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WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

19th Annual Delaware/Harrisburg Competition

The Executive Board of the Moot Court Honor Society invites all students, faculty, administration and staff to attend the final round of the Delaware/Harrisburg Competition. This year's final round will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ruby R. Vale Moot Courtroom. A reception will follow in the dining room of the Barristers' Club.

This annual competition operates 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 <u>oral and written</u> advocacy skills at the appellate level. All 2RD, 2ED, 3RD, 3ED & 4ED students with a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or better are eligible to compete. All competitors are required to compete in teams of two individuals and a written brief is required.

This year's problem authored by William Brennan, Delaware Campus Moot Court Honor Society Vice President and Competition Chairperson, involves two issues. The first focuses on standing and if an illegal immigrant and business owner who employed illegal immigrants may challenge a local ordinance that specifically targets their illegal behavior. The second centers on the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and if this local ordinance provides sufficient notice and opportunity to be heard for both the business owner and illegal immigrant. The Society would like to congratulate Mr. Brennan on writing an excellent and challenging problem.

We sincerely hope you will join us at the Delaware/Harrisburg final round of the competition.

If you have any questions please contact William Brennan, Delaware campus Vice President and Competition Chairperson at williammbrennan@gmail.com.

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 round 6:30 p.m.
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Wolcott Fellowship Program

FOR ALL 2RD, 2ED, 3ED STUDENTS

Information about the prestigious Wolcott Fellowship program offered by the Law School and the Delaware Supreme Court is on pages 2 - 3 of this issue and in your student mailbox.

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Widener University

School of Law

Associate Provost and Dean

February 2009

TO: Second Year Regular Division Students

Second and Third Year Extended Division Students

FROM: Dean Linda L. Ammons

RE: Josiah Oliver Wolcott Fellowship Program

I am pleased to announce that the Wolcott Fellowship Program will continue for next year under the auspices of the School of Law and the Delaware Supreme Court. By way of an application and interview process, a total of five students will be chosen to clerk for the Justices of the Supreme Court of Delaware: Chief Justice Myron T. Steele, Justice Randy J. Holland, Justice Carolyn Berger, Justice Jack B. Jacobs and Justice Henry duPont Ridgely. Those selected are named Wolcott Fellows. This is an exceptional opportunity, unique to this Law School and, to the best of my knowledge, to any law school in the United States.

The superior students chosen will serve as judicial clerks for approximately twenty hours per week during the course of the academic year. Each Wolcott Fellow will receive academic credit and a scholarship grant. The clerkship commences shortly after Labor Day and ends the following April 30th.

Interested students should apply for a Wolcott Fellowship by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2009. Applications should be submitted to me through Paula Garrison in the Dean's Office. Details of the program are outlined on the next page.

I strongly urge those who qualify to apply. The program affords those selected a unique and very worthwhile experience.

Current Wolcott Fellows will be available to answer your questions about the program on Monday, March 9, between 5:15 and 6:00 pm, in the Dean Alfred Avins Special Collections Room in the Legal Information Center. If you plan to attend this informative meeting, please e-mail Linda Triolo at <a href="https://link.py.new.org/link.py.n

JOSIAH OLIVER WOLCOTT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Criteria for Selection

Wolcott Fellows will be selected from among those applicants who will be in their third year of the Regular Division program or third or fourth year of the Extended Division program during the 2009-10 academic year. Applicants should rank in the top fifteen percent of their class or otherwise demonstrate strong academic credentials. Law Review experience is not a prerequisite but applicants should possess substantial experience in research and writing.

Application Procedure

Applications should be directed to Paula Garrison in the Office of the Dean not later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2009. Applications should include three (one original and two copies) of each of the following: (1) a cover letter, (2) a recent Law School transcript, (3) a resume, (4) a writing sample, and (5) a letter of reference from **one full-time** faculty member. A letter of reference from an employer will also be welcomed. Personal interviews will be scheduled in mid-April after an initial screening.

