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DE LAW NEWS

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

All students! All students! All students! All students!

Dean Linda Ammons cordially invites you
~ and urges you to attend ~
The Dean's Leadership Forum

Monday, September 21, 11 am-Noon
Ruby R. Vale Moot Courtroom

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**Three outstanding Widener alumni,
who are brothers,
discuss the qualities found in a leader and answer
questions posed by Dean Linda Ammons
in a talk-show setting.
Q&A will follow.**

Our guests are:

Brian P. Tierney, Esq., Class of 1987
CEO, Philadelphia Inquirer & Philadelphia Daily News

Kevin C. Tierney, Esq., Class of 1982
Partner, The Law Office of Kevin C. Tierney

Michael J. Tierney, Esq., Class of 1993
Partner, Dilworth Paxson
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WEEKLY EVENTS

21	Dean's Leadership Forum - Special Guests, The Tierney Brothers 11 am, Ruby Vale Moot Courtroom
21	WLC - Picnic, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Lawn
22	Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Critical Stages Speaker Series - Professor Epstein will discuss Cross Examination of Eye Witnesses - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Please call 302-477-2144 for additional information.
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Law School 101

Academic Support Fall Workshop Series

Week of September 21st

First years: Our Fall Workshop Series continues with a look at multiple choice exams. Refine the techniques you have been using for multiple choice questions and learn about ways that law school questions may differ from others you've encountered so far. This workshop is being offered at the following times:

Monday, September 21

9:00 – 9:50 am, Room P203

3:30 – 4:20, Room P203

Wednesday, September 23

5:30 – 6:10, Room P203

We look forward to seeing you there!

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS – SUMMER 2010

Venice

► Studying overseas can be a tremendous asset to a legal education and summer is the perfect time to earn credits while experiencing international cultures and learning different perspectives of faculty and students from foreign countries in Widener's International Law Institutes in Nairobi, Lausanne, Venice, and Sydney.

Nairobi

► With the globalization of the world economy, an understanding of international business, trade, and jurisdiction has become essential for the modern lawyer.

Sydney

► Faculty members are drawn from Widener School of Law as well as from universities and international organizations in each city. Members of the bench and bar of the host country provide special lectures and seminar discussions.

Lausanne

► Why not consider adding a law-related experience to your resume' that stands out to employers and may open opportunities in an increasingly global world of law practice.

Success is not measured by the heights one attains, but by the obstacles one overcomes in its attainment.

- Booker T. Washington

Widener School of Law Recycling Program is Single-Stream

(recyclables can be co-mingled in the blue containers on campus)

RECYCLING is the process of taking a product at the end of its useful life and using all or part of it to make another product. Recycling reduces waste sent to landfills, and making new products out of recycled ones reduces the amount of energy needed in production.

But it is not all about recycling. One of the easiest ways to be good to the environment is to **REDUCE**, or cut back, in key areas of your life. Three of the most important resources you can reduce are: energy, water, and solid waste.

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

The Registrar's Office

Information Line

(302) 477-2149

Email Address:

delreg@widener.edu

Student Organizations

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE

ATTENTION STUDENTS

MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION ! !

The AAJ will be hosting a student mock trial competition this Fall. The competition will be held the week of October 19, 2009 in the evening. The trial problem will be a civil case, wrongful death suit. The competition is open to ALL STUDENTS regardless of year, rank or GPA. For first year students who have not had evidence, do not worry, Professor Nivala will be teaching a workshop which will be videotaped for anyone who cannot make it.

The American Association for Justice (AAJ), formerly ATLA, is a national professional organizations comprised mostly of criminal defense and civil plaintiff attorneys. The AAJ's law school chapter program allows students in law schools all over the country to learn and hone their trial advocacy skills through participation in mock trial competitions and an interscholastic competition. Membership in the organization also avails students the opportunity to network with attorneys from all over the nation. Currently two of the AAJ Governors and three past governors are Widener Alumni.

The Trial Packets will be distributed on:

Wednesday and Thursday, September 23 and 24, 2009 at the AAJ table on Main Street

The Workshop will be held on:

Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 4:30 in Law 118, Refreshments will be served.

