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DE LAW NEWS

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

Environmental Law Society

Is having Timothy Bergere of
MONTGOMERY, MCCRACKEN, WALKER, & RHOADS, LLP

on campus Monday, Nov. 23, at
5:15 p.m., in L 248

for a discussion on
Careers in Environmental Law.

All are welcome

Refreshments and snacks will be served.
more information email
mjdeery@gmail.com

WEEKLY EVENTS

23-24	Student Animal Legal Defense Fund table days - all day, Mainstreet
25-28	Thanksgiving holiday (no classes)

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Barristers' Club
&
Crown Court

Hours for Week of Nov. 23

Monday & Tuesday
Normal Hours

Wednesday, Nov. 25
Closed

Monday, Nov. 30
Will reopen

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OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REGARDING EXAMS

All Dean's Action Requests to defer an exam must be submitted to the Registrar's Office no later than **Wednesday, November 18, 2009.** Any request to reschedule an exam received after that date (other than an emergency request) will be automatically denied. Please remember that exam conflicts created by your own course selection are NOT deferrable.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

As final examinations approach, all students should take a few minutes to review the Law School rules relating to examinations. These rules may be found in **§607-609** of the *Academic Code* and **§203-205** of the Dean's Office Regulations.

According to **§607 (f)(l) of the Code**, all examinations are graded anonymously. Students should not discuss the examination process, including the possibility of exam deferral or exam accommodation with faculty members. Any attempt by a student to identify himself/herself to a professor by placing notes or messages on an examination or exam booklet compromises the anonymous grading system. All questions should be directed to Associate Dean of Student Affairs office or the Registrar's Office. Any compromise of the anonymous grading system by a student constitutes a violation of the Code of Conduct and could result in suspension or expulsion.

Permission to defer an examination will be granted only in extreme cases. Students should refer to the guidelines. Emergency deferrals will be granted to those students who, for medical reasons, are unable to sit for an examination when scheduled. A student who becomes ill and cannot take an examination when scheduled must call the Registrar's Office before the examination begins. If that student cannot appear in person or call the Registrar, he/she may miss the exam and apply for a deferral. An application for this type of deferral must be made within 48 hours of the original exam date and in no event later than the last day of regularly scheduled exams. The student must also provide the Registrar's Office with a letter from the attending physician which confirms that the student was unable to sit for the examination due to illness. Students who begin an examination and leave due to illness may not make up the examination on the makeup day. The examination must be retaken at the end of the next semester in which the course is offered.

Anonymous numbers Anonymous numbers must be placed on all examination booklets and on the examination itself. In the unlikely event you forget to put your anonymous number on your papers before time is called, you may do so at the proctor's table when you turn in your exam. If you continue to write after the proctor has told you to stop, your examination number and the fact that you did not stop when told will be reported to the Registrar's Office and may ultimately be reported to the Office of Student Affairs.

Open book exams You may bring into an open book exam only those items designated by the professor. If you are in doubt as to what can be brought into the exam, check with your professor before the examination.

Scrap paper Scrap paper will only be permitted in an examination if the professor has specifically told the Registrar that it will be permitted. The proctor will distribute one scrap paper book to you during the examination.

Lavatory breaks You are reminded that the honor code applies during the entire exam and a lavatory break does not mean there is a break in the honor code rules.

Student ID Finally, remember to bring your student ID to each of your examinations. **Students must be positively identified by the Registrar or proctor before sitting for each exam.**

Students are reminded that the **Student Code of Conduct §202(l)** requires you to report all Code of Conduct violations.

ARAMARK

Holiday Pies

PIES

$6.00 each

Apple * Pumpkin * Sweet Potato

Pumpkin Roll

$9.00 each

Remember to pick up your order

At the Crown Court and the Barristers' Club

Cash Only

Pick up your order Nov. 23 & 24

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ATTENTION GRADUATING LAW STUDENTS

DELAWARE CAMPUS

EXIT COUNSELING

As a Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Stafford Loan, Federal Graduate PLUS and/or Widener's Tuition Deferred Loan recipient, you are required to attend an exit interview. The Financial Aid Office has scheduled sessions to provide you with important information regarding the repayment of your educational loans. The locations and times are listed below. **It will be necessary for you to bring your driver's license and the names and addresses of your next of kin and two people that you wish to use as references.**

Monday, Nov. 23	5:30 PM	Room 247
Tuesday, Nov. 24	5:30 PM	Room 122

THANK YOU

THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Student Organizations

STUDENT ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

Think you have the cutest pet?

