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Dean Ammons
invites students to attend a

Dean's Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 22, at 5:00 p.m. in Room L122.

Dean Ammons and representatives from the Office of Student Affairs, Financial Aid, Career Development Office and Registrar's Office, will be available to address students concerns and answer questions.

GEESEY OPEN HOUSE

The Office of

Development and Alumni Relations

invites you to meet the staff and enjoy light refreshments

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Refreshments from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Staff available all day

(Geesey is the big stone house to the left of the Barristers' Club)

Second Annual

Widener Law Board of Overseers Reception

For First Year Students and Student Organization Leaders

First year students and leaders of student organizations, you won't want to miss this opportunity to attend in an informal reception where you can meet the men and women who volunteer their time, knowledge and expertise to further the vision of the Law School. The Alumni and Development Office and the Widener Law Board of Overseers cordially invite you to attend a social hour where you and your first year classmates can network and enjoy the company of our esteemed Overseers prior to their regular meeting. If you have questions regarding this event, please call Walter Derricotte at 302-477-2754.

Monday, October 19, 2009

5:00 — 6:00 pm

Barristers' Club

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served

Business Attire

RSVP by October 13, 2009 to

302-477-2499

Alumni and Development Office

Office of Student Affairs

Course Planning, Scheduling and Pre-Registration Workshops

Questions About Planning Your Academic Career? 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students are invited to attend one of the academic planning workshops, stop by the table set up on Main Street, or stop by the Office of Student Affairs.

Workshops

10/19	Monday	12-1pm	Vale
10/21	Wednesday	4-5pm	L122
10/22	Thursday	3:30-4:30pm	L118
10/26	Monday	5:30-6:15pm	L122
10/27	Tuesday	5:30-6:15pm	L122

If you are unable to attend one of the workshops listed above, representatives from the Office of Students Affairs and The Registrar's Office will be available to answer your questions at the times listed below.

Tables (Main Street)

10/20	Tuesday	11:30-1pm **AND** 5-6:15pm
10/21	Wednesday	11:30-1pm **AND** 5-6:15pm
10/22	Thursday	11:30-1pm
10/26	Monday	11:30-1pm
10/27	Tuesday	11:30-1pm **AND** 5-6:15pm
10/28	Wednesday	11:30-1pm **AND** 5-6:15pm

PRIZES !!! PRIZES !!! PRIZES !!!

YOU COULD WIN A GIFT CERTIFICATE TO THE BOOKSTORE!

Widener University School of Law

Career Development Office

presents

Networking Lunch and Learn for law students and small/solo practitioners

Wednesday, October 21, 2009
Barristers' Club

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Networking Luncheon & Meet Solo/Small Firm Practitioners

2Ls, 3Ls and 4EDs: you will have the opportunity to meet solo and small firm practitioners and learn about their practices! Students are encouraged to also stay for the CLE presentation which will follow the networking luncheon.

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

"Transitioning Your Practice

In a Down Economy"

CLE Presentation by

Daniel J. Siegel, Esq.
Principal of the
Law Offices of Daniel J. Siegel, LLC

Lunch will be served at no cost to students. Attendance at the Information session on Monday, October 19, at 12 noon in L118) and professional dress on October 21 is required.

Please sign up on our CDO TWEN page under Sign up Sheets for the Mandatory Information session and the Networking/CLE program. Space is limited!

Student Organizations

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE

ATTENTION STUDENTS

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 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.

Critical Stages

**** Professor Marlowe ****

Impeachment by Inconsistent Statements and Other Means

Open to <u>everyone</u> and presented by the Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society

Oct. 20nd 4-6 pm Room L118

<u>Future Speakers Include</u>

Professor Morano

Peter Hobart

Widener Journal of Law Economics and Race

The Widener Journal of Law Economics and Race (WJLER) would like to invite all 2RD and 3ED students with a GPA of 2.7 or higher to compete in a winter write-on competition.

To participate students may:

Submit a closed note

Submit an open note on a topic of their choice or

Submit a paper previously written

Closed note packets will be available to pick up on December 23, 2009 in the WJLER office. Students will have two weeks from the date of pick up to submit their notes. All papers must be submitted by January 6, 2010. Papers must be 8-10 pages and include at least 40 footnotes.

Information on the WJLER and the winter write-on competition can be found on our website http://blogs.law.widener.edu/wjler/. Any questions may be sent to wjler@mail.widener.edu. Good Luck!

