving supplies
- dental floss
- deodorant

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Joan Bailey-Ragni</i>     | <i>Ken Kristl</i>         |
| <i>Mary Brigid McManamon</i> | <i>Mary Ellen Maatman</i> |
| <i>Rosemary Callahan</i>     | <i>Doretta McGinnis</i>   |
| <i>John Culhane</i>          | <i>Thomas Reed</i>        |
| <i>Keith Duffy</i>           | <i>Mark Six</i>           |
| <i>Linda Flaharty</i>        | <i>Arlene Trapuzzano</i>  |
| <i>Louise Hill</i>           |                           |

*If your birthday is in January and your name does not appear on this list, please contact Christy Farley at ext. 2206. Thank you!*



# Help Wanted

## OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

### Phonathan

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is looking for student phonathon callers for afternoon, evening, and weekend shifts. First year students are welcome to apply. Schedule is flexible. Training is provided. Starting wage is \$9/hour. Incentives include performance-based pay incentives. Please contact Walter L. Derricotte at [wlderricotte@widener.edu](mailto:wlderricotte@widener.edu) or 302-477-2754.

### Office Assistant Needed

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is seeking students to perform clerical duties such as filing, envelope stuffing, photocopying, etc. Our business hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Compensation is \$8.00 per hour. Work-study and non-work-study students may apply. If interested, please contact Dave Berger at (302) 477-2055, or stop by the Geesey House, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

## 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*

## DELAWARE VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES

### Work Study Positions

Available for Legal Help Link  
This semester  
Apply now.  
Contact: Jacki Chacona, Esq.  
478-8680 ext. 212

## MOOT COURT NEWS

### Work Study

The Moot Court Honor Society needs a dependable student who qualifies for federal work study to assist the Moot Court secretary with various clerical duties beginning the week of Jan. 12, 2009. The position requires approximately 15-20 hours a week. Applicants must possess strong communication and word processing skills as well as knowledge of Word Perfect and Word. Students interested in learning more about Moot Court are encouraged to apply. For more information please contact Doris Zinck at (302) 477-2144, or stop by the office in Concord Hall (138) during the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Dr. Amy Gulino, on-site psychologist

If you are having difficulty managing stress, anxiety, depression, or your time consider making an appointment with Dr. Amy Gulino to discuss your struggles. As of October 16th, she will be available on-campus to offer individual psychotherapy on Tuesdays (11a.m. to 7p.m.) and Thursdays (11a.m. to 6p.m.) with some flexibility in her schedule. Therapy sessions are free and confidential. In addition to individual therapy, Dr. Gulino will provide workshops open to all students. If you would like to suggest a topic or schedule an appointment you can email Dr. Gulino at:

[adgulino@widener.edu](mailto:adgulino@widener.edu) or reach her at Ext. 2263.



**MASTER CALENDAR \* ACADEMIC YEAR**

**JANUARY**

- 12 Classes begin
- 12-17 Add/Drop Period
- 19 Martin Luther King Day (no classes)
- 20 Inauguration Day & Bus trip to D.C. Leaving Concord Hall 5:30 a.m., Tickets purchased in advance.
- 20 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition sign ups-10 a.m. to 8 p.m.- Law Building-Atrium
- 21 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition sign ups 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Moot Court Offices-Concord Hall
- 21 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition packet available for download on the Moot Court web page-3 p.m.
- 30 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition brief due-10 a.m. to 7 p.m.-Moot Court Office-Concord Hall 138

**FEBRUARY**

- 3 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition preliminary rounds 6:30 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 4 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition preliminary rounds 6:30 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 11 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition quarter final rounds 6:30 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 17 In-Service Day (no classes)
- 18 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition semi final rounds 6:30 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 23 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition Delaware campus final round 6:30 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 26 Moot Court Honor Society Delaware/Harrisburg Competition final round 6:30 p.m.-Delaware Campus

**MARCH**

- 2-7 Spring Break (no classes)
- 12 Moot Court Honor Society Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Preliminary rounds 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 13 Moot Court Honor Society Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Preliminary rounds 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- 13 Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition Distinguished Scholar Presentation - 4:00 p.m.
- 14 Moot Court Honor Society Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Quarter final rounds 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Semi final rounds 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Moot Court Honor Society Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Final round 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**APRIL**

- 10 Good Friday holiday (no classes)
- 29 Last day of classes
- 30 Reading Period - begins

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**Submission information**

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**MAY**

- 1 Reading Period
- 2-15 Final Examinations
- 14-15 Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (3 credits) (7 days)
- 16 Commencement - Delaware
- 17-21 Intensive Trial Advocacy Program
- 25 Memorial Day
- 26 Classes begin

**JULY**

- 13 Last day of classes
- 14 Reading Period
- 15-22 Final Examinations

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**Welcome back!**

We hope everyone enjoyed their time off. As the Spring semester gets underway we hope you'll use the resources available to you in the library. Remember that Reference Librarians are available to help you navigate the library and guide you in your research.

**U.S. Law Week: Circuit Splits-  
4th Quarter, 2008**

BNA's weekly newsletter, U.S. Law Week, is available electronically to all Widener Law students, staff and faculty. Sign up for email delivery of this and other BNA titles by entering your email address and selecting the titles you wish to receive here: <http://tinyurl.com/5g6gkb>

U.S. Law Week is a current awareness service that focuses on a wide variety of legal topics. Other BNA publications cover narrower topics such as Environmental, Securities, Health and Family Law.

In this week's issue of U.S. Law Week, the editors have created a chart of notable circuit splits across the country. Circuit splits are a great source of topics for seminar papers and other writing assignments because they expose an unsettled area of law.

View the Circuit Splits report from the 4th quarter of 2008 here: <http://tinyurl.com/8bybf2>

**Attention EVENING 1Ls**

All 1<sup>st</sup> year (Legal Methods II) JD students, will attend Westlaw and Lexis training this semester. Day students will have training during your regularly scheduled class time.

**Evening Division students MUST contact the library to sign up for training.** Failure to do so means you will miss this valuable training and will result in your passwords being cancelled (same goes for day students who fail to attend training.)

**Lexis classes will be offered**

Wed., 1/21 at 5:15 pm  
Thurs., 1/22 at 5:15 pm  
Thurs., 1/22 at 8:15 pm  
Mon., 1/26 at 5:15 pm

**Westlaw classes will be offered**

Wed., 1/28 at 5:15 pm  
Thurs., 1/29 at 5:15 pm  
Thurs., 1/29 at 8:15pm  
Mon., 2/2 at 5:15pm

Only evening division students need to sign-up for training. Contact the Reference Desk by email at [Law.LibRef@law.widener.edu](mailto:Law.LibRef@law.widener.edu) or by calling (302) 477-2114. Be sure to include your name, section number and a phone number in case the class needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

**Reminder of Library Rules**

- 1. Drinks must be in spill proof containers.**
- 2. Please reshelve library materials.**
- 3. Do not leave belongings unattended.**
- 4. Help maintain quiet in the library.**

All trash, especially food wrappers and containers should be cleaned up and thrown away before you leave the library.