



# THE DIGEST

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ HARRISBURG CAMPUS

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

### 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 Sections 607-609 of the Academic Code and Sections 203-205 of the Dean's Office Regulations.



According to Section 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 accommodations, 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 Office of the Dean of Students 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 Dean of Students.

**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.

**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.

**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.**

**Students are reminded that the Student Code of Conduct Section 202(1) requires you to report all Code of Conduct violations.**



## LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER NEWS

### LIBRARY HOURS

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, November 28 - Tuesday, December 20: 8:00 am – 2:00 am

Wednesday, December 21: 8:00 am – 10:00 pm

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

Thursday, December 22: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Friday, December 23 – Monday, January 2: CLOSED

Tuesday, January 3 – Friday, January 6: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Saturday, January 7: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 8: Noon – 10:00 pm



**Regular Hours Begin Monday January 9.**

### EXAM PREPERATION

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, usually for three days, to ensure many students will have the opportunity to use them. Please be courteous to your classmates and make sure to check the due-date on your library resources and return them on-time.

To help you better prepare for your finals, many of the Harrisburg faculty toward the end of the semester will place old law exams on reserve in the library. These exams can be checked-out for up to three hours so you can review them or make photo-copies. Come to the information desk, or call 717-541-3933, to see whether your professor has an old exam on-file.

**Please do not leave any valuable items unattended**

The holiday season is always a time when thieves take advantage of items such as wallets, purses, laptops, phones, etc. being left in full view on tables, chairs and in cars. Be aware of your surroundings and keep your belongings in your possession so they will not be stolen. If you see any suspicious activity on campus, please report it to Campus Safety at 717-541-3948.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****December**

- 5**     ***Last day of classes***  
**6-7**   ***Reading Period***  
**8-21**   ***Final Exams***  
**20**     ***Hanukkah Begins at Sunset***  
**22**     ***First Day of Winter***  
**25**     ***Christmas Day***  
**26**     ***Kwanzaa Begins***  
**31**     ***New Year's Eve***

**January**

- 1**     ***Happy New Year!***  
**2-6**   ***Spring Intensive Courses Week***  
**9**     ***Classes Begin***  
**16**   ***Martin Luther King Day (no classes)***  
**19**   ***MLK Program***  
**26**   ***No Thursday Classes/Friday Class Schedule Followed***

**February**

- 14**     ***In-Service Day (no classes)***

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**REGISTRAR'S INFORMATION LINE****717-541-1941****STUDENT INFORMATION LINE****717-541-1939*****December Birthdays***

***Professor Capowski***  
***Robert Still, Campus Safety***  
***Bonnie Lerner, Library***  
***Professor Oliver***

**HARRISBURG LAW NEWS****Submission information:**

The ***NEXT*** issue of ***The Digest*** will be published on **January 9, 2012.**

All information should be submitted to ***Dorothy Koncar***.

(***dakoncar@widener.edu***), Administration Building by **NOON, Wednesday, January 4, 2012**, in order for the news to be published.

## STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION GIVING TREE

The SBA has set up a Gift-Giving Tree to help children through the YWCA. The Gift-Giving Tree is set up in the Pit and you just have to sign up on the list at the tree (sign-up sheet is next to the tree). If you can get two gifts per child it would be greatly appreciated. The gifts do not have to be wrapped, if anything a gift bag.



If you cannot get two gifts, then please share with another person. While we understand everyone is busy with finals, putting a smile on a child's face is worth taking a few moments of your time. While there are always families in need of help, the number of those in need has increased due to the economy. Please help spread the joy to others this holiday season.

Please have your gifts to the Pit by December 13th. Attach the “client number” to the gift.



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## **WINTER ADMISSION INFORMATION**

### **Who Is Eligible?**

Students who have: 1) completed 30 credit hours; and 2) attained a GPA of 2.7 or above.

