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All Students, Faculty, Staff

Delaware Supreme Court

will hear oral arguments

in the Vale Moot Courtroom

on

Wednesday, April 16, beginning at 11 am.

A synopsis of the case scheduled to be heard can be found on page 2 and the courtroom protocol can be found on page 3 of this issue of the DE Law News.

* Proceedings will be broadcast into Room L123. Courtroom protocol is not in effect in the classroom.

Special points of interest:

- ◆ Help Wanted
- ◆ Wills For Heroes
- ◆ Graduation Info Pg. 6

ARAMARK ~ Crown Court



Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



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Delaware Supreme Court Oral Arguments

Ruby R. Vale Moot Courtroom

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

11:00 a.m.

548, 2013 *Mammarella v. Evantash*

(Appellant's counsel: Ben Castle) (Appellee's counsel: Dennis Ferri; Ryan Keating)

Facts: The plaintiff filed a medical negligence action asserting that the defendants' six-month delay in diagnosing her malignant breast tumor: (i) caused a 33% increase in the size of the tumor, which increased her risk of death by 17%; (ii) eliminated radiation as a potential treatment; (iii) forced her to undergo chemotherapy; and (iv) caused her psychological fear and dread. The Superior Court (Rapposelli, J.) granted judgment as a matter of law under Rule 50 (a)(1) after finding that no reasonable juror could find in plaintiff's favor on the issue of medical causation.

Issue: Plaintiff contends that the Superior Court erred in granting judgment as a matter of law.

- (i) failing to request an accomplice credibility instruction under Bland;
- (ii) failing to request a jury instruction regarding the significance of Harris' guilty plea;
- (iii) failing to appeal the Superior Court's denial of defense counsel's request to empanel a new jury after Harris' plea; and
- (iv) failing to object to the State's improper vouching.

COURTROOM PROTOCOL

FOR ALL PERSONS ATTENDING ORAL ARGUMENTS

- All persons must submit to a security check to enter the courtroom.
- No backpacks or purses are allowed in the Vale.
- No cell phones, cameras, recording devices or electronic devices are allowed in the courtroom. (Exception: credentialed media representatives may make satisfactory advance arrangements with the Clerk consistent with the Court's media access order).
- No food or drink will be allowed in the courtroom.
- No one may enter or exit the courtroom after an argument has started. Entry or exit between arguments is permitted.
- The Court requests the full attention of everyone during the argument.
- Anyone who creates a disturbance must leave the courtroom and may not return. (Example: chronic coughing)
- No outward display of emotion may be made during the argument.

2014 WIDENER BAR STUDY ASSISTANCE AWARDS



Awards include:

- ❖ Complimentary or reduced bar course fees from:
 - BARBRI
 - Widener Delaware Bar Review Course
 - KAPLANPMBR

Application Guidelines:

Application Deadline: April 17, 2014.

To be considered for an award, interested applicants must complete and submit an award application. The completed application must be emailed to barprograms@mail.widener.edu by the deadline. Late submissions will not be considered.

All awards expire August 1, 2014. Awards are available primarily to any graduating Regular Division and Evening Division students planning to take the Pennsylvania, New Jersey or Delaware bar exam(s). However, where assistance is possible, other jurisdictions will be considered.

The criteria points for the awards are extenuating financial need and the demonstration of exemplary service to the community including the law school.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Affairs and on the Widener Bar Programs' web page.

Participating commercial bar providers include BarBri, KAPLAN/PMBR, Themis and Widener University School of Law.



WILLS FOR HEROES

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 26, 2014:

Community Fire Company #1,
Riegelsville, Upper Bucks County, PA;
coordinator: Sandy Romaszewski
(sromaszewski@foxrothschild.com)

GRADUATION



GRADUATION WORKERS NEEDED

Your help is needed!! If you would like to work at the Law School Commencement on Saturday, May 17, 2014, please contact Denise Manelski at (302) 477-2045 or stop by her office located in Polishook Hall, Legal Education Institute. **This is a great opportunity to receive two reserved seating tickets for your own graduation.** It is a day filled with fun and celebration!

SINGER NEEDED

If you have the ability and the desire to sing the National Anthem at this year's 2014 Commencement ceremony, then we are looking for you! Preference is given to a member of the graduating class but anyone interested is encouraged to try out. Please contact Pattie Donoghue at 302-477-2710 to schedule your audition.

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 2014 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.