Duties of Wolcott Fellows

Wolcott Fellows will be assigned those duties routinely performed by law clerks as determined by the Delaware Supreme Court Justice to whom they are assigned. During the period of the clerkship, legal work may not be performed for anyone other than the member of the Supreme Court, and no other work for compensation may be undertaken without the consent of the Court. All work done and information received are confidential and must be so treated at all times.

The work schedule will be based on an average of twenty hours per week, with due regard to academic, holiday and examination schedules. The precise schedule will be set by the Court after conferring with the Fellow.

Scholarship Grant

Each Wolcott Fellow will receive academic credit (three credits per semester) and a tuition remission scholarship grant (approximately \$3,000 per semester). If a Wolcott Fellow is already receiving a full-tuition merit scholarship for the 2009-10 academic year, s/he will receive a cash grant of \$1,800 per semester instead of the Wolcott tuition remission. The credit and scholarship aspects of the program may be different for students enrolled in the J.D./Psy.D. joint degree program.

Selection Committee

The selection committee is comprised of Delaware Supreme Court Justice Randy J. Holland and Dean Linda L. Ammons.

Interviews

Finalists will be contacted by phone by the Dean's Office to schedule their interview with Justice Holland and Dean Ammons. The interviews will be held in mid-April (exact date to be determined) in the Deans' Conference Room on the 4th floor of the Law Building. The Wolcott Fellows will be selected from this group.

cc: 2008-09 Wolcott Fellows and the Full-Time Faculty

Student Organizations

SPRING 2009 SUPERIOR AUTHORSHIP COMPETITION

The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law, the school's preeminent law review, accepts scholarly articles from students for its Superior Authorship Competition. This competition provides an alternative means of gaining membership to this law review for those students not yet affiliated with a scholarly journal on campus. Aside from the corporate nature of this law review, membership provides those of all interests with an opportunity to perfect their writing, organizational, bluebook, and editing skills. Law review membership and the skills it provides are also highly regarded by employers.

There are, however, certain requirements that need to be fulfilled in order to be eligible for the competition. In short, you must:

- 1. be a 2RD or 3ED student;
- 2. have earned a 2.7 GPA or higher as of the end of the spring 2009 semester; and
- 3. topics must be approved by the Editor-in-Chief by Wednesday, April 29, 2009, by 4:00 p.m.
- 4. submissions are due in the Law Review's Office by Thursday, June 11, 2009, by 4:00 p.m.

Other requirements do apply, such as topic approval and paper style. For a full list of requirements and further information regarding this competition, please direct inquiries to the office of the Editor-in-Chief, Kevin M. Gallagher, Polishook Hall, Room P503, phone 477-2106, email kmgallagher@mail.widener.edu.

The Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society

Invites all 2RD, 2ED, 3RD, 3ED, and 4ED students with a GPA of 2.70 or above to try out for Moe Levine during our 20th Annual Hugh B. Pearce Competition between Widener's Delaware and Harrisburg campuses.

Competitors who reach Delaware's final round will be offered Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society membership!

This competition is mandatory for all current Trial Advocacy Honor Society Members.

- You will need a partner for this competition! Partners will be assigned to those competitors who do not have one.
- ♦ By signing up, you are obligated to compete
- Competition dates are as follows:
 - * March 9th 11th = Preliminary rounds
 - * March 18th = Delaware's semi-final round

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- * March 25th = Delaware's final round
- * Wednesday, April 1st = The final Hugh B. Pearce competition round, between Delaware's winner and Harrisburg's winner, will be held on Delaware's campus. All are invited to attend!

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MOOT COURT INTERSCHOLASTIC NEWS

Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition

The Moot Court Honor Society is proud to announce Widener Law students and Moot Court Honor Society members Sylvia Siegel, Adrienne Robertson, and Angelina Freind won the New York regional portion of the The Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition, advancing to the Nationals, which will be held in Washington, DC on Saturday, March 21st, 2009. Team coach, Professor Leslie Johnson, traveled with the team to New York and was on hand to celebrate the victory.

