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Message from Dean Linda Ammons

Congratulations on completing this school year. The dedication and professionalism of our students, faculty and staff combine to make the Widener University School of Law an outstanding school. Each year as Dean, I gain new insights of the many strengths of this law school. I applaud the leadership provided by our SBA leaders and the governing boards of our law journals, moot court, trial advocacy societies, and all of our student organizations. The commitment to public service exhibited by all the members of the Law School community is inspiring, and the work in our clinical programs on behalf of people and causes that would otherwise go unrepresented is an important contribution our law school makes to the communities of which we are a part.

To those of you who are graduating, congratulations! I am looking forward to seeing you and your families at graduation. I wish you the best of luck on the bar exam and I know you will make us proud as you embark on your legal careers. The bar exam, of course, is a major hurdle, and I urge you take your preparations very seriously. Take full advantage of the bar review courses. You should take at least one course, and if possible, you should try to take two - both BarBri or its equivalent and PMBR or its equivalent. The two approaches do not duplicate, but rather complement each other, and taking both, if you are able, will maximize your chances for success. Also, try to carve out as many weeks before the exam for studying as possible. If you are working, take as much vacation time as you can, or even unpaid leaves of absence if you can arrange it, to devote your energies to studying for the bar. You have come this far and invested so much money on your legal education already that it is worth a little more investment to maximize your chances of passing the bar on your first try.

For those of you returning next fall, I wish you a productive and enjoyable summer. If you will be engaged in law-related employment or internship opportunities, I am sure you will return in the fall with a great appreciation of what you have learned in your classes, and what you still have to learn. Those of you studying abroad, have a wonderful time and spread the news about Widener Law. Good luck, and come back in August with your batteries recharged and with a renewed dedication to your legal studies.

Thank you all for helping to make my year as Dean a successful one.

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Special points of interest:

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BOOKSTORE

It's that time again sell your books during our

"Book Buy Back"

Now til May 19th

Reminder for Rental returns

Open during Commencement
Saturday, May 19th
Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Don't forget your last minute gifts, souvenirs and frames.

Summer Hours

4 day work week, Monday - Thursday, unless noted by Department. See page <u>7</u>

Monday, June 4th til Friday, August 3rd.

School of Law will resume normal hours Monday, August 6th.

CROWN COURT







Hours

Hours will vary during exams. See page <u>15</u> for hours

Registrar's Office Information Line (302) 477-2149

Registrar's Office e-mail delreg@widener.edu

International Law

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Dean Strauss is looking for an international law research assistant. Interested students should send an email with resume to: andrewstrauss@comcast.net

WORKSTUDY NEEDED!

A 2nd or 3rd year law student who is Work Study eligible is needed to work in the Graduate Programs Office. Please submit a resume for the position to Karla Harris in room number 228. Thank you.

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

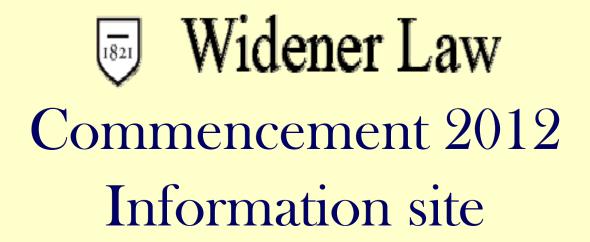
Position Available

Taking a summer course? The Financial Aid Office is looking for a student to do general clerical work. Requirements: minimum GPA 2.0 & workstudy eligible. The hours are flexible, up to 20 hours a week and no Friday's. Interested students should contact the Financial Aid Office at 477 -2272 for more information or stop by the Financial Aid Office.

DELAWARE BAR REVIEW

STUDENT ASSISTANTS

Four reliable individuals (3 day and 1 evening) are needed to assist in the administration of the 2012 Widener Delaware Bar Review course sessions. The student assistants will receive a discounted tuition fee. To apply, please send a letter requesting consideration for the position along with a copy of your resume to the Bar Programs Office in Room 250 or call 477-2087 for more information.



http://blogs.law.widener.edu/grads2012/

ATTENTION MAY GRADUATES

Please review your name and previous degrees for accuracy in the 2012 Commencement Program list. The way your name appears in the program is also how it will appear on your diploma. If your name or information needs to be corrected, please contact Lauren Piotti in the Registrar's Office at 302-477-2150 or lpiotti@widener.edu

Do you have a Relative who is a Widener University School of Law Graduate?

Any member of the graduating class who is related to an alumnus of Widener University School of Law may invite the alumnus to participate in the 2012 Commencement Ceremony. Please contact Pattie Donoghue at 302-477-2710 with the following information: your name and telephone number; alumnus' name, address, and telephone number; and your relationship.

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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)(I) 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 <u>only</u> 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.

