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Widener School of Law faculty are experts on a wide range of topics including, but not limited to: Business and Labor Issues, Civil Law, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Environmental Law, Health Law, Legal Education/Ethics, Property/Wills and Trusts, and Tax Law.

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### Business And Labor Issues

Gregory P. Cermignano, J.D., M.B.A., C.M.A.

Associate Professor, Accounting

Campus: Chester

Expertise:

- financial and managerial accounting
- business combinations
- contingencies
- cost accounting
- business law
- sports law

Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar.

Ann Conaway, J.D.

Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- business law
- LLC law

- partnership law
- corporate law

Admitted to the Delaware Bar. Member of the Drafting Committee for the Uniform Liability Partnership Act.

John L. Gedid, J.D., LL.M.

Emeritus Professor, Law

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

- administrative law/regulation
- contract law
- commercial law
- conflict of laws
- separation of powers
- state constitutional law

Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar.

Michael J. Goldberg, J.D., LL.M.

Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- labor law
- union democracy

Admitted to the Washington and Pennsylvania bars.

Bruce Grohsgal, J.D.

Helen S. Balick Visiting Professor in Business Bankruptcy Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- bankruptcy
- secured financing

Former Chair, Bankruptcy Section – Delaware State Bar Association, Wilmington, DE; Former Senior Fellow, Americans for Financial Reform, Washington, D.C.; Admitted to the Delaware, Pennsylvania and New York bars.

Lawrence A. Hamermesh, J.D.

Ruby R. Vale Professor of Corporate and Business Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- Delaware corporate law
- securities law
- business law
- mergers and acquisitions

Admitted to the Delaware Bar.

Mary Ellen Maatman, J.D.,  
Associate Professor, Law; Director, Legal Writing Program  
Campus: Delaware  
Expertise:

- federal employment discrimination law
- torts
- legal writing

Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar.

Robyn L. Meadows, J.D., LL.M.  
Vice Dean, Harrisburg Campus; Professor, Law  
Campus: Harrisburg  
Expertise:

- commercial law
- insurance

Admitted to the Florida Bar.

Juliet M. Moringiello, J.D., LL.M.  
Professor, Law  
Campus: Harrisburg  
Expertise:

- secured financing
- payment systems: checks and notes
- bankruptcy/creditors' rights
- cyberspace law

Chair, Pennsylvania Bar Association Uniform Commercial Code Committee, Admitted to the Pennsylvania and New York bars.

Paul Regan, J.D.  
Associate Professor, Law  
Campus: Delaware  
Expertise:

- corporate/business law and litigation
- contract law and litigation

Admitted to New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware bars.

Luke M. Scheuer, J.D., M.A.  
Assistant Professor, Law  
Campus: Delaware  
Expertise:

- corporate law

- contracts
- mergers and acquisitions
- bankruptcy
- corporate finance

Admitted to the Massachusetts and New York bars.

Andrew L. Strauss, J.D.

Professor, Law; Dean for Faculty and Strategic Initiatives, Delaware Campus

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- international law
- American foreign policy
- United Nations
- international trade and finance

Executive Committee, Association of American Law Schools, International Law section, Admitted to the New York Bar.

John Wladis, J.D.

Associate Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- commercial law: sale of goods, checks, personal property leasing

Admitted to the New York Bar.

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## **Civil Law**

Linda L. Ammons, J.D.

Associate Provost and Law Dean

Campus: Delaware and Harrisburg Campus

Expertise:

- women and the law
- domestic violence
- administrative law

Admitted to the Ohio Bar.

Francis J. Catania, Jr., J.D.

Associate Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- family law (marriage, divorce, child custody, child support, spousal abuse, adoption, etc.)

- professional responsibility/legal ethics
- clinical legal education
- judicial clerkships

Admitted to the Pennsylvania State Bar.

John G. Culhane, J.D.

Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- civil liability
- torts and tort reform
- product liability
- HIV and the law
- public health issues
- the law of sexual orientation
- family law

Admitted to the New York Bar.

Jean Macchiaroli Eggen, J.D.

