

DE LAW NEWS

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ Delaware campus

MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

Twentieth Annual Delaware/Harrisburg Competition

Monday, February 22nd

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 Monday, February 22, 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 oral and written advocacy skills at the appellate level. All 2RD, 2ED, 3RD, 3ED & 4ED students are eligible to compete. All competitors are required to compete in teams of two individuals and a written brief is required.

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

If you have any questions please contact Nathalie Hackett, Delaware campus Vice President and Competition Chairperson at nchackett@mail.widener.edu.

WEEKLY EVENTS

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Moot Court DE/HBG Competition
Delaware Final Round
Vale 6:30 p.m.

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Moot Court DE/ HBG Competition
Harrisburg - Final Round at the
Pennsylvania Supreme Court

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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

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*of this issue and
in your student mailbox.*

Registrar's Office
Information Line
(302) 477-2149
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Address:
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2010 5th ANNUAL
WIDENER SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT LAW
CLE SYMPOSIUM

**Hosted By The Sports & Entertainment Law Association
(SELA)**

Wednesday, February 24th

9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Ruby Vale Courtroom

Free For All Students !

Description: An excellent networking opportunity for all students and faculty interested in Sports & Entertainment Law. The symposium offers Continuing Legal Education credits to attorneys in the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. The event consists of four paneled discussions on emerging issues in Sports & Entertainment Law featuring some of the best scholars in their fields. For more information on registering for CLE credits, please contact CLE Coordinator Connie Sweeney, cmsweeney@widener.edu For other information on the symposium, please contact Ryan Carlson, President of SELA, rscarlson@mail.widener.edu

THANK YOU !

Let's take the time to thank the men of the maintenance personnel who have worked tirelessly to deal with the effects and aftereffects of the snowstorms. Who traveled to get to campus during the storms, worked almost around the clock. This has been a hard task for all of you. We want you to know how much we appreciate your hard work and again thank you !



Widener University

School of Law
Associate Provost and Dean

February 2010

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. 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 29th.

Interested students should apply for a Wolcott Fellowship by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2010. Applications should be submitted to me through Paula Garrison in the Dean's Office. Details of the program are outlined on the back of this memorandum.

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 Tuesday, March 9, between 5:30 and 6:15 pm, in the Dean Alfred Avins Special Collections Room in the Legal Information Center. If you plan to attend this informative meeting, email your RSVP to lrtrio@widener.edu (RSVP is needed for refreshments order.)

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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 2010-11 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 26, 2010. 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 2010-11 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 on Monday, April 19, in the Deans' Conference Room on the 4th floor of the Law Building. The Wolcott Fellows will be selected from this group.

cc: 2009-10 Wolcott Fellows and the Full-Time Faculty

Student Organizations

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE

Family Law Workshop - refreshments provided

Wednesday, March 17, at 4:45 p.m., in room **L 123**: taught by Professor Nivala. Evidence refresher will also be included, the program should take 60-75 minutes. Great way to refresh points learned in family law or as a primer if you are planning on taking family law.

WIDENER AAJ SPRING MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

February 24 - Packet pick-up

There is still time to sign up for the mock trial competition. E-mail WIDENERAAJ@gmail.com for information. Sign-ups will be accepted through February 24, at 8:00 p.m.

For students competing in the Spring Mock Trial Competition, there is an evidence workshop taught by Prof. Nivala on reserve at the library that is available to all students.

March 31 - Awards Reception - Refreshments provided - 5:00 p.m., Vale

COMPETITIONS HELD

Monday, March 22

Tuesday, March 23

Wednesday, March 24

Thursday, March 25

Friday, March 26

All trials are held from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. & 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. or 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Trials will be scheduled from Students will have the opportunity to choose a time slot to fit their schedule - first come first served. AAJ will try to accommodate schedule needs to the best of our abilities.

*We look forward to a great competition,
a fun and practical learning experience for all involved !*

MOOT COURT NEWS

The Moot Court Honor Society is proud to announce the members that will be representing Widener University School of Law at the following spring 2010 Interscholastic Competitions:

Cultural Heritage **Chicago, Illinois**

Sponsor: *DePaul University College of Law*
Dates: March 5 – 6, 2010
Team Members: Angelina Freind, Adrienne Robertson and Nina Staggers
Coach: Professor Leslie Johnson

Criminal Procedure **Newark, New Jersey**

Sponsor: *Seton Hall University School of Law*
Dates: March 19 – 20, 2010
Team Members: Jonathan Chase, Andrew Grous and Michael Pattanite
Coach: Professor Leonard Sosnov

Constitutional Law **Chapel Hill, North Carolina**

Sponsor: *University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Law*
Dates: February 24 – 27, 2010
Team Members: Jamie McCloskey, Agatha Mingos and Charles Tate
Coach: Professor James May

CONGRATULATIONS MCHS

TULANE TEAM!