Widener Law Review

Widener Law Review
Announces the Publication of Volume 15 Issue 1
Of Unsolicited Manuscripts
Released Date: September 23, 2009

Pan-Protestantism and Proselytizing: Minority Religions in a Protestant Empire..... *Michael Newsom*

The Pragmatically Virtuous Lawyer?..... *Robert F. Blomquist*

Hi Superman, I'm a Lawyer: A Guide to Attorneys (and Other Legal Professionals) Portrayed in American Comic Books: 1910-2007..... *William A. Hilyerd*

Dilemmas of Redistricting in a Partial-coverage VRA State: An Empirical Reconsideration of the North Carolina Supreme Court's *Stephenson* Opinion..... *John C. Kuzenski*

Taking Duncan Kennedy Seriously: Ironical Liberal Legalism..... *Motoaki Funakoshi*

Lawyers as Problem-solvers, One Meal at a Time: A Review of Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal*, *Vegetable*, *Miracle* . *Ariana* R. *Levinson*

Student Note

Dining in Good Faith on Poisonous Fruit?..... *Janine L. Hochberg*

To receive a copy please contact:

Debbe Patrick
Secretary
Widener Law Review
Phone: (302) 477-2014
Email: dapatrick@widener.edu

Alternative Dispute Resolution Society

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Society is proud to announce the following students have been selected as new members from the 2009 New Member Negotiation Competition:

Suzanna Anderson	Mary Lenti
Preet Bassi	Michael Mastrangelo
Ryan Buckman	Nisha Mehta
James Doyle	Alicea Milbourne
Justin Gilleg	Katie O'Connell
Andrew Graws	Schuyler Pierce
Jeremy Henner	Michelle Sanginiti
Josh Inkell	Nora Seliem
Chris Judge	Pinkal Shah
Eric Jurary	Marc Sposato
Shannon Kelly	Amy Tice
Mike Krantz	Charlie Wohlrab

The ADR Society is pleased to recognize the following students for their accomplishments in the Competition:

ROUND 3 - *1st Place Team*: Mary Lenti and Nora Seliem

ROUND 3 - *2nd Place Team*: Eric Juray and Charlie Wohlrab

Mary Lenti and *Nora Seliem* will be competing for Widener at the Regional Negotiation Competition November 14-15 at William & Mary School of Law in Williamsburg, VA.

The Executive Board would like to thank everyone who participated in the New Member Negotiation Tryouts. The competition was strong and, because of this, we strongly encourage everyone who tried out to take part in the Mediation Competition in the spring. The Competition will take place in January following the start of the spring semester and serves as a second avenue for membership.

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Submission information

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The Registrar's Office

Information Line

(302) 477-2149

Email Address:

delreg@widener.edu

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.

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.

Teach this triple truth to all: A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity.

-Guatama Buddha

MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

The Moot Court Honor Society would like to congratulate the following students for their accomplishments in the Society's New Member Competition:

Best Brief Award - Ryan Cicoski

Best Oralist Award - Jack Spangler

Best Overall Award - Jamie McCloskey

Please join the Society in congratulating them.

MOE LEVINE TRIAL ADVOCACY HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

The Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society is proud to announce the following students have been selected as new members:

Matthew Bilker
Nathaniel Bowen
Cameron Brown
Kaitlyn T. Coyne
Alicia Fastman
Ross A. Flockerzie
Matthew R. Hindley
Josh Inkell
Maria C. Janoski
Veronica M. McMahon
Laura E. Nowicki
Nicholas L. Palazzo
Melissa H. Paris
Michael A. Pattanite, Jr.
Adam Z. Penna
Albert J. Roop, V
Jessica Schuler
Allison L. Segal
Eric Siegel
Christopher Sulock
Charles L. Tate
David Earl Wenger, III

The Society is please to recognize the following students for their accomplishments in the Competition.

VERONICA M. MCMAHON - OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE - SECOND YEAR STUDENT

ROSS A. FLOCKERZIE - OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE - THIRD YEAR STUDENT

The Executive Board would like to thank everyone who participated in the Intra Scholastic Tryouts. The level of competition was excellent and, because of this, we would strongly encourage everyone who tried out to take part in the Hugh B. Pearce competition in the spring. Reaching the finals of the Pearce competition will also serve as an avenue for membership to the Society.

On October 26-28th, **Phi Delta Phi** will be going Passionately Pink for the Cure® to raise funds for the fight against breast cancer.

It's passionate, because the need to end breast cancer is so urgent. It's pink, because that's the color we'll wear to accomplish our goal.

Participating is simple. Just wear pink and between the 26th-28th visit the Phi Delta Phi table on main-street to purchase either a bag of hershey kisses for 1$ or raffle tickets (1$ for 1 or 5$ for 7) for our annual 50/50 Halloween drawling and support Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, the leader of the global breast cancer movement.

If you'd like to contribute online, please use the link below. In return for your contribution, you'll get the satisfaction of helping to move us closer to a world free of breast cancer.

Thanks in advance for your help and for showing your true colors by going Passionately Pink for the Cure.

