

4-6pm

Allyship

Identity, Power, &
Privilege: Introduction
to Diversity, Equity and
Inclusion Concepts

To demystify the theory and practice of equitable leadership, participants will deliberate tangible examples of core concepts relative to our individual locations within an organization. In addition to exploring conceptual frameworks for identity, power, and privilege, participants will draw upon their own experiences to illustrate the concepts of the workshop and develop a depth of understanding that prepares them to lead others.

Scott Vignos

4pm

Bar Examiners

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. Jessica Holst from the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners will discuss issues related to the application process and the bar exam itself. Recent Widener graduates will offer practical suggestions for best positioning yourself to pass the bar the first time. They also will answer questions about their bar preparation courses to help you prepare for what is coming.

Jessica Holst

4pm

Small Firm Practice

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This session is for students who are considering careers in a small firm or as a solo practitioner. Lawyers who have successfully managed the challenges of starting a solo practice or who have flourished in a small firm will candidly discuss their successes in practice as well as some pitfalls to avoid. Topics include marketing yourself and your firm, staffing issues, effectively using assistants and delegating work, interacting with clients, managing billing, using economical research tools, and maintaining a work-life balance.

Sara Austin & Megan Will

4pm

Privacy Law

Privacy and Technology

Please join us as members from the privacy team of PHEAA and other government agencies discuss their careers in the emerging and evolving world of privacy law. The discussion will start with each panelist's background and then they will move to discuss what they do (or did) while working with privacy issues in various industries. Our panelists are all from government so the privacy areas will pertain to implementing and addressing privacy matters in government such as financial, health and law enforcement.

Rachel Hammond, CIPP/G/US, HCISPP, CIPM, Data Privacy Officer, New Jersey Department of Health
Jennie E. Thompson, MJ, Chief Privacy Officer, PHEAA
Grettel M. Ocampo, Senior Privacy Program Analyst, PHEAA
Crystal Fox, Assistant Chief Counsel, PHEAA
Linda Randby, Director of Legal Services, Pennsylvania School Boards Association

5pm

Networking

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You have probably heard a lot about how you should “network”, but what does that really mean? How do you do it? What’s the point? Join us for a panel discussion of different ways to get involved as a student and young lawyer and how to use networking opportunities to advance your career.

Tricia Springer, Jon Koltash, Keli Neary, Deanna Wagner, Cynthia Haines

5pm	Financial Aid	Financial Bootcamp: Life after Law School	<p>To thrive financially after law school, you'll need to build on your in-school money skills (like budgeting and building your credit), develop new skills (like tackling your student loan repayment options) and identify first steps in saving, investing and protecting your future. Get financially fit as you kick off your career.</p> <p>A negative image has plagued lawyers and the legal profession for years. Equally problematic has been the diminishing satisfaction that many lawyers have experienced with the practice of law. If not remedied, these issues threaten to diminish the esteem, credibility and ultimate relevance of the profession as a whole. A critical question emerges as those concerned about the future of the profession consider these problems: What steps must be taken to ensure the integrity of the legal profession in a complex democracy?</p> <p>This keynote advances the premise that the successful practice of law depends upon a dogmatic emphasis of professional behavior. Professionalism and its subsets, altruism and civility in particular, become critical elements of any strategy designed to improve the profession's image and functionality. Each member of the profession must adopt civility in particular as an integral element of the competent, successful and gratifying practice of law.</p>	Access Lex
6pm	KEYNOTE: Professionalism	The Growing Salience of Professionalism		Blake Morant

7pm

IL CDO Orientation

Please join us to learn more about the resources Widener Commonwealth's CDO has to offer. Please join Eden Mandrell, Assistant Dean, and Prof Liz Simcox, Externship Coordinator, for a discussion about how to best position yourself for your legal career during your time in law school and beyond. Mary Catherine Scott from the Central Pennsylvania Law Clinic will also join us to discuss how working in the clinic affords our students an opportunity to gain hands-on experience while providing our community with much-needed legal services.

Eden, Liz, Mary Catherine