In addition to placing first among the East Regional teams at the competition - which was held at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, on Saturday, February 7th - the team also won awards for Best Brief and Best Oral Advocates.

Professor Johnson will continue to coach and help prepare the team in advance of the National round.

Established in 1990 in honor of Saul Lefkowitz, Chairman of the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, The Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition is the only competition in the United States with a focus on trademark and unfair competition law.

National Animal Law Competition

The Society would also like to congratulation members Alicia Fastman and David Wenger for their excellent representation of Widener Law while participating in the Animal Law Competition held February 6th to 8th, 2009 at Harvard Law School. The team was coached by Assistant Dean Verne Smith and Assistant Dean Serena Williams. Assistant Dean Williams traveled with the team to Cambridge to lend her knowledge and support.

National Tax Moot Court Competition

Another round of congratulations is extended to Society members Lawrence Wind and Charles Tate. Larry and Charles, along with team coach, Professor Nicholas Mirkay, traveled to Tampa to compete in the National Tax Competition held February 5th to 8th.

Please join the Moot Court Honor Society in extending congratulations to all team members and coaches for their excellent performances. Participation in an interscholastic competition is a wonderful experience and a valuable way to gain brief writing and oral argument skills.

Over the next few weeks, the Moot Court Honor Society will have three additional teams competing in interscholastic competitions.

Herbert J. Wechsler National Criminal Law Moot Court Competition

Team members - Jonathan McDonald and Robert Bailey Coach - Professor Stephen Henderson Dates - March 28, 2009 Location - University at Buffalo School of Law

Irving R. Kaufman Memorial Securities Law Moot Court Competition

Team Members - Damien Tancredi and William Brennan Coach - Professor Lawrence Hamermesh Dates - April 3rd to 5th, 2009 Location - Fordham University School of Law

John J. Gibbons Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition

Team Members - Kristopher Kachline, Michael A. Pattanite, Jr. and James Walsh Coach - Professor Leonard Sosnov Dates - March $27^{\rm th}$ to $29^{\rm th}$, 2009

Location - Seton Hall University Law School

Moot Court Honor Society

Twentieth-First Annual

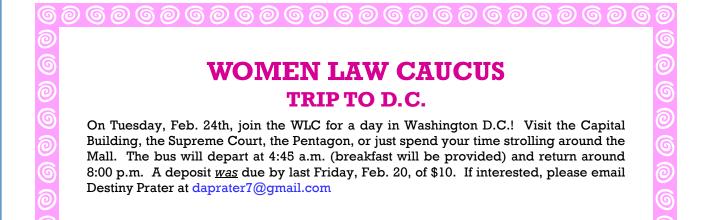
Ruby R. Vale Interschool Corporate Moot Court Competition

The Moot Court Honor Society is pleased to announce the following schools will participate in the Twenty-First Annual Ruby R. Vale Interschool Corporate Moot Court Competition to be held March 12 - 15. The Society invites you to attend the Distinguished Scholar Lecture on Friday, March 13 at 4 p.m. and the final round of the competition on Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m. Both events will take place in the Ruby R. Vale Moot Courtroom. The 2009 Distinguished Scholar is The Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan. Judge Kaplan represents the Southern District of New York serving in the U.S. District Court. The Society would like to thank Professor Lawrence Hamermesh for procuring Judge Kaplan as this year's lecturer. Judge Kaplan will also sit on the final bench of the Competition. Please contact Doris Zinck, Moot Court Honor Society secretary at extension 2144 with any questions.