The Competition will be held on:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the week of October 19, 2009

Trials will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Students will have the opportunity to indicate their preference for the day and time to minimize having to miss classes. The Competition Committee will do their best to accommodate everyone to the extent possible.

Following sign-ups, there will be a brief information session and once packets are picked up, students are OBLIGATED to participate. Awards will be given in several categories.

This is a great opportunity for 1L students who think they might want to try out for Moe Levine in their second year to get experience in a trial advocacy competition. Furthermore, for any student who wishes to pursue a career in trial advocacy, frequent practice is key to success. Finally, for students who may not be able to participate in Moe Levine, AAJ is great resource for participating in a trial competition.

Widener University School of Law

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (APALSA)

~~celebrates~~

AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL

Wii Tennis
(doubles)

Wii Boxing
(singles)

Sign-up at our TABLE on MAIN STREET

Tues. 9/22, (3pm-6pm)

Weds. 9/23, (4pm-7pm)

Tues. 9/29, (3pm-6pm)

$5 cover charge (walk-ons welcome)

FREE FOOD, BEVERAGE SPECIALS, & PRIZES!!!

Location: Scrimmages

When: Wednesday, September 30th

Starting at 6PM

HEALTH LAW INSTITUTE

The Health Law Institute of the Widener University School of Law is excited to announce the Health Law Institute Research Fellowship. The Research Fellow will conduct legal and factual research in support of the health law faculty and the Health Law Institute, and will be expected to devote about ten hours per week to Fellowship-related work during the 2008-2009 academic year. (No assignments will be made or completed during examination periods.)

The Research Fellow will receive $5,000 for the academic year, payable in regular monthly installments, assuming continuing satisfactory work.

The position requires strong research and analytical skills, as well as a demonstrated interest in the field of health law. Those interested in applying should submit the following materials, in hard copy form, to the Secretary of Institutes, Ms. Karla Harris (in Room 228):

- A letter of application, which should highlight health-law related coursework, as well as work or other experience in health law (if any);
- A resume or c.v.;
- A representative legal writing sample;
- A copy of your Widener law transcript to date.

If you would like to discuss the Fellowship further, or have additional questions about it, contact Health Law Institute Director John G. Culhane, at (302) 477-2107, or at jgculhane@widener.edu . Or stop by Room 227 (above the Copy Center).

Application deadline is Fri*day, September 18,* at 5 pm.

Widener Law Review

ABOUT WLR

History of Widener Law Review

The Widener Law Review (f/k/a the Widener Law Symposium Journal) is the Law School's only general law journal. The Law Review is the result of several years of student, faculty and administration efforts to increase the opportunity for legal publication at the Law School. A faculty committee developed the general framework for the Law Review and selected the first Editorial Board in the Fall of 1993. The Board began organizational efforts in the spring of 1994. The first Symposium was held in March 1995 and publication of the inaugural issue was in May 1996.

Purpose and Process

The (Law Review) is dedicated to publishing scholarship pertaining to current legal issues. Such legal topics are also explored through symposia organized and hosted by the Law Review. Unsolicited articles authored by professors, judges, practitioners, as well as articles solicited from symposia speakers form the core of the Law Review's publication. Student-authored notes, comments, essays, book reviews and other appropriate pieces provide additional material for publication. All submissions undergo the Law Review's rigorous editorial process designed to enhance the overall quality of the authors' work.

Information about membership will be made available Spring 2010. Please contact Jessica Schuler, Internal Managing Editor, jaschuler@mail.widener.edu

CAMPUS SAFETY

24 hours / 7 days

302-477-2200

HEALTH CARE REFORM DEBATE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, AT 4:30 IN RUBY VALE

MODERATED BY PROFESSOR LESLIE JOHNSON

SPONSORED BY THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

CO-SPONSORED BY THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC LAW CAUCUSES

THE HEALTH LAW INSTITUTE AND THE HEALTH LAW SOCIETY

Panelists Will Include Professors and Students

Associate Professor, Dr. Thaddeus M. Pope Esq., Ph.d. and Kristopher Kachline

All Are Welcome and Encouraged to Attend

This will be an informative, enlightening, and thought provoking event about an issue that is crucial to each and every one of us - congress has already begun debating this issue and a vote is certain to come by year's end. Come out and hear what each side has to say. Opportunity will be given for your thoughts and questions as well.