Commencement Special Needs Parking and Seating

Special needs parking and seating at Commencement is available for individuals using wheelchairs or those with conditions that prohibit them from walking to their seats. Request forms to obtain tickets for the special needs parking and seating areas are available at the Registrar's Office. Completed forms must be returned by **Friday, May 9, 2014**. With each request, one additional person will be permitted to accompany the special needs individual and will be seated in the designated area. Please feel free to call or stop by the Registrar's Office with any questions. (302-477-2170)



Monday, April 14th at Noon
Main Street - Student Lounge

"Evidentiary Issues: With new technology comes new dangers to victims of domestic violence as abusers use social networking communications and postings, email, and text messages to harass, stalk, and intimidate their victims.

Join Delaware Civil Clinic staff attorney of Widener Law, Catherine Zwolak Kilian, as she explores the evidentiary issues related to authenticating electronic evidence."



Delaware Journal of Corporate Law

Congratulations to the 2014-2015 Administrative Board!

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GREGORY FLASSER

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PILA/PIRC RECOGNITION EVENT

Date: April 17, 2014

Where: Barrister's Club

Time: 4:30—6:00 p.m.

The Public Interest Resource Center and the Public Interest Law Alliance would like to welcome you to attend their annual Public Interest

Recognition event. This event will celebrate the accomplishments of those students who have actively participated in public interest projects.





*Widener Journal of Law,
Economics & Race*

Congratulations

The Widener Journal of Law, Economics & Race
is proud to announce the 2014 – 2015 Executive Board

Katherine Snyder – Editor-in-Chief

Patrice Turenne – Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Aaron Kostyk – Internal Managing Editor

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Kyle Byard – Senior Managing Editor

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2014 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SEMESTER OF SERVICE

The Public Interest Resource Center (PIRC) and the Public Interest Law Alliance (PILA) invite the Law School Community to participate in the Eight Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Semester of Service.

12 weeks/12 hours

Participants are asked to perform at least twelve (12) hours of community service in designated “Semester of Service” projects before the end of the semester. Successful participants will be designated “MLK Service Fellows” and will be recognized at the Student Awards Ceremony and at Graduation. Students will also earn credit towards pro bono distinction.

To become an MLK Service Fellow, perform at least 12 hours of service through the following projects.

2014 SERVICE PROJECTS

Medical-Legal Project: Through partnership with Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., participants will conduct “legal needs” surveys of patients at Federally Qualified Health Centers in Delaware. Participants will visit the centers—likely in teams of two or three—and assist patients in completing surveys designed to measure the scope and character of unmet legal needs, needs that may have direct relationship to patient health. Training at the School of Law (or via on-line video).

Training: March 18 at 12:00 noon (or via on-line video).

Field Work: Weeks of March 31, April 7, April 14, April 21.

Pro Bono/Semester of Service Credits: 2 hours training; 4 hours field work (per survey session).

Teaching Project: Through partnership with the Delaware Law Related Education Center, participants will teach part of a curriculum on “Desegregation in Delaware” in Delaware high school classes. Participants will visit the classrooms—likely in teams of two—to present a pre-prepared ninety minute lesson on *Parker v. University of Delaware*, the 1950 case ordering the desegregation of the University of Delaware. Training at the School of Law (or via on-line video).

Training: March 25 at 12:00 noon (or via on-line video).

Field Work: Weeks of March 24, March 31, April 7.

Pro Bono/Semester of Service Credits: 2 hours training; 4 hours field work (per class).

***For More Information, and More Projects, and to Sign-Up,
Please Visit the Semester of Service TWEN Site.***

RECYCLING

Do You Know...

just how long it takes for trash to decompose in the landfills?



Decomposition Rates

Paper	2-4 weeks
Leaves	1-3 weeks
Orange Peels	6 months
Milk Carton (VOC)	5 years
Plastic Bag	10-20 years
Plastic Container	50-80 years
Aluminum Can	80 years
Tin Can	100 years
Plastic Soda Bottle	450 years
Glass Bottle	500 years
Styrofoam	Never

A Little Bit "Greener"



2.4 million U.S homes could be powered with the energy consumed in transmitting and deleting **SPAM**. The electricity wasted has greenhouse-gas emissions equal to what is generated by **3.1 million** passenger cars. There is some good news though--**SPAM** filtering software **saves 135 billion** kilowatt-hours of electricity that would otherwise be wasted if all computers were unprotected from **SPAM**.

STUDY ABROAD—2014

WIDENER LAW HAS SUMMER LAW
INSTITUTES IN LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND
AND VENICE, ITALY

APPLICATION DEADLINE—APRIL 15, 2014



June 2—June 13, 2014

Lausanne Summer Program



June 16—June 27, 2014

Venice Summer Program

LET YOUR ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT WORK
FOR YOU AND EARN 3 CREDITS IN TWO
WEEKS AND 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 or on

302-477-2248.