American University Washington College of Law
Brooklyn Law School
Capital University Law School
Emory University School of Law
Florida State University College of Law
Franklin Pierce Law Center
Loyola University Chicago School of Law
Marquette University Law School
Mississippi College School of Law
Ohio State University - Michael E. Moritz College of Law
Quinnipiac University School of Law

Santa Clara University School of Law

Seton Hall University School of Law
Southwestern Law School
Tulane University Law School
University of Detroit Mercy Law School
University of Miami School of Law
University of Oregon School of Law
University of Wisconsin Law School
Wake Forest University School of Law
Walter F. George School of Law of Mercer University
Washburn University School of Law
Western State University College of Law
William Mitchell College of Law



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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 - shaving supplies

- toothpaste - dental floss

- hair brushes/combs - deodorant

- slippers/slipper-socks - hair care products



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 or 302-477-2754.

THE DELAWARE CIVIL CLINIC Interperpretor

DCC is seeking anyone who can speak a foreign language (especially Spanish) to act as an interpretor 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

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MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009

FEBRUARY

- 23 Moot Court Honor Society DE/HBG Competition final round 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Moot Court Honor Society DE/HBG Competition final round 6:30 p.m.

MARCH

- 2-7 Spring Break (no classes)
- 9 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Hugh B. Pearce Competition preliminary round trials 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 10 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Hugh B. Pearce Competition preliminary round trials 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 11 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Hugh B. Pearce Competition preliminary round trials 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 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.
- 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.
- 16 International Law Society and SBA Fundraiser 5:00 p.m., Barristers' Club
- 18 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Hugh B. Pearce Competition semi final round trials 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 25 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Hugh B. Pearce Competition Delaware campus final round trial 6 p.m.-Delaware Campus

APRIL

- 1 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Hugh B. Pearce Competition DE/HBG final round trial 5 p.m.-Delaware Campus
- 8 Delaware Supreme Court Hearing Oral Arguments -Vale Courtroom
- 10 Good Friday holiday (no classes)
- 29 Last day of classes
- 30 Reading Period begins

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

Last day of classes
Reading Period
Final Examinations



DE LAW NEWS Submission information

The **NEXT** issue of *The Digest* will be published on **March 9.** All information should be submitted to **Christy Farley** (**delawnews@mail.widener.edu**), 4th Floor Law Building by **NOON**, **Wednesday**, **Feb. 25**th, in order for the news to be published.



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Spring Break Library Hours

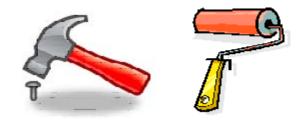
| February 27 | 8 a.m 9 p.m. |
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| February 28 | 8 a.m 5 p.m. |
| March 1 | Noon - 5 p.m. |
| March 2 - 5 | 8 a.m 9 p.m. |
| March 6 | 8 a.m 6 p.m. |
| March 7 | 9 a.m 5 p.m. |
| March 8 | Noon - 11 p.m. |

Black History Month

"National African American History 2009," title Month, is the Proclamation 8345, signed by President Barack Obama on February 2. document mentions the originator of commemoration the οf the contributions of African Americans, Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Dr. Woodson, the son of former slaves, earned a Ph.D. in history from Harvard in 1912. wrote or co-wrote 22 books about the history and lives of African Americans and established Negro History Week in February 1926. February was chosen because of the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and Frederick Douglass February 14. on organization founded by Dr. Woodson in 1915, now called the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, expanded the celebration to a month in 1976. This month's proclamation also mentions the 100th anniversary of the founding of the NAACP on February 12, 1909.

Changes in the Library

During the month of March there will be moving and construction activity in and around the Legal Information Center. Various offices will be relocated, including many of the clinics. We hope that there will not be too much noise or disruption during this reallocation of space. The results should be beneficial to users of both the library and the clinics.



Lincoln and the Law

Legal ethics, civil liberties, and Lincoln's assassins are the topics of the special CLE program presented from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23, at Widener. The Legal Information Center's Director, Michael J. Slinger, who is teaching "Legal Issues of the American Civil War," this semester, will be a panelist discussing "Lincoln and Civil Liberties." There is currently a display about Lincoln and this program in the cases near the main entrance to the library.