Refreshments will be served in the atrium outside vale following the debate

MOE LEVINE TRIAL ADVOCACY HONOR SOCIETY

New Member Tryout Competition

If you aspire to be a trial attorney, do not miss out on the opportunity to become a member of an Honor Society dedicated to advancing and improving your skills as a litigator.

Tryouts are open to all second and third year regular division students and second, third, and fourth year extended division students who have at least a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 after the 2009 summer session. Signing up to compete does not obligate you to compete; however, picking up a trial packet does obligate you to compete. If you have questions please contact Erin Padovani, Competition Chairman, at (302) 477-2798, Doris Zinck, Society Secretary, at (302) 477-2144, or stop by the Moe Levine office in Concord Hall, north wing.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, September 23	Trials Conducted on Campus
Thursday, September 24	6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

New Member Reception

Wednesday, September 30	Barristers' Club

THE MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY PRESENTS THE 31ST ANNUAL JUDGE G. FRED DIBONA INTRASCHOLASTIC COMPETITION

The 31ST Annual Judge G. Fred DiBona Moot Court Competition is open to all 2RD, 2ED, 3RD, 3ED, and 4ED students with a G.P.A of 2.7 or above.
This competition is mandatory for all Moot Court members.

Students who sign up are required to download the packet and present a ten-minute oral argument during preliminary rounds.

Please note that packet pick up obligates you to compete.

Competitors that advance to the semi-final round will be offered membership in the Moot Court Honor Society.

Competition Sign-Up

Monday, Sept. 28
Tuesday, Sept. 29
Wednesday, Sept. 30
10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Law Building - Atrium

Packet Distribution

The DiBona Competition packet will be available on the Moot Court web page on Monday, Oct 5 at 3 p.m.

Competition Rounds – all rounds will be held on the Delaware Campus of Widener Law School starting at 6:30 p.m.

Preliminary Round:

Tuesday, Oct. 13
Thursday, Oct. 15

Round of 16:

Monday, Oct. 19

Quarter Finals:

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Semi-Finals:

Monday, Oct. 26

Finals:

Wednesday, Oct. 28

Reception to follow the Final Round in the Barristers' Club

If you have any questions, please contact Kristopher A. Kachline (DiBona Chairman) at 477-2024 or kakachline@mail.widener.edu, or stop by the Moot Court offices in Concord Hall.

Brought to you by the WLC

Welcome Back Picnic

For All Widener Students

When: Thursday, September 24
10:30am to 1:00pm

Where: Lawn between Polishook
& the Main Law Building

Help Wanted

WORK STUDY

Student Needed to work in the Graduate Programs Office/Health Law Institute. Part Time, flexible hours. Please submit resume to Karla Harris in room 228

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Law professor at business school needs second or third year law student to do research for Oct. 1st deadline. Flexible hours and location. Starts immediately. Please email skmiller@mail.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

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Phonathon

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.

DELAWARE VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES

Work Study Positions

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

MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

September

21 Dean's Leadership Forum - Special Guests, The Tierney Brothers - 11 am, Ruby Vale Moot Courtroom
22 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Critical Stages Speaker Series - Professor Epstein will discuss Cross Examination of Eye Witnesses - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Please call 302-477-2144 for additional information.
23 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society New Member Tryout Competition Trials
24 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society New Member Tryout Competition Trials
28 Yom Kippur (no classes)
28 Moot Court DiBona Competition Sign-ups - Atrium - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
29 Moot Court DiBona Competition Sign-ups - Atrium - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
30 Moot Court DiBona Competition Sign-ups - Atrium - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
30 Moot Court and Moe Levine Member Reception - Barristers' Club

