



# THE DIGEST

Congratulations Grads!

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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.

## 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)(1) 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 the Dean of Students 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.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

##### May

- 2 **Final Exams Begin**
- 2-17 **Final Exams**
- 18-25 **I.T.A.P.**
- 22 **Graduation**
- 30 **Memorial Day**
- 31 **Classes Begin**

Good Luck on  
Final Exams &  
Have a Great Summer!

## ADMISSIONS OFFICE REQUESTS SUMMER APARTMENT SUBLETS

The Admissions Office is seeking sublets for the summer TAP program. If you have an apartment you will not be living in for the summer, contact Kyle Schaeffer at [kschaeffer@widener.edu](mailto:kschaeffer@widener.edu).

The TAP program begins May 24 and ends June 30th, so get those sublets in SOON.

## LAW LIBRARY HOURS AND SUGGESTED RESOURCES

As the semester begins to wind down and final examinations approach, the library's schedule will be changing. During the examination period, the library will be open extended hours.

**For the examination period, the library's hours will be:**

Monday, April 25 – Tuesday, May 17: 8:00 am – 2:00 am

Wednesday, May 18: 8:00 am – 10:00 pm

**For the intersession before summer classes begin, the library's hours will be:**

Thursday, May 19 and Friday, May 20: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 21: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 22: Library Closed

Monday, May 23 – Friday, May 27: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 28 – Monday, May 30: Library Closed

To help you prepare for your finals, the library has collected a number of study aide resources that may be useful to you. A popular set used by many students is the *Examples & Explanations Series*. This set combines text to explain legal doctrines with exercises to give practice in applying the concepts. To view a list of available titles, do a key word search in the library catalog for "examples and explanations." The library staff would remind you these study materials have shortened check-out times to ensure many students will have the opportunity to use them.

### [Important Announcement Regarding Financial Aid Refunds Beginning Summer 2011](#)

Widener University is pleased to offer tuition account refunds by direct deposit to our students. Beginning with summer 2011, students who do not choose direct deposit will have their refund checks mailed to the address on record at the University, there will be no pick up of refund checks in person at any campus office.

Direct deposit will allow students to receive semester tuition account refunds more quickly. Students will have the added convenience of email notification when funds are transferred out of the University and direct deposit allows for immediate access to funds (according to each bank's policy). This service is now Widener University's preferred method of delivery. Contact Enrollment Services at 610-499-4161 or your campus Bursar Office if you have questions.

To sign up for direct deposit please follow these important steps:

Log on to Campus Cruiser. Click the Web Advisor tab. Click on Banking Information located under the Financial Profile section on the left side of the page. Carefully fill out the necessary banking information. Check with your bank for the correct bank routing number and make sure that you input your correct account number.

Please be aware of the following:

1. Any incorrect banking information provided to Widener University will cause a delay in the deposit of your refund.
2. Your electronic refund will be available in the same timeframe that it would be available as a paper check.
3. Any changes made to registration after funds have been deposited may cause a balance owed to Widener University and it is the student's responsibility to reconcile it with their campus' Bursar's Office. Failure to do so may result in a late fee and/or a hold on your student record. A Bursar's Office hold prevents a student from viewing their grades, registering for classes or receiving a transcript until the balance has been paid.
4. Accepting these funds while no longer enrolled, constitutes fraud and the amount deposited will be due back to the university.
5. If you withdraw from Widener University, a balance may be owed that is the student's responsibility to reconcile with the Bursar's Office.