



# THE DIGEST

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ HARRISBURG CAMPUS  
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## SECOND ANNUAL SUPREME COURT DAY

**Discussing the significance and  
role of the newest member of the Court,  
The Honorable Elena Kagan**

**First year students should make a special effort to attend.**

**Tuesday, October 5, 2010**

**12:10 p.m. in A180**

**Speakers will include Deans Meadows and Power,  
Professors Dimino, Lear, Lee and Moringiello  
Pizza and other refreshments will be served!**



## LEE NATIONAL DENIM DAY®

There are a lot of ways to spend \$5.00. You could get a coffee and a donut on your way to work/school or even buy a magazine OR you could join Team Widener in funding some of the nation's most groundbreaking breast cancer research. We here at Widener have been touched by family, friends, coworkers and students having this disease.

Please donate \$5 to Team Widener and put your money to work for women and men nationwide on Lee National Denim Day® October 8, 2010. Donate \$5 and you have the right to wear jeans on Friday!!

You may donate by going to the online site below (Paula Heider is listed as the team leader) or to Sharon in the Bursar's Office or Jessica Schuller in the Faculty Secretaries' Office to get a pin to wear on October 8.

[http://www.denimday.com/team\\_page.aspx?tid=224903](http://www.denimday.com/team_page.aspx?tid=224903)

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Brian Fearnbaugh

Betty Ann Mortenson

Kelly Arnold

Eric Kniskern



**WIDENER LAW  
PROUD TO BE  
TOBACCO FREE  
JULY 1, 2010**

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## HARRISBURG LAW NEWS

## Submission information:

The *NEXT* issue of *The Digest* will be published on **October 11 2010**.

All information should be submitted to *Dorothy Koncar*.

([dakoncar@widener.edu](mailto:dakoncar@widener.edu)), Administration Building by **NOON, Wednesday, October 6th** in order for the news to be published.

**WIDENER SCHOOL OF LAW  
RECYCLING PROGRAM IS  
SINGLE-STREAM**

**Recyclables can be  
co-mingled in the containers  
on campus.**

Please remember to use the Widener Law blue or green recycling containers to recycle here on campus. It is our responsibility to preserve and protect our natural resources for future generations.

## STUDENT INFORMATION LINE

717-541-1939

*"You're not obligated to win.  
You're obligated to keep trying  
to do the best you can every day."  
~ Marian Wright Fdelman*

## ATTENTION 2L, 3L AND 4L STUDENTS

**FREE!**

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**What:** Live MPRE Review Lecture provided by BARBRI for the November 6, 2010, MPRE Exam

**When:** Thursday, October 12, 2010, from 5:00 –9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Widener Harrisburg, Room 204

BARBRI is excited to offer all students a free, live MPRE review lecture this semester. In order to attend the lecture, you must complete an MPRE review registration form so that we can ensure that we have enough review books and lecture handouts for all students taking the BARBRI MPRE review. These forms are available at the BARBRI table. The BARBRI table is located in the Pit and we have table hours every Tuesday. You can also register online at [barbri.com](http://barbri.com).

Signing up for the BARBRI lecture does not constitute signing up for the MPRE exam. In order to register for the actual exam, you must complete an application with National Bar Examiners. If you register by September 28, 2010, the fee is \$63.00. The late application receipt deadline date is October 14, 2010, and the fee for late registration is \$126.00. You can register online at [ncbex.org](http://ncbex.org). Come by and visit us at the BARBRI table and we will be happy to sign you up for the FREE lecture!

Harrisburg BARBRI reps: Jonathan McVey, Jessica Goldberg, Jessica Lathrop, Dougie Chon, Jen Smith, Steven Werner and Stacy Miller.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### October

- 5 ***2nd Annual Supreme Court Day***
- 5 ***ExamSoft Demonstrations***
- 8 ***Lee National Denim Day®***
- 12 ***In-Service Day (no classes)***
- 12 ***ELPS Picnic & Hike***
- 12 ***Free MPRE Review Lecture***
- 16 ***“Relay for Life”***
- 18 ***ELPS Career Day***
- 19 ***Pizza & Policy in the Pit***
- 22 ***SBA Halloween Party***
- 27 ***Professionalism Day/Night (attendance required) (no classes)***

#### November

- 8 ***No Monday Classes meet; Wednesday class schedule followed***
- 8 ***2010 MSAPA Symposium***
- 9 ***Senior Picture Day***
- 11 ***Senior Picture Day***
- 19 ***ExamSoft Registration Deadline***
- 20 ***Wills for Heroes***

## OCTOBER W.O.W.I.E.

October's "Winner of Widener Indispensable Essentials" (WOWIE) is Justine Pate.

