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# The Digest

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*We cordially invite you to attend*

## KEYSTONE WEEKEND

COLLECTIVE PENNSYLVANIA WISDOM

*Thursday, September 20 through Saturday, September 22  
The Hotel Hershey – Hershey, PA*

We received a very kind invitation from Weber Gallagher courtesy of alumnus Zachary Rubinich '99. The law firm is a sponsor of Keystone Weekend, described here by contact Ellen Ragone (Chief Marketing Officer, Weber Gallagher):

*Our firm is a sponsor of Keystone Weekend which is occurring Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Hershey, PA. Keystone Weekend is dedicated to bringing together innovative leaders from a variety of disciplines such as business, government, academia, the arts, finance, sports and entertainment to promote a lively exchange of ideas, experiences and visions in response to significant issues of the day and to promote innovation which will positively impact the lives of individuals throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and across the nation.*

Weber Gallagher has graciously invited Widener-Harrisburg students to be their guests for the **Saturday session**. There would be **no cost** for student attendees. A maximum of **20** students could attend. Students can e-mail Ms. Ragone directly at [eragone@wglaw.com](mailto:eragone@wglaw.com) for more or to inquire about attending.

## KEYSTONE WEEKEND

COLLECTIVE PENNSYLVANIA WISDOM

<b>AGENDA</b> Saturday, September 22	
7:30 am – 8:45 am (Garden Terrace West)	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
8:45 am – 10:15 am (Garden Terrace East)	<b>Panel III – “Renaissance of Pittsburgh”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: <b>Dennis Yablonsky</b> (CEO of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development)</li> <li>• <b>David Conrad</b> (Actor, Philanthropist and proud Pittsburgher)</li> <li>• <b>Doug Heuck</b> (Publisher, Pittsburgh Quarterly and Executive Director of PittsburghToday)</li> </ul> <b>Brief Synopsis:</b> How did a city that lost over 200,000 industry jobs and countless young workers fight back to become America’s Most Livable City and an engine for economic growth for our Commonwealth? Our panel will explore Pittsburgh’s latest remarkable transformation from both an economic and quality of life perspective.
10:15 am – 10:30 am	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
10:30 am – 11:00 am	<b>Solo II: “From Disaster to Desire: Reframing Sexuality Education”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Al Vernacchio</b> (Human Sexuality Educator at Friends’ Central School)</li> </ul> <b>Brief Synopsis:</b> Many sexuality education programs today are based upon a “disaster prevention” model which inhibits rather than promotes the development of healthy sexuality in adolescents. By shifting the model sexuality education is based upon, adolescents can develop a much more healthy orientation towards sexuality which will help them to make better, value-based, deliberate, positive decisions about their sexuality and their sexual behavior.
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Panel IV: “Breaking Down the 2012 Election”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: <b>Robert Trayhnam</b> (Political Analyst for MSNBC)</li> <li>• Republican Analyst: <b>Alan Novak</b> (Former Chairman of the Pennsylvania Republican Party and network political analyst)</li> <li>• Democrat Analyst: <b>Edward G. Rendell</b> (former Governor, NBC political analyst)</li> </ul> <b>Brief Synopsis:</b> Both political camps have called the upcoming 2012 election transformational. Our experts will provide expert analysis and insights as to what to expect come November.
12:30 pm (Garden Terrace West)	<b>CLOSING LUNCH – Rob McCord</b> (Pennsylvania State Treasurer)

## Legal Volunteers for Veterans Orientation/Training Meeting

The Legal Advocacy Task Force for Veterans will meet on campus this Friday, September 21, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in Room L205 to prepare for volunteer service at the First Annual Service, Support & Resource Showcase Event. As you recall, this event will be launched on Saturday, September 22, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at New Hope Church, 584 Colonial Club Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112.

At the meeting on Friday, legal volunteers will convene for one hour to review all information that will be distributed at the Showcase Event to veterans and their families. Specifically, volunteers will have an opportunity to “practice” explaining how to access lawyers, how to navigate legal referral services and how to select an attorney from the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Dauphin County Bar Association and the Harrisburg Civil Law Clinic of Widener University School of Law. Volunteers will also obtain specific strategies to deploy on Saturday if asked to render an opinion or to provide legal advice, since our objective is **ONLY** to provide **information and resources** on legal services.