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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 scrap paper to you during the examination.

Lavatory

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

Student ID

Finally, remember to bring your <u>STUDENT ID</u> to <u>each</u> of your examinations. <u>STUDENTS MUST</u> BE POSI TIVELY IDENTIFIED BY THE REGISTRAR OR PROCTOR BEFORE SITTING FOR <u>EACH</u> EXAM.

ONLY WIDENER STUDENT ID IS ALLOWED

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

NEWS FROM CAMPUS SERVICES

Quiet Hours:

Mandatory quiet hours are in effect in the dormitories and apartments on campus as of Friday, April 27, through the end of the semester. Quiet hours will be in effect 24 hours a day until final exams are over. Any problems during this time should be reported to Campus Safety. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Reminder for Apartment Residents:

Apartment deposits are due by **Friday**, **May 11**. Payments by check should be made to the Campus Services Office. Payments by credit card should be paid at the Bursar's office. No apartments will be held after **May 11**, without a deposit. Apartment leases for the 2012/13 academic year must be signed no later than **Friday**, **May 11**. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Burrell at cmburrell@widener.edu or stop by the Campus Services office.

Dormitory Closing:

The dormitories will be closing at 12 noon on Wednesday, May 16. All residents will need to vacate their dormitory room and return their key to the Campus Services office before they leave campus. You will need approval from the Campus Services office to remain in your dorm room beyond this date. Graduating residents have until Sunday, May 20th to vacate their room. If you have signed up for I.T.A.P., bar review housing or summer housing, you are exempt from this deadline. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Campus Services at decampusservices@mail.widener.edu.

Attention All Graduates:

If you are graduating, or if you will not be returning to campus for the fall 2012 semester, please remember to close your student mailbox and return the mailbox key. Just stop by the mailroom during their scheduled hours to fill out the form for forwarding your mail and return your key. After hours, just put your key in an envelope, along with your forwarding address, and drop it through the mail slot in the window.

If you are using one of the lockers on campus, and will not be returning in the fall, please remove your lock and empty the contents. If you are using a key, please return it to the Campus Services office, to obtain a refund of the deposit.

Please remember to turn in your mailbox and locker keys before you leave campus for the final time. Thank you!

SUMMER 2012 OFFICE HOURS

Admissions		9:00 a.m 5:30 p.m.	
Audio Visual	(M-Th) (F)	8:30 a.m 4:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m 3:00 p.m.	
Bookstore	(M, T) (W, Th)	11:00 a.m 6:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.	
Bursar		8:00 a.m 5:30 p.m.	
Business & Administration		9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.	
Campus Services	(M-Th)	8:30 a.m 4:30 p.m.	
Career Development		8:00 a.m 5:30 p.m.	
Computer Labs	Hours will mirror Library (LIC)		
Copy Center		7:30 a.m 5:30 p.m.	
DE Civil Clinic		8:30 a.m 4:30 p.m.	
DVLS	(M-F)	8:30 a.m 4:30 p.m.	
Dean's Office		9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.	
DE Journal of Corporate Law		8:00 a.m 5:30 p.m.	
Development/Alumni		8:30 a.m 5:30 p.m.	
Environmental Law Clinic		8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.	
Financial Aid		8:30 a.m 5:30 p.m.	
Information Technology Services	;	8:00 a.m 6:00 p.m.	
LEI		8:30 a.m 6:00 p.m.	
Legal Information Center	May 21 -	July 26	
	(M-Th)	•	
	(F)	8:00 a.m 8:00 p.m.	
	(S)	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.	
Closed	(S) Memorial	Noon - 10:00 p.m. Day Weekend <u>5/26-28</u>	
Closed	July 4	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.	
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	(M-Th)	8:00 a.m 10:00 p.m.	
	(F)	8:00 a.m 6:00 p.m.	
	(S)	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.	
	(S)	Noon - 5:00 p.m.	
Office of Student Affairs	(M, Th)	8:30 a.m 6:00 p.m.	
(Or by appt.) PA Civil/Criminal Clinica	(T, W)	8:30 a.m 6:15 p.m.	
PA Civil/Criminal Clinics	(M-T) (W-Th)	8:30 a.m 5:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m 6:30 p.m.	
Public Interest Resource Center	(11 111)	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.	
		7.00 a.m 5.00 p.m.	

(M-Th) 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m

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Mailroom

Maintenance

Registrar

Widener Law Review

Summer Hours

4 day work week,
Monday - Thursday,
unless noted by
Department.

Monday, June 4th til Friday, August 3rd.

School of Law will resume normal hours Monday, August 6th.

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Express Mail 3:45 p.m. / Post Office 5:00 p.m.