"Make friends!" That is student Justine Pate's advice to 1L students. Justine stresses there are a lot of great students at Widener and that a strong network of friends is essential during law school. The 3RD stated, "law school is a unique experience that most non-law students don't understand and it is important to have friends at school that get it."

Prior to attending law school, Justine Pate attended SUNY-Albany where she was a double major earning degrees in Political Science with a focus on International Relations and English. At her undergraduate institution she was an active member of the University's Amnesty International Chapter. The bar pass rates and school's location helped Justine make the decision to attend Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg.

Justine is currently an active member of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund. As Secretary of the student organization, she is responsible for recruiting new members to ensure a long legacy for the group and she helps coordinate their events on campus.

After graduation this May, Justine would like to practice in the field of labor law. This career choice will fit well with her previous experience of working as a Union organizer in New York and as a legal intern at the state workers union, AFSCME. Justine is currently a law clerk at the Office of the Consumer Advocate.

What is Justine's hidden talent? Her response was, "I'm actually pretty OK at playing the saxophone."

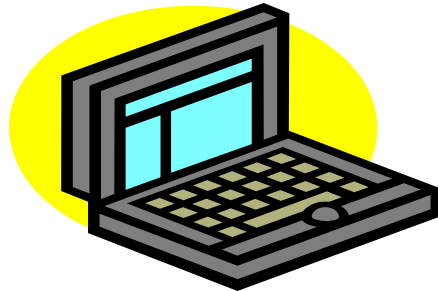
The WOWIE award is given to a current student who is selected at random on a monthly basis. Each winning future alumnus/a will receive a gift from the Office of Alumni Relations and Development.



# **ATTENTION**

# **EXAMSOFT**

# **DEMONSTRATION**



**Tuesday, October 5, 2010**

**11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

**NOTE: Time change for first session**

**IN ROOM 205**

*If you want to use your computer to take your exams, you'll want to find out more about ExamSoft!*



# **EXAMSOFT**

## **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**FINAL EXAMS– NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**

### **ALL USERS MUST:**

- 1) Register with the Registrar's Office by:
  - Signing the ExamSoft book in the Registrar's Office

OR

  - Filling out the online form listing your courses
- 2) Pay the Business Office \$60.00 which covers Fall, Spring and Summer semesters.



New Users are invited to an ExamSoft Demonstration on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. in Room L205.

## REGISTRAR'S CHECK LIST

### YEARLY

- ExamSoft -In the Fall register with ExamSoft, download program and pay Business Office.

### EVERY SEMESTER

- ExamSoft - Register courses with Registrar's Office before deadline date.
- RD Students - Hand in Employment Form
- ADD/Drop week—First week of classes

### WEEKLY

- Read DIGEST (Available Mondays on line)
- Check Electronic Bulletin Board
- Inform Registrar of any address changes
- Check Student Mailbox

### DAILY

- Check E-Mail!

## WILLS FOR HEROES

**The Wills for Heroes Program seeks Lawyer Volunteers to participate in an event at Widener Harrisburg School of Law to provide local First Responders with Free Estate Planning Documents.**

Widener Harrisburg School of Law and the Trial Advocacy Honor Society are sponsoring a Wills for Heroes event to provide free Wills, Living Wills, Health Care and Financial Powers of Attorney to our first responders.

**WHERE:** Widener University School of Law, 3800 Vartan Way, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 20, 2010 from 9 AM – 5 PM.

**WHAT:** “Wills for Heroes” is a free service that provides wills, living wills, health care and financial powers of attorneys to first responders and their spouses, partners and significant others. At the conclusion of the one-hour appointments with Lawyer Volunteers, first responders leave with a fully executed set of estate documents.

**WHY:** First responders selflessly devote their lives to serving our communities. Despite the inherently dangerous nature of their jobs, an overwhelmingly large number of first responders – approximately 80 – 90% – do not have wills. (This figure is based on experiential data from state and national first responder organizations.)