Volunteers will have an opportunity to view a special training presentation prepared by the Pennsylvania Service Connect Team (PSC), the new initiative developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a federal agency. Finally, each volunteer will select a time slot during which s/he will be “on duty” at the Legal Advocacy Resources Table on Saturday at the Showcase Event.

If you are unable to attend the Orientation/Training Meeting on Friday and there is a specific time when you want to be “on duty” at the resource table, please contact Professor Williams at 717-541-1992 or [sjwilliams@widener.edu](mailto:sjwilliams@widener.edu).

Thank you for your support of our local veterans and their families!

Professor Williams



## CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### WORKSHOPS

#### The Nuts & Bolts of Starting a Law Practice

September 18, 2012/5:00 p.m. in Room 205

Presented by Karen Durkin, Director, CDO

### ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS



The County of Northampton is seeking judicial law clerks for nine offices. They will interview 3L students in the top 1/3 of their class. If interested please bring your resume, transcript and writing sample to the CDO by September 14, 2012. Interviews will be conducted on September 27, 2012.

### JOB OPENING INFORMATION

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) will be in the Pit from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on September 20, 2012, with job opening information. If you are interested in working at PHEAA stop by their table.

**\*\*Mock Interviews available upon request with Karen Durkin or Natalie Einsig.\*\***

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### September

- 18 **CDO Workshop**
- 22 **First Day of Autumn**
- 25 **Yom Kippur (no classes beginning with 4:00 p.m. and later classes)**
- 26 **Yom Kippur (no classes)**
- 27 **CDO On-Campus Interviews**

#### October

- 2 **ExamSoft Demonstrations**
- 8 **The Patrick J. Murphy Lecture**
- 12 **"Legal Implications of the Sandusky Scandal"/WLJ Symposium**
- 13 **Relay for Life**
- 15 **In-Service Day (no classes)**
- 26 **SBA Halloween Party**
- 30 **Professional Development Day/Night (attendance required) (no classes)**

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## NEWLY ELECTED SBA CLASS REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2012/2013

1L Section P— Chase Magaziner & Kosta Patsiopoulos

1L Section N—Benjy Lombard & Tommy Russo

1L Section R—Ryan Borger & Heather Dino

2L RD—Kasey Miles & Michelle Santos

2L ED—Rebecca Bailey & Ryan Gonder

3L RD—Dina Khmelnitsky & Janaki Theivakumaran

4L ED—Tricia Lontz & Kari Mellinger

**ARAMARK**  
**SIDEBAR CAFÉ**  
**OPEN**

**Breakfast**

**10:00—11:00 a.m.**

**Lunch**

**11:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.**

### HARRISBURG LAW NEWS

#### Submission information:

The *NEXT* issue of *The Digest* will be published on **September 24, 2012**.

All information should be submitted to *Dorothy Koncar*.

([dakoncar@widener.edu](mailto:dakoncar@widener.edu)), Administration Building by **NOON, Wednesday, September 19**, in order for the news to be published.



THE PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER  
**OCT 2 2012**  
 PHILADELPHIA

Widener Law School is a supporting organization of the Pennsylvania Conference for Women, which will be held October 2, 2012, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia.

Join us at the 2012 Pennsylvania Conference for Women! Registration is now open for this year's Conference, which will be held October 2nd in Philadelphia. The Conference features motivational keynote speeches, engaging workshops and panel discussions that cover a vast range of topics specifically designed for women, including healthcare, leadership, managing change, finding work life balance and personal finance. This year's theme, Imagine!, dares women to find their purpose and make a difference in our own lives and in the communities and world we live in. As a Supporting Organization of the Conference, YOU are entitled to a registration discount! Be sure to enter PACP98 when registering.

The link to the conference website is:

<http://www.paconferenceforwomen.org/>

**failure**  
 can be a catalyst to great  
**success**

– Marion Jones



**imagine**  
 FIND YOUR PURPOSE    MAKE A DIFFERENCE

# Widener Law Mini Relay for Life

**WHEN: OCTOBER 13, 2012**

**9 A.M. TO 9 P.M.**

**WHERE: WIDENER LAW PARKING LOT**

Relay for Life is an event that gives everyone a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

Keeping up with tradition, the Harrisburg Campus of Widener Law will once again host a “mini” Relay for Life. This year, Relay for Life will take place on October 13, 2012.

