



1. *Veterans Law Session – 2:15-3:15*

As the number of veterans returning to civilian life increases, practitioners need to be aware of the unique challenges facing veterans both in everyday life and in their legal matters. Panelists William Dunn, Army Judge Advocate, and Professor Thomas Reed will highlight some of the key challenges facing veterans as they enter the civilian workforce, return to their families from whom they have been separated, deal with post-traumatic stress disorder, and attempt to pursue claims for VA benefits. This session is intended to provide guidance not only for those who desire to specifically assist veterans in their practice, but for those who encounter veterans in their daily life.

2. *Resources for Being Better – 2:15-3:15*

Students have a lot of resources to help them if they're facing academically, family, or life challenges. Prof. Amanda Smith will review Widener's Academic Support program for those who need help academically. Bret Keisling will review resources that are available when life happens, and Dr. Jennifer Zampogna will share her story. Dr. Zampogna ran a successful private dermatology practice until she developed an addiction to prescription pain medication that quickly spiraled out of control. As a result, she plead guilty to felony drug charges and her medical license was suspended. She is now in long term recovery, active in community and statewide drug and alcohol education and prevention programs and the Director of Operations for Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers.

3. *Speed Dating for Lawyers (How to Network) – 3:30-4:30*

Does talking to a bunch of random strangers for a few minutes with no follow-up seem like a good dating strategy? Well it's not a good networking strategy either. What exactly is networking and why is it so important in our profession? What opportunities are there for networking as a student and young lawyer? What are expectations versus reality when using networking as a job searching tool? We'll explore all these questions and much more with a group of young(ish) alumni and friends who are actively involved in the community, which has helped them find jobs, advance in their careers, and stay connected in today's legal market. Hear from panelists Alaina Koltash, Assistant Counsel, Department of Education; Anthony Hoover, Associate, McNees Wallace and Nurick; Paul Edger, Supervising Attorney, Mid Penn Legal Services; Jonathan Koltash, Senior Counsel, Department of Health; and Nicole Antos, Director of Operations, Pa. Association for Justice about their experience with networking and why it is important at all stages of your career



4. *Lawyers as Community Leaders – 3:30-4:30*

In popular culture lawyers often are portrayed as the root of society's ills. Yet in a time of crisis, it is lawyers that people turn to for guidance, counsel, and representation. To achieve meaningful and lasting resolutions of community conflicts, it is important for lawyers to go beyond the law and to understand and respect the perspectives of all involved. In this way, lawyers become community leaders. In this session, learn about the power of words and respecting the diverse community we all share.

5. *Employment Law: It's More Than Just Reading Peoples' Emails – 4:45-5:45*

Keli Neary, Deputy Attorney General, Tricia Lontz and Michael McAuliffe Miller, both of Eckert Seamans' Labor and Employment Group, will provide an overview of the emerging topics in Employment and Labor law from the perspective of the management side. They will discuss how labor and employment lawyers provide day-to-day counseling to employers and defend them in court, when necessary. In so doing, they will cover a number of emerging areas including reductions in force, discrimination claims, wage and hour matters, employee discipline and discharge as well as employee attendance and leave issues.

6. *Understanding the Bar Examination – 4:45-5:45*

Achieving your goal of passing the bar exam the first time you take it requires more than just a determination to work hard; careful planning is crucial. Navigating the complex application process, acquiring a thorough understanding of the exam itself, developing a time-line for preparation, managing stress, and planning your finances can all contribute to your success on the bar exam. And after it is all over – that is not the end – there is still character and fitness. Jessica Holst from the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners will discuss issues related to the application process, the bar exam itself, and the character and fitness portion of the application to ensure all students are prepared for what lies ahead.



7. Criminal Law: What Really Happens – 4:45-5:45

The criminal courts are an integral part of our judicial system. Although they exist to protect our society and to punish those who have harmed it, there are constitutional considerations ingrained in ensuring fairness and equality. Hear from current Assistant District Attorney Katie Adams and local criminal defense attorney Bryan McQuillan on their roles in the system, their responsibilities, and what their daily work life is like. Following the panel discussion, Ms. Adams and Mr. McQuillan will put on a short mock trial and answer student questions.

8. How to Be a Judicial Clerk – 6:00-7:00

Clerkships provide an opportunity to be involved in an advanced state of litigation otherwise unavailable to new lawyers. Clerkships are available at both the state and federal levels and to students with varying backgrounds and accomplishments. Because clerkships offer a unique opportunity for first-hand insights and understanding of the judicial decision-making process, clerks are attractive candidates to law firms. Hear from Commonwealth Court Judge Kevin Brobson and permanent clerk Branda Gacki about the application process, the value of a clerkship, and the types of work that clerks actually perform.

9. Privacy Law: Who Are You? – 6:00-7:00

As a famous rock band once headlined.... Who Are You? Privacy law is one of the fastest growing areas of law. Virtually every day, an issue related to privacy makes the news. Samantha Shoop, Intelligence Analyst for the Pennsylvania State Police and Linda Randby, Counsel, Pennsylvania State Police will discuss the state of privacy laws in the United States and provide potential ways that you can use your J.D. in this area. It will also explore “operational security” issues. It will make you think about your Real-Time Open Source footprint and how this is relevant in today’s legal environment. A fellow law student has volunteered to allow us to find his ROSA footprint and we will show you the results of this search. Those results will be compared to a seasoned attorney’s ROSA footprint. It should be eye-opening!



10. Orientation 2.0 (1st Year Students Only) – 6:00-8:15

Before classes started in August, you attended the first part of Orientation, which was designed to inform you about essential resources inside the law school that you needed to begin law school. Orientation 2.0 will primarily focus on resources outside the law school that you will need as you continue in law school, apply to join the bar, and begin your career as a new attorney. At Orientation 2.0, you will hear from representatives from the Pennsylvania Board of Bar Examiners, the Dauphin County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, WLC's Office of Alumni Engagement, and Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers.

11. What Else Can I Do with My Law Degree? – 7:15-8:15

Increasingly, both recent law school graduates and experienced lawyers are seeking jobs in non-traditional legal careers. Have you ever considered a non-traditional legal career or questioned what else your law school education prepares you for? Law students are characterized as self-motivated, organized, detail-oriented, responsible, and hardworking individuals, but this shouldn't lead you to believe that a career in traditional practice is the only option for you after law school. The key to establishing a career outside of a traditional practicing role is evaluating the legal skill set that you have acquired in law school and identifying how those unique skills could benefit potential employers. Panelists Niki Carter, Contract Analyst for Tyco, Katie Dotto, Lobbyist for Pugliese Associates, and Liz Simcox, Executive Director of the Dauphin County Bar Association will discuss their career paths during and following law school, what legal skills they use in their current positions, and how they were able to stand out from their colleagues as non-traditional lawyers.

12. The Value of Giving Back – 7:15-8:15

Often, judges, lawyers, and professors talk about pro bono work. What is pro bono service? What does it entail? How can it help you, both as a lawyer and as a person? What limitations are there on you as a law student? What must you consider as an attorney? Hear from David Traveskis, Pro Bono Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Bar Association, address these questions and many others at this presentation.



13. *What I Wish I Knew?* – 8:30-9:30

Are there questions about the law, the legal community, or your career that you would like to ask but don't know how? Are there things about the law that you want to know but are afraid to ask? This is your opportunity. A panel of alumni will be present to answer questions from how to find a job to what to do with your legal degree. Those who register for this program will be able to submit questions anonymously in advance – as well as ask them in person during the presentation.