Click here to visit my personal page.

http://www.info-komen.org/site/TR/PassionatelyPink/PassionatelyPink?px=5960810&pg=personal&fr_id=1130&et=eJ2ZG9sNNZmIlMFzQTvY6g..&s_tafId=18650

Click here to view the team page for Phi Delta Phi Harrington Chapter

http://www.info-komen.org/site/TR/PassionatelyPink/PassionatelyPink?team_id=118948&pg=team&fr_id=1130&et=viQpXm1f1cspGZdpqlLGXA..&s_tafId=18650

Visit Passionately Pink for the Cure.

CAMPUS SAFETY

24 hours / 7 days

302-477-2200

Help Wanted

FLIP Teachers Wanted!

The Public Interest Resource Center is seeking teachers for the FLIP Program. The Financial Literacy Instructional Program (FLIP) teaches financial literacy to children in low income areas of Wilmington, Delaware. Classes will be held at all 3 Boys and Girls Club locations in Wilmington. The classes will be the fourth Friday of every month, starting in October! For more information about the program please contact Kristan Crane Lopez at 302.477.2264 or kmcrane@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 general clerical tasks such as filing, copying, and assistance with office mailings. Please contact Suzanne Watts at 302-477-2172 or via e-mail slwatts@widener.edu .

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

2010 FEBRUARY BAR INFORMATION

	Web Site Address, Office Phone Number, & Exam Dates	***Address for Applications***	***Date When Feb. '10 Applications Are Available***	***Application Deadlines & Fees for February'10*** *(p=postmarked; r= receipt*
DE	**courts.state.de.us/bbe/** 302-577-7038 NONE	DE Board of Bar Examiners Carvel State Office Bldg. 820 N. French Street, 11th Floor Wilmington, DE 19801-3545	N/A	N/A
MD	**www.mdcourts.gov** 410-260-3640 February 23-24, 2010	MD Board of Law Examiners 2011 - F Commerce Park Drive Annapolis, MD 21401	Now by download from web site or by written request	*Application filing dates:* ~~Sept.15, 2009 (r) - $250~~ Dec. 20, 2009 (r) - $275 *Original Petition filing date:* Dec. 20, 2009 (r) - $250
NJ	**www.njbarexams.org** 609-984-7785 February 24-25, 2010	NJ Board of Bar Examiners P.O. Box 973 Trenton, NJ 08625-0973	Now by download from web site or by written request	Nov. 2, 2009 (p) - $475 Nov. 12, 2009 (p) - $525 Nov. 23, 2009 (p) - $575 Dec. 4, 2009 (p) - $625 Dec. 15, 2009 (p) - $675
NY	**www.nybarexam.org** 518-452-8700 (info tape) February 23-24, 2010	State Board of Law Examiners Corporate Plaza - Building 3 254 Washington Ave., Ext. Albany, New York 12203-5195	Now by download from web site or by written request	Must be postmarked between Nov.1 and Nov. 30, $250
PA	**www.pabarexam.org** 717-795-7270 February 23-24, 2010	PA Board of Law Examiners 601Commonwealth Avenue Suite 3600 Harrisburg, PA 17106-2535	Now by download from web site or by written request	Oct. 30, 2009 (p) - $500 Nov. 15, 2009 (p) - $650 Nov. 30, 2009 (p) - $950 Dec. 15, 2009 (p) - $1350

MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

October

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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

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)

See De Law News on our website

law.widener.edu

*MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010*

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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LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER News

October 19, 2009

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 his 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 sixth in a series that will share Judge Lavine's 20 points of good courtroom behavior.

6. **Do not interrupt.**

The urge to interrupt someone–opposing counsel, a witness, or the judge–is sometimes overwhelming. Resist the temptation. It is rude in private conversation, and unprofessional in the context of a courtroom.

ILL – Electronically Received Materials Read–Print–Delete

When registering for ILLiad make sure you supply the email address you check regularly. When material you have requested comes in electronically, you will get an email informing you of this. You will then log on to ILLiad with your username and password. It will take you to the Main Menu. Scroll down to Review Requests. Click on View/Download Electronically Received Articles. Your request will be there for 30 days for you to read, print, and delete. After 30 days it will automatically be deleted from your account.

What's on the New Bookshelf?

One of the many interesting books on the library's New Bookshelf, a revolving wooden shelf unit located between the Reference Desk and the computer hexes, is ***From Demon to Darling: A Legal History of Wine in America***, by Richard Mendelson. The author, an attorney and a winemaker in Napa Valley, CA, traces laws dealing with wine from colonial times to the present. Social movements such as Temperance, promoted by both religious leaders and moral activists, resulted in Prohibition and ultimately the government controls that followed Repeal. Currently, a complex mix of federal and state laws determine all aspects of American wine production and consumption.