Last year, we were able to raise \$19,319 for the American Cancer Society thanks to the hard work and fundraising efforts of the students, faculty, and staff and we hope to exceed that number this year!

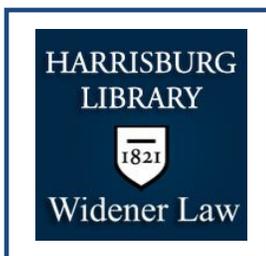
To sign up a team, or join an existing team, please follow this link:

[www.relayforlife.org/miniwidenerlawpa](http://www.relayforlife.org/miniwidenerlawpa)

**Amanda Chunko & Kristin Potter**

**Relay for Life Event Chairs**





## FROM THE LIBRARY

### Legislative History, Part II

This installment of the compiling a legislative history series will focus on federal legislative history research. In particular, it will highlight places on the web you can go to find detailed information on how to best compile your own legislative history and list key online resources that may have the documents you are looking for.

A good starting point is to skim through the **Practitioner's Guide for Federal Legislative History Research** on the *Law Librarian's Society of Washington D.C.* (LLSDC) website at:

<http://www.llsdc.org/Fed-Leg-Hist/>

Not only does this guide tell you the steps you should take to complete your research, but it gives a detailed description of each type of document and tips on how to read and "interpret" what you are looking at when you have found a particular resource. In addition to including a primer on the legislative process, this guide explains how and where to find both current and old resources, and the basics about using the required research tools. They have also created a page with links to already compiled histories on many major federal laws at:

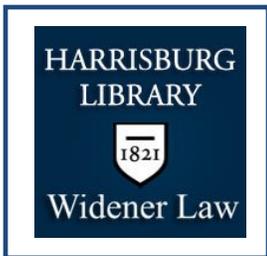
<http://www.llsdc.org/Leg-Hist/>

Finally, the LLSDC has created a "best practices" page for compiling a legislative history which makes suggestions on "where to start" depending on what information you have (i.e. bill number or US code section). These suggestions can be found at:

[http://www.llsdc.org/roundtable\\_2012/](http://www.llsdc.org/roundtable_2012/)

As the LLSDC website suggests, often a good place to begin your legislative history research is on Thomas, the Library of Congress's legislative information website. From this page, you can retrieve bill information from the current Congress and older sessions back to 1989. From Thomas, you can find bill summaries, full text of bills, House and Senate reports, roll call votes, and a listing of Congressional action on each piece of legislation. The Thomas website can be found at:

<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php>



## FROM THE LIBRARY (continued)

Congressional bills from the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress (1993) forward are available in PDF format on the Government Printing Office (GPO) FDsys website at:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>

From the Law Library database list, ProQuest Congressional is a helpful database that indexes federal bills and congressional documents from the 1<sup>st</sup> Congress forward. Congressional documents can be found in a variety of ways through this database, including word searching across multiple sessions of Congress, or by specific citation (i.e. bill number, Public Law Number, US Code citation). There is limited full text availability in this database, but typically you will only use this database to identify the specific documents that you need and retrieve them from other sources. ProQuest Congressional can be accessed on the library website at:

<http://0-congressional.proquest.com.libcat.widener.edu/congressional/search/basic/basicsearch>

The Congressional Serial Set is an extensive collection of Federal House and Senate Reports connected with a law, and select House and Senate documents connected with these laws that the members of Congress ordered printed. Selected historical reports and documents from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 64<sup>th</sup> Congress (1833–1917) can be found on the American Memory website at:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwss.html>

Full text of Congressional Reports and Documents from the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress forward are available on the GPO FDsys website at:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>

Also available from FDsys are collections of Congressional Hearings, Congressional Record, and a Compilation of Presidential Documents, all of which may be pieces to your legislative history puzzle.

Legislative history research is often a long and tedious process, with this article only being an introduction to the subject. Look for next week's installment where other tools for streamlining the process will be identified. As always, if you have questions call the Information Desk at 717-541-3933 or click on the "Ask a Librarian" widget found on the Law Library's homepage at:

<http://law.widener.edu/LawLibrary.aspx>

## REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Our regular office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Hours may be extended if necessary during the course of the semester. The office phone number is 717-541-3904.

### EXAM ACCOMMODATIONS

Any student requiring special accommodations for midterm and/or final examinations must submit a Dean's Action Request Form and appropriate documentation to the Dean of Students. **This should be done as soon as possible, but no later than October 5, 2012**, in order to allow time to review the information. Dean's Action Request Forms are available in our office.

