

# The Digest

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW - HARRISBURG CAMPUS  
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## PCN TO TAPE LEGAL TOWN HALL PROGRAM AT WIDENER ON SEPTEMBER 13. STUDENTS INVITED.

PCN and Widener's Law & Government Institute have agreed to produce six television shows on current government law subjects. The format of the show will be that of a town hall meeting consisting of a moderator, a few experts (professors), and an audience. After introductory remarks and comments, at least one half of the one hour show will consist of questions from the audience of students. Widener Law PCN/L&G Practicum students will do the research for the program and will participate by asking questions during the shows.

**PCN will record the first show at 12:15 p.m. in room L205 of the Widener Classroom/Library Building on September 13, 2012. All students are invited to attend and to participate.** The topic for this first show will be state constitutions and federalism, and the show will focus on the division of sovereignty between the states and the federal government. Later shows will focus on the Citizens United case, on the Affordable Care Act case, and on problems with the Pennsylvania Constitution. This is an excellent opportunity for any student who wishes to practice speaking before a lay television audience, and to learn more about federalism and the Pennsylvania Constitution.



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### September

- 11 CDO Workshop**
- 11 Pilates Begins**
- 13 PCN Taping**
- 18 CDO Workshop**
- 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**
- 13 Relay for Life**
- 15 In-Service Day (no classes)**
- 26 SBA Halloween Party**
- 30 Professional Development Day/Night (attendance required)**

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### WORKSHOPS

#### Resume/Cover Letter Review

September 11, 2012/12:15 p.m. in Room 206

Presented by Natalie Einsig, Counselor, CDO

#### Public Interest Work

September 11, 2012/5:00 p.m. in Room 205

Presented by Elizabeth Marx, Esq. '10

#### 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.\*\***

**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 17, 2012.

All information should be submitted to *Dorothy Koncar*.

([dakoncar@widener.edu](mailto:dakoncar@widener.edu)), Administration Building by NOON, Wednesday, September 12, in order for the news to be published.

## **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.**



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/>



**imagine**  
FIND YOUR PURPOSE      MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## INTERESTED IN SIGN LANGUAGE?



For one hour per week for six weeks, we plan to learn the fundamentals of America Sign Language that would afford us the opportunity to communicate at a very basic level with the deaf culture. The class will take place at a day and time yet to be determined. Our hope is to provide Widener students with a unique experience that helps them further their understanding of the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. The Sign Language Society exists to promote awareness of the deaf culture to Widener Law students, faculty, and staff by way of basic ASL instruction including:

- The ASL alphabet,
- Everyday words & phrases, and
- Other non-verbal communicative methods.

The Society also works to foster involvement between Widener Law School and the local Harrisburg deaf and hard-of-hearing communities through attending and hosting various events.

If you are interested, please email [markcalore@gmail.com](mailto:markcalore@gmail.com)

Life is short, but there is always time for courtesy.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

# 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!

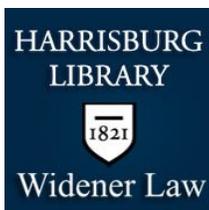
To sign up a team, or join an existing team, please follow this link:

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

**Amanda Chunko & Kristin Potter**

**Relay for Life Event Chairs**





## FROM THE LIBRARY

When researching for seminar paper topics, or working as faculty assistants, there is frequently a need to find legislative history documents. A legislative history, as its name implies, refers to documents, debates, and previous versions of a law prior to its current existence. It is used to gain insight into the law maker's intent in passing a law, and for seeing how a law was modified by different Legislature's over time. There are a variety of resources that can be used to help you find legislative history documents available at the Law Library.

To locate legislative history for Pennsylvania laws, a good starting point is the Compiling a Pennsylvania Legislative History tab on the Pennsylvania Legal Resources LibGuide at:

<http://libguides.law.widener.edu/content.php?pid=159023&sid=2262881>

As this page alludes to, frequently the only "history" for Pennsylvania laws will be the limited remarks associated with a particular bill. Committee hearings and reports are sometimes available, but it usually requires calling around to different legislative departments.

The Jenkins Law Library has compiled a collection of Pennsylvania legislative histories that can be found on their website by year, bill or PL number. There is a cost to have these reports sent to you. Jenkins' legislative history website is:

<http://www.jenkinslaw.org/research/databases/pa-legislative-histories/search>

For Federal legislative histories, it is always important to see if somebody has already compiled a history for a particular law before you do all the work yourself. One good source for this is *Sources of Compiled Legislative Histories: A Bibliography of Government Documents, Periodical Articles, and Books* by Nancy Johnson. This can be found in the Reference section under the call number KF49.B5 2012.

Frequently a search of the library catalog with the term "legislative history" will give you a list of compiled histories and books written about a particular law. For example a key word search of "legislative history copyright" retrieves a variety of legislative histories on different copyright-related laws that are found in the library collection.

Another place to check for already compiled federal legislative histories is on the HeinOnline database. In the U.S. Federal Legislative History Library, a long list of legislative histories is arranged alphabetically by publication title, public law number, or popular name. This library is available at:

<http://0-heinonline.org.libcat.widener.edu/HOL/Index?collection=leghis&set as cursor=clear>

Next week's article will summarize key places on the internet to look for legislative history documents if a compiled history is not available. If you need assistance using these databases, or any other library resource, don't hesitate to contact a reference librarian at 717-541-3933 or by using the "Ask a Librarian" widget 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**

## What Are You Doing in the Summer of 2013?

**Widener University School of Law  
offers students an opportunity to study abroad.**

**Join Us in Nairobi, Lausanne, or Venice.**



Students may travel to Nairobi, Lausanne or Venice and earn credits while enjoying an enriching academic experience and the history and culture of a foreign country.

Some of you are already captivated by one of these fascinating cities so why not add this learning experience to your knowledge base.



All programs are organized to allow students to balance class work with time to explore and learn about the country.



For additional information, please contact the Coordinator of International Programs on ext. 2248 or at [artrapuzzano@widener.edu](mailto:artrapuzzano@widener.edu) or visit our website at [law.widener.edu](http://law.widener.edu)



## **SIDEBAR CAFÉ**

**September 10-14, 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>Lumber Jack Vegetable Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Cheddar Chili Dog</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg, Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Cheese Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Ham &amp; Bean Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Steak Sandwich with Onions</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg Sandwich on a Bagel</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Sausage &amp; Cheese Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Minute Minestrone Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Taco Salad</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Sausage on a Muffin</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Pepperoni Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Potato &amp; Bacon Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Grilled Pizza Sandwich</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Bacon English Muffin</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Broccoli Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Cream of Mushroom Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Turkey &amp; Cranberry Sandwich</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Ham on a Muffin</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Cheese Pizza by the Slice</b>





# Who says there's no such thing as a FREE lunch?

We love our loyal customers!  
 And we'll prove it with this special Customer Card. Present it every time you order a sandwich or combo meal and we will give it a red hot punch!

Get a FREE medium fountain drink on your fourth visit!

Get a FREE sandwich on your tenth visit!

**Side Bar Café**

Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch! (expires 9/14/2012)

1	2	3	FREE med fountain beverage	5
6	7	8	9	FREE sandwich of your choice