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WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

News From Campus Services

Quiet Hours:

There will be mandatory quiet hours in the dormitories and apartments on campus starting *Friday, Dec. 4*, through the end of the semester. Quiet hours will be in effect 24 hours a day until final exams are over. Any problems during the day should be reported to Campus Services. Any problems after hours should be reported to Campus Safety. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Mailbox Key Return:

If you are a December graduate, or if you will not be returning to campus for the Spring 2010 semester, please remember to close your student mailbox and return the mailbox key. Just stop by the mailroom between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. After hours, just put your key in an envelope along with your forwarding address and drop it through the mail slot in the window. Thank you.

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OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REGARDING EXAMS

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.

American Association of University Women, Wilmington Branch Scholarship for baccalaureate or graduate degrees

To be eligible, you must be a U.S. citizen and a Delaware resident.

$65,000 in scholarships will be awarded for the 2010-2011 academic year by the American Association of University Women, Wilmington Branch.

Detailed filing instructions at **www.aauwwilmington.org**.

IMPORTANT! To be considered, the completed application form and all supporting materials must be postmarked on or before **February 19, 2010**.

Student Organizations

Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition

Michael D. DiCindio awarded Best Cross Examination Award.

Team advances to quarter-final rounds.

Professor John Nivala and the Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society congratulate the following students for their recent participation in the Sixth Annual Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition:

Michael D. DiCindio

Periann Doko

Michael S.Noonan

Michael A. Pattanite, Jr.

Mr. DiCindio, Ms. Doko, Mr. Noonan and Mr. Pattanite participated in the Sixth Annual Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition at the University at Buffalo Law School. The competition ran from November 13 – 16, 2009. Professor Terrence J. Marlowe and Professor Jerry Morano served as coaches for the team. Professor Marlowe, travelling with the team to Buffalo, was on hand for the announcement that the team had advanced to the quarter-final round. Mr. DiCindio was the recipient of the Best Cross Examination Award, being chosen from thirty-two nationwide teams and 128 participating students.

National Trial Advocacy Competition

Professor John Nivala and the Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society congratulate the following members of the National Trial Advocacy Competition.

Christopher DiMuzio

Michelle Gerhardt

Carolyn Jones

Charles Tate

Mr. DiMuzio, Ms Gerhardt, Ms. Jones and Mr. Tate travelled to East Lansing, Michigan to participate in the 10th Annual Trial Competition hosted by the Moot Court and Trial Advocacy Boards of Michigan State University College of Law. The Competition was held October 8 – 11, 2009. The team was coached by Professor Jerry Morano and Professor Terrence J. Marlowe. Professor Morano travelled with the team to Michigan.

Please join us in extending congratulations to all team members and coaches.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Society

ADR Spring Mediation Competition

Saturday, January 23, 2010

10 a.m., Main Law Building

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Society aims to promote the study of negotiation techniques, client counseling, mediation, and arbitration. The ADR Society offers students an excellent opportunity to gain practical skills that will complement any area of practice.

The competition is designed to acquaint participants with advocacy skills in alternative dispute resolution processes. The focus of this competition is on attorney representation of clients in mediation.

The competition is open to everyone and **MANDATORY FOR MEMBERS**.

Students will compete in teams of **TWO (2).**

Competition registration and packet pick-up will take place on
January 13 and 14, 2010 on MAIN STREET!

Non-member participants scoring in the TOP 25% will be extended an offer to join ADR upon completion of the Mediation Competition!

Want more information? Contact us?

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You can also learn more about the competition at the ABA website:

http://www.abanet.org/dispute/docs/MediationCompetitionRules2009-10.pdf

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!

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

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.

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

SPRING 2010
ESSENTIAL LEGAL CONCEPTS

Student Assistants Needed

Two students program assistants are needed to help administer the Spring 2010 Essential Legal Concepts course. Eligible students must be available on Saturday mornings (9 am to 1 pm). Students enrolled in the course are encouraged to apply. Please contact Professor Yarbrough or Rose Callahan in the Bar Programs Office (located in the Office of Student Affairs) for times, rate of pay and job description. If interested, submit a letter of interest and resume.

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

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

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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Submission information

The ***NEXT*** issue of *The Digest* will be published on **December 7.** All information should be submitted to ***Christy Farley*** (**delawnews@mail.widener.edu**), 4th Floor Law Building by **NOON, Wednesday, *December 2,*** in order for the news to be published.

LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER

News

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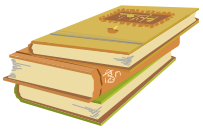

Regular Library Hours

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

12. **Do not read from a document not in evidence.**

In a trial setting, you may not read from a document unless the document has been admitted into evidence.

Jury Deliberations on Stage at Widener

Twelve Angry Jurors, a play adapted from two other plays, *Twelve Angry Men* and *Twelve Angry Women,* is currently being presented by the Theatre Widener Acting Company. The play is set in the 1950s, and the cast is made up of six men and six women to represent various ages and backgrounds. For 1 ½ hours the audience struggles along with these jurors to decide whether there is reasonable doubt that a defendant committed the murder of his father.

Theatre Widener productions are free to all Widener students and staff. Reservations can be made by calling (610)499-4364. Three more opportunities to see this show remain: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 3, 4, and 5, at 7:30 p.m. Theatre Widener is located on the Main Campus of Widener University, in a red brick former church building on the corner of 15th Street and Potter Street. Take Exit 6 (Edgmont Avenue) off I-95 North and turn left at the first traffic light. Bear right on Route 320 (Providence Avenue) and turn right in two blocks (15th Street). There is a parking lot next to the Theatre Widener building.