Distinguished Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- toxic substances litigation
- asbestos
- tobacco smoking and secondhand smoke
- prescription drugs
- contaminated blood products
- Agent Orange
- Gulf War syndrome
- chemical exposures
- hazardous waste sites/landfills
- radiation
- electromagnetic fields
- toxic exposures in the workplace
- reproductive hazards in the workplace
- medical device litigation

Author, *Toxic Torts in a Nutshell*. Admitted to the New York Bar.

Amiram Elwork, Ph.D.

Director, Law-Psychology Program; Professor, Graduate Clinical Psychology

Campus: Chester

Expertise:

- law-psychology: jury instruction, patient confidentiality, mental competency, custody mediation
- psychological issues for lawyers
- cognitive psychology
- forensic psychology

- ethics

Author, *Success Briefs for Lawyers: Inspirational Insights on How to Succeed at Law and Life, Making Jury Instructions Understandable, and Stress Management for Lawyers*

Jill Family, J.D., M.S.

Associate Professor, Law; Director, Law & Government Institute

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

- immigration

Admitted to the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bars.

Susan L. Goldberg, J.D., LL.M.

Associate Professor, Law; Associate Dean, Student Affairs,

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- bioethics
- assisted reproductive technology including in vitro fertilization
- genetic testing
- cloning
- organ transplantation
- informed consent
- end-of-life issues including advanced directives, assisted suicide, living wills, substituted decision-making

Author, *Medical Choices During Pregnancy: Whose Decision is it Anyway?* and *Of Gametes and Guardians: The Impropriety of Appointing Guardians Ad Litem for Fetuses and Embryos*. Admitted to the Pennsylvania State Bar.

Dana Harrington Conner, J.D.

Director, Delaware Civil Clinic; Associate Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- violence against women
- domestic violence
- domestic violence homicides
- family law
- student practice
- professional responsibility
- ethical issues and the representation of battered women
- access to justice

Admitted to the Delaware Bar.

Patrick J. Johnston, J.D.

Associate Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- professional ethics
- federal civil procedure

Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar.

Mary Kate Kearney, J.D., L.L.M

Professor, Law

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

- family law
- children and the law
- child abuse
- domestic violence

Author, *The ADA, Smokers and Respiratory Ailments*. Admitted to the Illinois Bar.

Greg Randall Lee, J.D.

Professor, Law

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

- tort or personal injury law
- lawyer professional responsibility
- defamation law
- disability law
- home schooling law
- law and religion
- constitutional law

J. Palmer Lockard II, J.D.

Associate Professor, Law; Director, Widener Civil Law Clinic

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

- family law
- civil practice
- prisoner litigation

Admitted to the Pennsylvania and Massachusetts bars.

Mary Brigid McManamon, J.D.

Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- federal courts
- state's rights
- Federalism
- separation of powers
- sanctions in litigation
- complex litigation

- civil litigation

Admitted to the Ohio Bar.

Susan M. Raeker-Jordan, J.D.

Professor, Law

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

- torts
- products liability
- federal civil procedure

Admitted to the Illinois Bar.

Thomas J. Reed, J.D.

Professor Emeritus, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- trial practice
- evidence
- criminal law and procedure
- land use
- historic preservation
- Civil War history (military and legal)

Admitted to the Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Indiana bars.

Christopher J. Robinette, J.D.

Associate Professor

Campus: Harrisburg

Law Expertise:

- legal ethics
- tort reform
- tort law and theory
- evidence

Admitted to the Virginia Bar.

Serena M. Williams, J.D., LL.M.

Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- landlord/tenant law
- property law

Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar.

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## **Constitutional Law**

Erin Daly, J.D.

Vice Dean, Delaware Campus; Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- transitional justice
- constitutional law
- comparative constitutional law
- first amendment

Co-author, *Reconciliation: Finding Common Ground in Divided Societies*. Admitted to the California Bar.

Michael R. Dimino, Sr., J.D.

Associate Professor, Law

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

- constitutional law
- Supreme Court personnel and procedure
- judicial selection
- first amendment
- election law

Admitted to practice in New York, Pennsylvania, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Alan E. Garfield, J.D.