The Registrar frequently provides updates on our bulletin boards, on the Registrar's Information Line and via email. The bulletin boards are located outside our office and on the second floor of the Library Building. The phone number for the **Information Line is 717-541-1941**. Call this number for notices of school closings or delays, course cancellations, etc. Finally, please be sure to check your Widener email account frequently for information.

### September Birthdays

Prof. D. Raeker-Jordan

Janet Breiner, ARA

Molly Acri, Registrar

Professor Family

Professor Hemingway

Kevin Jones, Civil Law Clinic

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t****YEARLY in FALL**

**ExamSoft - In the Fall register on ExamSoft website, download program. Good for Fall, Spring & Summer. You are billed automatically.**

**EVERY SEMESTER**

**RD Students - Hand in Employment Form**

**ADD/DROP WEEK- First week of classes**

**Exam Writers - Fill out form to OPT OUT of Exam-Soft before November 21, 2012!**

**WEEKLY**

**Read DIGEST (Available Mondays on line)**

**Check Electronic Bulletin Board**

**Inform Registrar of any new address changes.**

**Fill out Locator Card.**

**DAILY**

**Check E-Mail**

**Check Student Mailbox**



## **EXAMSOFT DEMONSTRATION**

Do you want to see how ExamSoft works?

**Come Tuesday, October 2nd**

**at**

**11:00 a.m. in Rm L202**

**or**

**5:00 p.m. in Rm L202**

## Where will your dreams take you?



Imagine being in Lausanne, Switzerland, studying near beautiful Lake Geneva and the Swiss Alps and visiting the exciting international city of Geneva.



How about cruising along the grande canal in a gondola studying in the spectacular, romantic, and historic city of Venice, Italy?



Or, maybe you'll prefer the amazing experience of Nairobi, Kenya and studying in a beautiful country boasting world famous wilderness reserves and modern cities.

## STUDY ABROAD—SUMMER 2013

For more information, please contact Study Abroad Programs Coordinator Arlene Trapuzzano at [arttrapuzzano@widener.edu](mailto:arttrapuzzano@widener.edu) or (302)-477-2248.

## **Pilates is back!**



Local attorney Tim Shollenberger ~ a certified instructor ~ will once again lead a FREE Pilates class. The class will meet Tuesdays from 5:15 to 6 p.m. in the Sidebar. The first class will be September 11 and we will continue up until November 27. Total beginners are welcome, as are returning stalwarts from our spring classes. A Pilates or Yoga mat would be helpful, as is loose clothing. Become one of the 11 million practitioners! From Wikipedia: “Pilates is a body conditioning routine that helps build flexibility and long, lean muscles, strength and endurance in the legs, abdominals, arms, hips, and back. It puts emphasis on spinal and pelvic alignment, breathing to relieve stress and allow adequate oxygen flow to muscles, developing a strong core or center (tones abdominals while strengthening the back), and improving coordination and balance. Pilates' flexible system allows for different exercises to be modified in range of difficulty from beginning to advanced. Intensity can be increased over time as the body conditions and adapts to the exercises. No muscle group is under or over trained. It enhances core strength and brings increased reach, flexibility, sure-footedness and agility.”

## **CAMPUS SAFETY**

**The Campus Safety Office is located in the lobby of the Library Building.**

**The telephone number is 717-541-3948.**

### **SAFETY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

We need your assistance and you are encouraged to report anything that you may consider suspicious. Please visit the Campus Safety website for information on our crime stats, services, safety and security policies and **The Campus Alert System.**



## **SIDEBAR CAFÉ**

**September 17-21, 2012**

*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>Cream of Tomato Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>BBQ Cheddar Burger</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Cheese on a Muffin</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Pepperoni Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Thai Curry Chicken Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Chicken Melt Sandwich</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Bacon on a Muffin</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Meat Lovers Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Split Pea &amp; Ham Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Horseradish Roast Beef Sandwich</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Sausage Bagel</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Fresh Tomato &amp; Basil Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Crab Kickin' Corn Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Grilled Reuben Sandwich</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Bacon Muffin Sandwich</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Vegetable Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>French Onion Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Dill Tuna Salad Sub</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Ham on a Muffin</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Cheese Pizza by the Slice</b>