Delaware Volunteer Legal Services, Inc.

Law Clerks Needed

To Assist with Legal Help Link for

Duties include: Research,
Intake and Clerical

Paid and Volunteer Positions
Available

Must be work study eligible

Contact Jacquelyn Chacona at
302-478-8680 X 212

Looking to earn some extra money?

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The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is in need of student workers to make solicitation calls for the Widener Law Fund.

The ideal candidates will be able to work approximately 8-10 hours a week, be available through the end of June, and be work study eligible.

Work hours can be scheduled around your class/study time.

Contact:

Suzanne Watts,

302-477-2172 slwatts@widener.edu

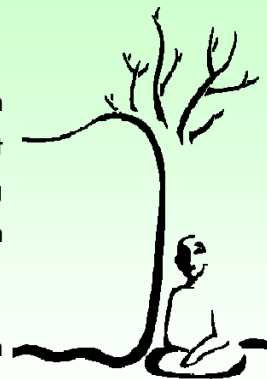


Classes In Mindfulness Meditation

Thursdays at 2:00 p.m., Shipley Hall 109

Learning mindfulness meditation can offer many benefits for students. It can help train the mind to improve concentration, it can help reduce stress, and it can help deepen our understanding of our minds and ourselves. I am looking to have a weekly sitting/class (not for credit) at 2:00 p.m., on Thursdays in Shipley Hall 109.

If you think this is something you may like to do, email me (Associate Dean Andrew Strauss) at: andrewstrauss@comcast.net, and we will take it from there.



SUMMER 2014 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 4 interns assist in handling pending and new Delaware (and possibly Harrisburg) Office 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
- * responding to inquiries on the Widener Environmental Help Line.

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 and Staff Attorney. 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 (need not be done in the Clinic space)
- * stay in regular contact with the Clinic Director
- * 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 by email (ktkristl@widener.edu) **no later than 6:00 p.m. on TUESDAY APRIL 16, 2014**. 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. Interviews will take place in Professor Kristl's Clinic office, by phone or by Skype. When submitting your resume, please indicate which dates and times you would be available to meet with the Clinic Director for an interview. Internships will be awarded by April 30.

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

CAMPUS SERVICES

Summer Housing on Campus

Dormitory rooms are available for summer housing for students taking a bar prep course or summer classes. Rooms are available from May 27, 2014 through the end of July. The total cost for a dormitory room for the summer is \$ 1,276.00.

If you would like to sign up for summer housing, or have any questions, please contact the Campus Services office at 302-477-2029 or decampuservices@mail.widener.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REGARDING EXAMS

All Dean's Action Requests to defer an exam must be submitted to the Registrar's Office no later than **Friday, April 25th**. 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 scrap paper 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.**

ONLY WIDENER STUDENT ID IS ALLOWED

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

Crown Court Week of April 14

Monday, Apr. 14th

Soup

Chicken Tortilla
Minestrone

Deli

Chicken Caesar Wrap

Salad *

Antipasto

Pizza *

Veggie Lover

* Weekly Special



Tuesday, Apr. 15th

Seafood Chowder
Chicken & Rice



Wednesday, Apr. 16th

Soup

Cream of Broccoli
Beef Vegetable



Thursday, Apr. 17th

Soup

Chicken Noodle
Maryland Crab



Friday, Apr. 18th



Delaware Campus

Two great campuses. Countless paths to success.

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

DE LAW NEWS SUBMISSION INFORMATION

The **NEXT** issue of *The Digest* will be published on **April 21**. All information should be submitted to **Christy Farley** (delawnews@mail.widener.edu), 4th Floor Law Building by **NOON, Tuesday, Apr. 15**, in order for the news to be published.

MASTER CALENDAR * ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/2014

April

- 14 Pizza and Professors - Noon, Student Lounge
- 16 Supreme Court of Delaware - 11:00 a.m., Vale
- 18 Good Friday (no classes)
- 24 No Thursday classes meet, Tuesday schedule followed
- 28 Last day of classes
- 29-May 1 Reading Period

May

- 2-15 Final Examinations - Begin
- 17 Commencement - Delaware
- 18 Commencement - Harrisburg
- 16-23 DE I.T.A.P. (tentative)
- 17-24 HBG I.T.A.P. (tentative)
- 26 Memorial Day
- 27 Classes begin
- 27-28 Add/Drop

July

- 14 Last day of classes
- 15 Reading Period
- 16-23 Final Examinations