SUMMER 2012 INTERNSHIP POSITIONS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINIC

Widener's Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic is now accepting applications for summer intern positions. The Clinic seeks to have no more than 4 interns assist in handling pending and new Clinic matters during the summer break. Interns will work under the direct supervision of Clinic Director Prof. Kristl on a variety of projects, which may include:

- * research and writing of legal memos dealing with issues in pending matters;
- * drafting client letters, briefs, motions, and other documents for use in pending matters;
- * updating and preparing new materials for the Clinic's pages on the Environmental Law Center's website
- * preparing for and attending client meetings, public hearings, and court hearings

Projects will be designed with individual experience and capacity in mind (i.e., we try hard to make sure you're not in over your head!)

Intern positions are available for Regular and Evening Division students who, by the time the internship starts, have completed at least 1 year here at Widener

This can be a great chance to gain real, practical experience in general and to check out the Environmental Clinic to see if it might be right for you to take for credit later in your law school career.

Requirements

Applicants must submit their resume and interview with the Clinic Director. Applicants accepted into the program must agree to do the following during the summer (May 31 - August 4):

- * work at least 10 hours a week on Clinic matters
- * meet reasonable deadlines set by the intern and Clinic Director
- * maintain confidentiality and comply with all applicable rules of professional conduct

Application Deadline

Interested students must submit their resume and a short statement of why they are interested in the position to the Clinic Director physically by delivery (to the Director in his Clinic Wing office in L256 or Clinic Secretary Debbie Dantinne in L255) or by email (ktkristl@widener.edu) no later than 6:00 p.m. on TUESDAY APRIL 24, 2012. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered unless the positions have not been and cannot be filled by those applying before the deadline. When submitting your resume, please indicate dates and times during the week of April 23 and April 30 when you are available to meet with the Clinic Director. Internships will be awarded by May 4.

Questions? Feel free to email them to the Clinic Director (ktkristl@widener.edu).

"ATTENTION"

All Graduating students, please visit the Bursar's office during office hours to confirm your student account's financial obligations have been satisfied before <u>May 7th</u>, 3:00 P.M.

Spring 2012 Office Hours:

Mon. & Thurs.: 9:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Tues., Wed. & Fri.: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Student Account Representatives:

Annette Carr - (302) 477-2207

Carleen April - (302) 477-2181

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The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law

Summer Write-On Competition

Are you a 1RD or a 2ED and would like to seek membership onto the *Journal*? We invite you to do so by competing in the 2012 Summer Write On Competition. Membership on the *Journal* will improve your writing and editing skills as well as be a distinguishing feature for your upcoming interviews. We do <u>not</u> set a cap to the number of accepted applications. For eligibility onto the *Journal*, you must have at least a 2.7 cumulative GPA at the completion of the Spring 2012 semester

Packet Pickup Dates:

May 18 - June 29, 2012

Due Date:

3 Weeks from the date you pick up the packet

Location:

You may pick up the packet at the Circulation Desk on the 2nd Floor of the Library or you may download

the packet on TWEN.

Add the course "Delaware Journal of Corporate Law 2012 Summer Write On Competition."

Materials will be available on May 18th.

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Phone: (302) 477-2145 * Email: djcl@widener.edu * www.DJCL.org

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The Widener Law Review

SUMMER WRITING COMPETITION

Who is Eligible?

- 1RD, 1ED (who are switching to RD and will have completed 27 credits by the start of their 2L Fall Semester) and 2ED students.
- Fulfill the 2.7 GPA requirement.

Important Dates

- Tuesday, April 24th Formal Information Session
- Friday, May 18th Competition Opens
- Friday, June 29th Competition Closes (last day to pick-up a packet)
- Friday, July 20th Last day to submit a Competition paper
- Sunday, August 5th Offers Extended to New Members

Summer Writing Competition Packet Pick-Up and Submission

- All pick-ups and submissions are done via TWEN
- Students must add the WLR Summer Writing Competition TWEN page
- To pick up the competition packet, click on Assignment Pick-Up and upload the packet (time stamped)
- Papers must be submitted by 5:00 PM three weeks from date of pick-up
- To submit your paper, click on the Assignment Drop-Box and upload your paper.

Competition Requirements

- Submitted papers must adhere to the format, style and length requirements outlined in the competition packet. A sample law review article will be available on TWEN.
- The competition is a closed-packet and students may not perform additional research beyond the materials included in the packet
- Students must submit their papers by 5:00 PM three weeks from pick-up
- Each submission must include a Grade Release Form and Code of Conduct Certification. These documents will be submitted to Debbe Patrick, WLR secretary.
- Submissions may also include a letter of intent (optional).

Membership

- Submissions will be read and scored by the WLR Board
- Submission scores are determined by the strength of the applicant's paper. Your GPA will be considered.
- Applicants with the highest scores will be invited membership to WLR
- Applicants will be notified via telephone on Sunday, August 5th
- New members will be required to attend New Member Orientation in August.