Submit your photos (of any domesticated pet), along with a donation to: Corryn229@yahoo.com, (box #774), or drop off your photo and donation at the next SALDF table days, Monday, Nov. 23 & Tuesday, Nov 24.

Submissions will be voted on by the student body in December First place will receive a free pet photo shoot and first, second and third place will get a spot on the groups new banner!

Moot Court Honor Society

CONGRATULATIONS

HEALTH LAW TEAM !

Moot Court Honor Society would like to commend the following individuals for their recent participation in an Interscholastic Competition:

David Wenger
Nathalie Hackett
Kateri Conahey

Mr. Wenger, Ms. Hackett and Ms. Conahey all participated in the National Health Law Moot Court Interscholastic Competition at Southern Illinois University School of Law. The competition ran from November 6th – 7th.

Professor Thaddeus Pope coached the team. Moot Court Honor Society would like to extend its most sincere thanks to Professor Pope for devoting so much time to the team and being a true friend to MCHS Interscholastic.

Congratulations to the team and Professor Pope on a job well done!

Republican Law Caucus

SUPPORT THE TROOPS DRIVE KICK-OFF

We will be collecting care items and packing boxes to send to our Troops serving in Iraq & Afghanistan

November 17-25

Toiletries	Food	Misc. Items	Magazines/Newspapers
Foot Powder	Microwaveable Meals	Black Socks	Sports
Razors	Cheese & Cracker Packets	Knit Skull Caps	Cars
Q-Tips	Beef Jerky	Under Armor Brand T-shirts	Fitness
Chap Stick	Store bought cookies	Hand Warmers	Outdoors
Shaving Cream (tubes)	Slim Jims	AA and AAA batteries	Crossword Puzzles
Nail Clippers	Tuna Fish in Packets	DVDs	Comic Books
Wet Wipes	Dry Cereal	AT&T Calling Cards	Recent Sports Sections

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Widener Journal of Law Economics and Race

Call for Papers

In response to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Committee's recent finding of probable cause of racial discrimination at a suburban Philadelphia swim club, the Widener Journal of Law, Economics and Race (WJLER) requests the submissions of comments by professors and students reflecting the racial, economic and legal aspects of this case. A PDF copy of the findings can be found on our website at www.wjler.org. Comments should be approximately 5-8 pages in length, double-spaced, with one-inch margins, include the author's name on the first page of the comment, and contain footnotes that conform to proper Bluebook format. Please submit a current resume or curriculum vitae with all contact information.

All work must be submitted to wjler@mail.widener.edu by January 2, 2010.

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!

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

November

23-24 Student Animal Legal Defense Fund - table days - all day, Mainstreet
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)

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

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

MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

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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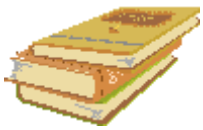
LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER News

November 23, 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**

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

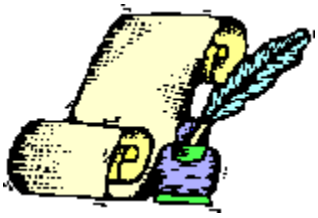
November 25	**8 a.m. - 10 p.m.**
November 26	**Closed**
November 27 & 28	**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
November 29	**Noon - 11 p.m.**

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

11. **Request the court's permission to approach a witness you are questioning.**

If you are going to approach while questioning a witness to show the witness a document, you must first obtain the court's permission. You may not infringe on a witness' space without the court's approval.

Thanksgiving Day Proclamations issued by U.S. Presidents

The first proclamation of a day of thanksgiving by the government of the United States was on October 3. 1789. President George Washington issued a statement, endorsed by Congress, that recommended a day of public thanksgiving and prayer on November 26 of that year. The new national Constitution and the civil and religious liberties it established were mentioned as blessings for which to be thankful. Presidents John Adams and James Madison also proclaimed days of thanksgiving, and Abraham Lincoln's proclamation in 1863 started an annual tradition. The holiday was observed on the last Thursday of November until 1939, when Franklin Roosevelt felt that the fourth Thursday (out of five that year) would produce a longer Christmas shopping season. The federal holiday known as Thanksgiving, to be held each year on the fourth Thursday of November, was signed into law by President Roosevelt on December 26, 1941. Annual presidential proclamations of the National Day of Thanksgiving are found in the *Federal Register* and the *Compilation of Presidential Documents*. They are published a few days before the holiday and remind Americans to be thankful for their freedoms, for the armed forces which protect them, for their health, for their abundance of food and natural resources, and for their families and friends.