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

Robert Bailey

Jack Spangler

Jack Sweeney

Mr. Bailey, Mr. Spangler and Mr. Sweeney all participated in the Tulane Mardi Gras Moot Court Competition in New Orleans. The competition hosted 40 teams from schools around the country ran from February 10th - 12th. The Widener team advanced to the semi-final round of the competition.

Professor Stephen Henderson coached the team. The Moot Court Honor Society would like to extend its most sincere thanks to Professor Henderson for devoting his time to the team and being a dedicated friend and advisor to MCHS Interscholastics.

Congratulations

to the

Team

and

Professor Henderson on a job well done!

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW ALLIANCE

SILENT AUCTION

March 23rd

PILA will be holding its annual Silent Auction Tuesday, March 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Main Street. All of the proceeds raised from the Auction will go toward scholarships for Widener students who commit their summer breaks to participating in unpaid, public interest internships, such as for a non-profit, legal aid, or government organization. Last year the PILA Auction raised over \$14,000, and we hope to be even more successful this year.

PILA is collecting donations for the Auction, and will continue to do so until March 20th. We are accepting anything from gift certificates to sporting event tickets to a week(end) at a vacation home/timeshare to gift basket items. Any donation from students, faculty, and staff would be greatly appreciated.

For more information about the Auction, or to make a (tax-deductible) donation, contact either PILA Auction Co-Chair Nicole Phillips or Paige Schmittinger at pilaauction10@gmail.com.



Symposium:
Health Law & The Elderly:
Managing Risk at the End of Life

Ruby Vale Courtroom
March 26, 2010
8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information go to:
www.widenerlawreview.org

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

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

POSITION AVAILABLE

The Financial Aid Office is looking for a student to do general clerical work. Requirements: min GPA 2.0 & work study eligible. The hours are flexible. Interested students should contact the Financial Aid Office for more information or stop by the Financial Aid Office.

DELAWARE VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES

Work Study Positions

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

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.

MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

February

- 22 Moot Court DE/HBG Competition- Delaware Final Round-Vale- 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Moot Court DE/ HBG Competition- Harrisburg Final Round at the Pennsylvania Supreme Court

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 Corporate Law Competition - Distinguished Scholar Presentation - Vale Moot Courtroom - 4 p.m.
- 20 Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Quarter Final Rounds - Law Building - 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 20 Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Semi Final Rounds - Law Building - 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- 21 Moot Court Ruby R. Vale Corporate Law Competition - Final Round - Vale Moot Courtroom - 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- 23 Public Interest Law Alliance - Silent Auction - Main Street - 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- 24 No Wednesday classes meet; Friday classes meet

April

- 2 Good Friday holiday (no classes)
- 16 Moot Court and Moe Levine Banquet- Double Tree Hotel
- 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

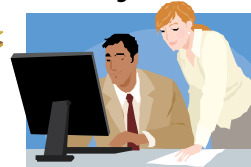
July

- 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 **March 8**. All information should be submitted to **Christy Farley** (delawnews@mail.widener.edu), 4th Floor Law Building by **NOON, Wednesday, March 3**, in order for the news to be published.



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

Spring Break Hours

February 26	8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
February 27	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
February 28	Noon - 5 p.m.
March 1 - 4	8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
March 5	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
March 6	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 7	Noon - 10 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 last in a series that has shared Judge Lavine's 20 points of good courtroom behavior.

20. Enjoy yourself.

Arguing a client's case in court, or any adversary setting, is often exhilarating. Try to have fun as you are doing it.



Louis L. Redding, Esq., Family Home Now Museum and Tribute

The home of Delaware's first black lawyer, Louis L. Redding, will open on February 28, 2010, as a museum and tribute to a person and family who gained prominence in Delaware as they helped change the face of American society. Lewis A. Redding, son of a former slave in Maryland, came with his bride Mary Ann from Virginia to Wilmington shortly after their wedding in June 1900. Their oldest child, Louis L. Redding, was born in 1901, and in 1907 Lewis purchased a home at 203 E. 10th Street in a section of town that had started to become a middle-class black neighborhood. Son Louis was able to attend Brown University and Harvard Law School, graduating in 1928. At that time neither the American Bar Association nor the Delaware State Bar Association would accept black members. For political reasons, an attorney in Wilmington reluctantly sponsored Louis as his clerk. Louis passed the bar exam and was Delaware's only black lawyer for the next 26 years. Although most of his cases were routine matters, some were epochal desegregation decisions. Redding family members lived in the house until Gwendolyn Redding, Louis's sister, died in 1993. The dilapidated house was saved from destruction in 1997 and moved to its present location, 310-312 E. 11th Street. Louis died in 1998, revered as a courageous advocate for civil rights. His close friend, retired Judge Leonard L. Williams, has persevered since then with efforts to restore the house and open it as a tribute to this unusual and influential Delaware family.