Distinguished Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- copyright law
- free speech
- church and state issues

Author, *Promises of Silence: Contract Law and Freedom of Speech*. Admitted to the New York and California bars.

John L. Gedid, J.D., LL.M.

Emeritus Professor, Law

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

- administrative law/regulation
- contract law
- commercial law

- conflict of laws
- separation of powers
- state constitutional law

Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar.

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Professor, Law

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

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- defamation law
- disability law
- home schooling law
- law and religion
- constitutional law

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Expertise:

- federal courts
- states' rights
- Federalism
- separation of powers
- sanctions in litigation
- complex litigation
- civil litigation

Admitted to the Ohio Bar.

Robert C. Power, J.D.,

Professor, Law

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

- American legal history
- criminal law and procedure
- federal agencies/regulating policy
- First Amendment
- War on Terror

Admitted to the Pennsylvania, New York and Rhode Island bars.

Laura K. Ray, J.D., Ph.D.

Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- U.S. supreme court
- judicial appointment process

Author, *The Road to Bush v. Gore: The History of the Supreme Court's Use of the Per Curiam Opinion, Autobiography and Opinion: The Romantic Jurisprudence of Justice William O. Douglas and Judicial Fictions: Images of Supreme Court Justices in the Novel*. Admitted to the Connecticut Bar.

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## **Criminal Law**

[James W. Diehm](#), J.D.

Professor, Law

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

- criminal law

Admitted to the Pennsylvania, District of Columbia and Virgin Island bars

[Jules Epstein](#), J.D.

Professor, Law; Director of the Taishoff Advocacy, Technology and Public Service Institute

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- death penalty/murder
- sex crimes
- trials and evidence
- mistaken identification
- criminal law and procedure
- forensic evidence

Admitted to the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Bars.

[H. Geoffrey Moulton Jr.](#), J.D.

Emeritus Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- criminal law and procedure
- legal ethics
- defamation and privacy
- white collar crime
- U.S. Supreme Court

Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar.

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- federal agencies/regulating policy
- U.S. supreme court
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- First Amendment
- War on Terror
- American legal history

Admitted to the Pennsylvania, New York and Rhode Island bars.

Thomas J. Reed, J.D.

Professor Emeritus, Law

Campus: Delaware

Law Expertise:

- trial practice
- evidence
- criminal law and procedure
- land use
- historic preservation
- Civil War history (military and legal)

Admitted to the Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Indiana bars.

Judith L. Ritter, J.D.

Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- criminal procedure and criminal law
- death penalty
- post-conviction
- clinical legal education

Admitted to the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York bars.

Leonard N. Sosnov, J.D.

Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- criminal procedure
- criminal law
- evidence

Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar.

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## **Environmental Law**

Donald A. Brown, J.D., M.A.

Scholar-in-Residence

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

- environmental law
- climate change
- ethics
- sustainability

Admitted to the New Jersey and Pennsylvania bars as well as the bars of the Eastern, Middle, and Western Pennsylvania District Courts of the United States, United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

John C. Dernbach, J.D.

Distinguished Professor, Law

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

- environmental law
- global warming
- international environmental law
- sustainable development
- administrative law
- property law

Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar.

David R. Hodas, J.D., LL.M.

Distinguished Professor, Law; H. Albert Young Professor of Constitutional Law

Campus: Delaware Campus

Expertise:

- environmental law
- constitutional law
- energy and natural resources
- international environmental law
- global warming
- administrative law
- sustainable development

Vice Chair, ABA Special Committee on Global Climate and Sustainable Development. Board of Editors, Natural Resources and Environment. Member, IUCN-World Conservation Union Environmental Law Commission. Admitted to the Delaware Bar.

Kenneth T. Kristl, J.D.

Associate Professor, Law; Director, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic

Campus: Delaware

**Expertise:**

- environmental law
- clean water legal issues
- solid waste legal issues
- environmental litigation
- siting of liquefied natural gas terminals
- federal environmental policies, practices, procedures
- use of scientific data in the law
- legal issues of environmental science and data
- environmental aspects of land use (including zoning and planning)
- environmental issues of Marcellus Shale development

Admitted to the Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Illinois Bars.