### **How Do You Join?**

The WJLER is offering three alternative competitions for students to gain admission for the Spring 2012 semester:

- 1) **Open Writing Competition** – Students must submit a legal paper, which could include a Legal Methods paper, to [wjler@mail.widener.edu](mailto:wjler@mail.widener.edu) for consideration for our journal. In addition, you will be required to complete a set of bluebook problems and attend an interview with board members of the WJLER. The application process for this competition has already begun and will close at 5:00 P.M. on January 6th. This is not an anonymous competition.
- 2) **Write-On Competition** - This is a closed packet competition with no additional research permitted beyond the materials included in the competition packet. The competition materials will be available on the WJLER TWEN page or can be picked up from a board member of the WJLER. The packet will be available from December 21<sup>st</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Participants must submit their papers by 5:00 P.M. two weeks from the date they receive the packet. This competition also requires students to complete a set of bluebook problems. There is no interview process. This is an anonymous competition.
- 3) **Superior Authorship Competition** - Students must submit a scholarly article on any legal issue for consideration. The paper does not have to be related to economics or race. Many students submit a paper they wrote for a seminar course. Students will have from December 21<sup>st</sup> until January 6<sup>th</sup> to submit a paper for this competition. There is no interview process. This is an anonymous competition. If you are interested in this competition, please email your paper to Natalie Young at [nrvanaman@mail.widener.edu](mailto:nrvanaman@mail.widener.edu) indicating that you wish to be considered for the Superior Authorship Competition.

If you are interested in membership or have questions, please contact the WJLER by emailing [wjler@mail.widener.edu](mailto:wjler@mail.widener.edu).

*Best of luck!*



# Alumni Relations and Development

## THANK YOU, WOMENS LAW CAUCUS!

The Office of Alumni Relations & Development extends a big **THANK YOU** to the Womens Law Caucus members who answered the call to volunteer as alumni phonathon callers on November 30, 2011. Kristyne Sharpe was the winner of both awards for the evening. She was the caller who raised the most dollars and the caller who attained the most alumni donors during her two hours of volunteering. So far this year, student volunteers have raised \$1,300 and gained 19 alumni donors during the course of two calling sessions. Congratulations, and thank you for helping to "Raise our Rate"!

Volunteers for the November 30 volunteer session included:

Kathleen Long

Kristyne Sharp

Jacquelyn Harris

Gioiella Mayer

Tim Gondus

Keep watching for your chance to volunteer in the spring!



## Widener University School of Law Alumni Reception



*Kick off the New Year with Widener Law: You and your guest are cordially invited to join the Office of Alumni Relations and Development and law school faculty for a special reception in Washington, D.C.*

Wednesday, January 4, 2012  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Complimentary

Washington Marriott Wardman Park  
~Wilson B, Mezzanine Level~  
2660 Woodley Road, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20008

RSVP by December 28

[lawalumni\\_rsvp@mail.widener.edu](mailto:lawalumni_rsvp@mail.widener.edu), 717-541-3983, or <http://alumni.widener.edu/eventreg>

### Tip from an Alumnus

**“When you graduate and become an attorney, always carry a pack of your business cards in your pocket. Give them out freely.”**

**SP - Class of 2000**



## 2012 Summer International Programs



- 3 great programs—Nairobi, Venice and Lausanne.
- Each one is different.
- Each one provides amazing opportunities
  - ◆Not just to *visit* foreign countries
  - ◆But to *live* in one and to learn about different cultures
  - ◆And to *learn* something about you...
- Each program offers opportunities to take classes with foreign *and* Widener professors.
- Each program offers opportunities to travel around the country and region.
- All programs are organized to allow students to balance class work with time to explore and learn about the country.
- Add a law-related experience to your resume that stands out to employers and may open opportunities in an increasingly global world of law practice.
- Visit our website at [law.widener.edu](http://law.widener.edu) for more information about our summer programs and these fascinating cities.
- **CONTACT:** Arlene Trapuzzano on 302-477-2248 or at [arttrapuzzao@widener.edu](mailto:arttrapuzzao@widener.edu) for more information



# **SIDEBAR CAFÉ**

**December 5—20, 2011**

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

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

## **THE SIDEBAR IS OPEN DURING FINAL EXAMS**

**GOOD LUCK ON FINAL EXAMS**

**And**



**TO ALL!!**