October

6 No Tuesday classes meet; Monday class schedule followed
9 Annual Francis G. Pileggi Distinguished Lecture in Law - Prof. Edward B. Rock - Polishook, 11 a.m.-Noon
13 Moot Court DiBona Competition Preliminary Rounds - Law Building - 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
14 In-Service Day (no classes)
15 Moot Court DiBona Competition Preliminary Rounds - Law Building - 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
19 Moot Court DiBona Competition Round of 16 - Law Building - 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
20 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Critical Stages Speaker Series - Professor Gerald Morano and Peter Hobart, Esq. will speak. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Please call 302-477-2144 for additional information.
21 Moot Court DiBona Competition Quarter Final Rounds - Law Building - 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
26 Moot Court DiBona Competition Semi Final Rounds - Law Building - 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
28 Moot Court DiBona Competition Final Round - Law Building - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Reception following the Final Round - Barristers' Club
29 DE Professionalism Day/Night (attendance required) (no classes on Delaware campus)

November

6 Make-up day; if not used, no classes meet
17 Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Critical Stages Speaker Series - Professor Terrence Marlowe will speak. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Please call 302-477-2144 for additional information
25-28 Thanksgiving holiday (no classes)

December

4 Last day of classes
5-6 Reading Period
7-21 Final Examinations

See De Law News on our website
law.widener.edu

MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

January

4-5	Global Health Law class
6-7	Legal Technology class
11	Classes begin
11-15	Add/Drop Period
18	Martin Luther King Day (no classes)

February

16	In-Service Day (no classes)

March

1-6	Spring Break (no classes)
18	Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Corporate Competition - Preliminary Rounds - Law Building - 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
19	Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Preliminary Rounds - Law Building - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
19	Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Law Corporate Competition - Distinguished Scholar Presentation - Vale Moot Courtroom - 4 p.m.
20	Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Law Corporate Competition - Quarter Final Rounds - Law Building - 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
20	Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Law Corporate Competition - Semi Final Rounds - Law Building - 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
21	Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Law Corporate Competition - Final Round - Vale Moot Courtroom - 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
24	No Wednesday classes meet; Friday classes meet

April

2	Good Friday holiday (no classes)
28	Last day of classes
29-30	Reading Period

May

1-14	Final Examinations
15	Commencement - Delaware
16-22	I.T.A.P. - Delaware Campus
31	Memorial Day

June

1	Classes begin
1-2	Add/Drop

July

19	Last day of classes
20	Reading Period
21-27	Final Examinations

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Submission information

The ***NEXT*** issue of *The Digest* will be published on **September 28.** All information should be submitted to ***Christy Farley*** (**delawnews@mail.widener.edu**), 4th Floor Law Building by **NOON, Wednesday, September 23,** in order for the news to be published.

LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER

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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**

Advice for New Lawyers From a Judge

In an article in the *National Law Journal*, Douglas S. Lavine, a judge on the Appellate Court of Connecticut, gives advice to young lawyers about appearing in court. Most of this advice is basic and self-evident, but Judge Lavine has observed that not knowing how to act in court can put a new attorney at a real disadvantage. This is the second in a series that will share Judge Lavine's 20 points of good courtroom behavior.

2. **Introduce yourself and succinctly state your business**.

When first appearing, do not assume that the judge knows why you are rising to speak or who your client is. Introduce yourself, state you who represent, and what your business is. Many experienced lawyers use a time-tested opening like this: "Good morning, Judge Smith. My name is Esther Jones from the firm of Jones & Jones. I am here representing the plaintiff, Madeleine Myers, in connection with her January 14, 2007, motion for summary judgment." That is enough. Do not launch into your argument until asked to do so.

Library Tours and Databases Orientation for First-year Students Given September 21-30

All first-year students will have a brief tour of the Legal Information Center's three floors given by a reference librarian plus an orientation to the online databases available through the law library's homepage. Students will be assigned one-hour time periods in which to report to either a classroom for orientation or the Reference Desk for a tour. Halfway through the hour, students will switch to whichever part they did not do first. Because there will be three groups touring the library at the same time, cooperation in moving at a good pace would be appreciated.

Please reshelve books when you have finished using them, and please return items you have checked out when they are due. You will ensure that other students have access to the materials, and you will avoid paying library fines.

Autumn begins this year at 5:18 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 22. Enjoy the last few warm days before the leaves start to fall and the air grows cold.