James R. May, J.D., LL.M.

Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

**Expertise:**

- environmental law
- international environmental law
- constitutional law
- federal courts/judges

Admitted to the Kansas and Pennsylvania bars.

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**Health Law**

John G. Culhane, J.D.,

Director of the Health Law Institute; Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

**Expertise:**

- civil liability
- torts and tort reform
- product liability
- HIV and the law
- public health issues
- the law of sexual orientation
- family law

Admitted to the New York Bar.

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- professional responsibility
- ethical issues and the representation of battered women
- access to justice

Admitted to the Delaware Bar.

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Emeritus Professor, Law

Campus: Harrisburg Campus

Expertise:

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- commercial law
- conflict of laws
- separation of powers
- state constitutional law

Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar.

Louise L. Hill, J.D.

Distinguished Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- legal ethics
- legal profession
- marketing of legal services
- professional responsibility of lawyers
- Author, *Lawyer Advertising*.

Admitted to the Massachusetts, Ohio and Pennsylvania bars.

Patrick J. Johnston, J.D.

Associate Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware Campus

Expertise:

- professional ethics
- federal civil procedure

Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar.

Susan A. King, J.D., M.L.S.

Legal Methods Professor

Campus: Delaware Campus

Expertise:

- legal research
- legal writing

Admitted to Pennsylvania Bar.



Greg Randall Lee, J.D.

Professor, Law

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

- tort or personal injury law
- lawyer professional responsibility
- defamation law
- disability law
- home schooling law
- law and religion
- constitutional law

Thomas J. Reed, J.D.

Emeritus Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

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- evidence
- criminal law and procedure
- land use
- historic preservation
- Civil War history (military and legal)

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Associate Professor, Law

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

- legal ethics
- tort reform
- tort law and theory
- evidence

Admitted to the Virginia Bar.

Amanda L. Smith, J.D.

Legal Methods Professor  
Campus: Harrisburg  
Law Expertise:

- legal methods

Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar.

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### **Property/Wills And Trusts**

D. Benjamin Barros, J.D.  
Professor, Law  
Campus: Harrisburg  
Expertise:

- eminent domain/takings
- property law
- constitutional property

Admitted to New York Bar.

Michael J. Hussey, J.D., LL.M.  
Associate Professor, Law  
Campus: Harrisburg  
Expertise:

- federal individual income tax
- wills and trusts
- estate and gift tax

Admitted to the Illinois, Missouri, and Pennsylvania bars.

Leslie A. Johnson, J.D.  
Associate Professor, Law  
Campus: Delaware  
Expertise:

- wills and estates
- property

Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar.

Alicia B. Kelly, J.D., LL.M.  
Professor, Law  
Campus: Delaware  
Expertise:

- property law

- family law: economic rights between spouses, gendered nature of family work, impact of family law on women, tension between work and family law

Admitted to Pennsylvania and Colorado bars.

Thomas J. Reed, J.D.

Emeritus Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- trial practice
- evidence
- criminal law and procedure
- land use
- historic preservation
- Civil War history (military and legal)

Admitted to the Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Indiana bars.

Serena M. Williams, J.D., LL.M.

Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- landlord/tenant law
- property law

Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar.

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## **Tax Law**

Christine D. Allie, J.D., LL.M.

Assistant Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- federal taxation
- comparative international taxation
- international trade law

Admitted to the Illinois, Missouri, and Pennsylvania bars.

Michael J. Hussey, J.D., LL.M.

Associate Professor, Law

Campus: Harrisburg

Expertise:

- federal individual income tax

- wills and trusts
- estate and gift tax

Admitted to the Illinois, Missouri, and Pennsylvania bars.

Andre Smith, J.D., LL.M.

Associate Professor, Law

Campus: Delaware

Expertise:

- administrative law
- federal income tax

Admitted to the District of Columbia bar.