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STUDY ABROAD - 2012

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 15, 2012



WIDENER HAS SUMMER LAW
INSTITUTES IN LAUSANNE
NAIROBI, AND VENICE

LET YOUR ADVENTUROUS
SPIRIT WORK FOR YOU AND
EARN UP TO 6 CREDITS IN FOUR
WEEKS WHILE VISITING
EXCITING PLACES.

FOR INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

law.widener.edu/summer

Or contact Arlene Trapuzzano at artrapuzzano@widener.edu

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CELEBRATE OUR EARTH

Help the Earth— Join the Billion Green Acts Campaign.

Take the Pledge to perform a green act:

PLEDGES:

Take shorter showers (10 minutes or less)

Use locally grown produce

Switch to CFL light bulbs

Take public transportation to work one day a week

Turn off my computer and printer at the end of the day

Plant a tree

Use a clothesline to dry clothes

Plant a garden

Bring a reusable shopping bag to the store

Recycle all paper

Switch off the tap while brushing my teeth

Eat vegan meals one day per week

Lower my uses of bottled water/beverages (own a reusable cup)

Wash clothes in cold water

Use rechargeable batteries

There are many more



Find one that fits you

Crown Court - Hours during exams

Monday, May 7th 9-2
Tuesday, May 8th 9-5
Wednesday, May 9th 9-2
Thursday, May 10th 11-2
Friday, May 11th 9-2
Saturday and Sunday closed



Monday, May 14th 9-2
Tuesday, May 15th 11-2
Wednesday closed
Thursday, May 17th 11:30-1:30
Friday, May 18th 11:30-1:30
Saturday and Sunday closed





Monday, May 21st 11:30-1:30
Tuesday, May 22nd 11:30-1:30
Wednesday, May 23rd 11:30-1:30
Thursday, May 24th 11:30-1:30
Friday May 25th closed
Saturday and Sunday closed

Have a great summer... see you in August!

Delaware Campus

See DE Law News on our website law.widener.edu Two great campuses. Countless paths to success.

DE LAW NEWS Submission information

The **NEXT** issue of **DE** Law News will be published on **August 13.** All information should be submitted to **Christy Farley** (**delawnews@mail.widener.edu**), 4th Floor Law Building by **NOON**, <u>Wednesday</u>, **August 6**, (deadline) in order for the news to be published.

CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/2012

May

- 19 Commencement Delaware
- 20 Commencement Harrisburg
- 17-24 DE I.T.A.P. (tentative)
- 18-25 HBG I.T.A.P. (tentative)
- 28 Memorial Day
- 29 Classes begin
- 29-30 Add/Drop

July

- 16 Last day of classes
- 17 Reading Period
- 18-25 Final Examinations

Congratulations to the 2012 graduates!
Best wishes for the future.



News





Spring and Exam Hours

Mon., May 14 8 a.m. - 2 a.m.
Tues., May 15 8 a.m. - 2 a.m.
Wed., May 16 8 a.m. - 2 a.m.
Thurs., May 17 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Fri., May 18 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat., May 19 (Graduation) CLOSED
Sun., May 20 Noon - 5 p.m.

2012 Summer Hours

May 21 through July 26

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday Noon - 9 p.m.

Closed Memorial Day Weekend May 26 - 28

Fourth of July Holiday

Open July 4th 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

July 27 through August 12

Monday - Thursday	8 a.m 10 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m 6 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m 5 p.m.
Sunday	Noon - 5 p.m.

Circulation is looking for student assistants this summer. If you are interested in applying, please come in and fill out an application. Applications are available at the Circulation Desk.

Library Services for Alumni

Alumni are invited to fill out the online Visitor's Card application form accessible from the Law Library's homepage. A Visitor's Card will be sent to you, and you can use it to check out up to six circulating books from the library. The handling fee for any document delivery service is waived for alumni; only the per-page fax or mailing fee will be charged. You will be welcome in the library at any time and will be able to access most of our subscription databases, including our Lexis Public Access terminals.

Register Now for Summer Access to Lexis and Westlaw

Current law students, including those graduating this month, may log on to the student pages of Westlaw or Lexis before June 1 to extend their access to these databases through the summer. Access to Lexis is granted for studying for the bar exam, summer school, work as a research assistant, law reviews, moot court, public interest work, and "research improvement." Use of Westlaw is restricted to use for classes, research for professors, law review research, moot court, or public interest work; graduates may have access while studying for the bar exam. Use of Lexis or Westlaw for research to benefit a commercial entity is not permitted. August 1 is the approximate date that all graduates will have their Lexis and Westlaw IDs deactivated and continuing students will return to full access.