We need 10 to 20 lawyers, at least 4 notaries and 8 witnesses (who do not have to be lawyers) for the event. Lawyer Volunteers do not need to practice trust and estate law. We will conduct a one-hour refresher course the morning of the event to familiarize Lawyer Volunteers with what they need to know. In addition, we will conduct training on the computer-based program used to generate the estate documents. Lawyers who are well versed in estate planning will be available throughout the event to answer any questions that may arise.

The event usually runs from 9 AM – 5 PM with training from 9 – 11. Appointments begin at 11 AM. If you previously participated in a Wills for Heroes event, and do not need the training, you should arrive at 10:30 AM. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

### About the Wills for Heroes Program

Anthony Hayes, a South Carolina lawyer, who wanted to do something meaningful to help the country after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, founded the Wills for Heroes program. He met with South Carolina fire fighters and noted a glaring need for estate planning services.

Daniel McKenna, a Philadelphia-based Ballard Spahr attorney and board member of the Wills for Heroes Foundation, initiated the Wills for Heroes program in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division adopted Wills for Heroes as one of its statewide public service projects in spring 2009.

Each first responder sits with a Lawyer Volunteer to review a questionnaire that the first responder has filled out in advance. The Lawyer Volunteer enters the information into a computer-based program and reviews the documents with the first responder to ensure accuracy. The documents are printed, signed and notarized.

If you need more information about this program, please go to the Wills for Heroes Foundation website (<http://www.willsforheroes.org>) or the Young Lawyers Division section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association website (<http://www.pabar.org/public/yld>). If you are new to Wills for Heroes, you must complete the PBA’s online registration form. Feel free to contact Jennifer Silva, the student coordinator, at [silvajen811@gmail.com](mailto:silvajen811@gmail.com) or Christina Fisher, the regional coordinator, at [christina.m.fisher@gmail.com](mailto:christina.m.fisher@gmail.com) with any questions or to sign up!



**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS – SUMMER 2011**



Venice

- ▶ Studying overseas can be a tremendous asset to a legal education and summer is the perfect time to earn credits while experiencing international cultures and learning different perspectives of faculty and students from foreign countries in Widener's International Law Institutes in Venice, Nairobi, Sydney, and Lausanne.



Nairobi

- ▶ With the globalization of the world economy, an understanding of international business, trade, and jurisdiction has become essential for the modern lawyer.



Sydney

- ▶ Faculty members are drawn from Widener School of Law as well as from universities and international organizations in each city. Members of the bench and bar of the host country provide special lectures and seminar discussions.



Lausanne

- ▶ Why not consider adding a law-related experience to your resume' that stands out to employers and may open opportunities in an increasingly global world of law practice.

- ▶ Take a tour of our programs at [law.widener.edu](http://law.widener.edu) or call the Coordinator of International Programs at (302) 477-2248.





## **SIDEBAR CAFÉ**

**October 4—October 8, 2010**

*Breakfast from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

*Lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b> <b>Montaque's Deli</b> <b>Café Feature</b> <b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Chicken Corn Soup</b> <b>Cheese Steak Sandwich</b> <b>Egg &amp; Ham on a Muffin</b> <b>Broccoli Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b> <b>Montaque's Deli</b> <b>Café Feature</b> <b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Ground Beef &amp; Potato Soup</b> <b>Grilled Ham &amp; Swiss Cheese</b> <b>Egg &amp; Bacon Muffin</b> <b>Pepperoni Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b> <b>Montaque's Deli</b> <b>Café Feature</b> <b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Vegetable Soup</b> <b>Grilled Reuben Sandwich</b> <b>Egg &amp; Sausage Bagel</b> <b>Pineapple &amp; Ham Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b> <b>Montaque's Deli</b> <b>Café Feature</b> <b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Split Pea Soup</b> <b>Turkey Cheddar Wrap</b> <b>Egg &amp; Bacon Muffin</b> <b>Meat Lovers Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b> <b>Montaque's Deli</b> <b>Café Feature</b> <b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Cream of Tomato Soup</b> <b>Cheddar Bacon Melt Sandwich</b> <b>Egg &amp; Cheese on a Muffin</b> <b>Cheese Pizza by the Slice</b>

