

# THE DIGEST

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ HARRISBURG CAMPUS  
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## LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER LABOR DAY HOURS

September 3	8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
September 4	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
September 5	Noon—8:00 p.m.
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### August

**31 Policy & Pizza in the Pit**

### September

**1 Federalist Society Presentation**

**6 Labor Day Holiday (no classes)**

**18 Yom Kippur (no classes)**

**25 Dean's Picnic (Rain date/October 2)**

### October

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

**16 "Relay for Life"**

**22 SBA Halloween Party**

**27 Professionalism Day/Night  
(attendance required) (no classes)**

### November

**8 No Monday classes meet;  
Wednesday class schedule followed**

**8 2010 MSAPA Symposium**

**24-28 Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes)**

# WIDENER LAW

## PROUD TO BE TOBACCO FREE

## JULY 1, 2010

## Office of the Dean of Students

The Office of the Dean of Students is located in the Administration Building, Room 120, through the double wooden doors, turn right, last office on the left.

Our office is responsible for approval of request for changes in divisions, course loads and schedules, as well as requests to defer examinations. All such requests must be made in writing through a Dean's Action Request Form in the Registrar's Office. (There is also a copy of the form in your student handbook and on-line.)

Our office also arranges accommodations for students with documented disabilities and other special circumstances. Students with documented disabilities who seek classroom or examination accommodations must also submit a Dean's Action Request. The sooner we are aware of your needs, the sooner we will be able to provide you with the appropriate accommodation.

### FACULTY ADVISORS

The list of faculty advisors and advisees is posted on the Dean of Students bulletin board located near the lockers and vending machines area in the Pit. Faculty advisors will be contacting you within the next few weeks. Your advisors will be of great assistance in answering any questions you may have.

### OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE TRANSCRIPTS

Official undergraduate transcripts are required for all incoming students. **If you have not already submitted your official transcript, you must submit a copy to the Admissions Office no later than Friday, September 10, 2010.**

You should also be aware of the Law School policies:

1. You may not miss more than 20% of the class sessions for any course; missing more than 20% of the classes will result in involuntary withdrawal from the class. Please refer to §701 of the Academic Code in the Student Handbook. A request to withdraw from any course will be considered only if the maximum number of absences has not yet been exceeded and only if extraordinary circumstances exist.
2. Information regarding class cancellations may be obtained by calling the information line at 717-541-1939. Class cancellations will also be posted in the glass case on the second floor of the Library Building and on the classroom doors. Information is updated as soon as it is available.
3. To enable us to reach you, **please keep your phone number(s), address and email address current with the Registrar's Office. It is also important that you CHECK YOUR MAILBOX AND EMAIL FREQUENTLY!**
4. Please make it a habit to check the Electronic Bulletin Board (television monitors), as well as Campus Cruiser and the Law School website for important announcements.

**STUDENT INFORMATION LINE**

**717-541-1939**

# ADMISSIONS OFFICE

## OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

A reminder to any student whose file may be missing the official transcript showing award of your undergraduate degree. This official transcript from your undergraduate institution is required to be in your file for you to matriculate at Widener University Law School, Harrisburg Campus for the Fall 2010 academic year **no later than Friday, September 10, 2010.**

Please submit your transcripts to the Admissions Office located in the Administration Building.

## STILL LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO LIVE?

Local housing information is available for Widener students at the Admissions Office. Stop by our office in the Administration Building if you are looking for a place to live or a roommate.



## **BURSAR'S OFFICE**

### **Bursar's Office 2010 Fall hours:**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

\*Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

\*If an ED student does not have class on Tuesday evening, please contact the Bursar's Office at 717-541-3905 or 717-541-3957 to make payment/refund arrangements. The fax number for the Bursar's Office is 717-541-1965. Please have your student or photo ID available when you come to the Bursar's Office for any check transactions.

### **Loan Checks and Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT)**

**Loan Checks:** Students will be notified either by campus cruiser e-mail or a telephone call when checks have been received in the Bursar's Office. Please insure that your telephone number and address are current. Checks will be mailed to the address on the check if not picked up within 21 days of the email date.

**Electronic Fund Transfers:** Stafford loans may be electronically credited to the student's account. If there is a credit on the student's account after the funds are transferred, the student will receive a refund. Refunds are available after classes begin.

**Please have your student or photo ID available when you come to the Bursar's Office for any check transactions.**

**In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, (FERPA), student's account information will only be discussed with those persons authorized in writing by the student. This authorization form is available in the Financial Aid Office.**



## CAMPUS BOOKSTORE

The Harrisburg Campus Bookstore welcomes you to our school and to our store. We primarily provide your textbooks and school supplies. In addition, we offer a variety of clothing and gifts imprinted with the school name and crest, including some items for Moms and Dads. Our regular bookstore fairs for fall and spring terms will begin on August 10, 2010, and will be as follows:

Monday—Thursday

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

and 2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

In addition, the Bookstore will offer extended and additional hours at the beginning of each term. Please check our website at [www.widenerlawbookstore.com](http://www.widenerlawbookstore.com) for current day/hour postings.

We accept cash, checks and all major credit cards for purchases. We buy back textbooks throughout the year as wholesale prices dictate, but at the end of fall and spring terms, during finals, we can offer up to 50% of the original cost for texts being used in the next term. See in-store and web announcements for dates of buyback and extended store hours.

## September Birthdays

Professor Cozzillio

Professor David Raeker-Jordan

Janet Breiner, Side Bar

Kyle Schaeffer, Admissions  
Counselor

Molly Acri, Assistant Registrar

Professor Family

Professor Hemingway

Dennis Carrigan, Mailroom

## HARRISBURG LAW NEWS

### Submission information:

The *NEXT* issue of *The Digest* will be published on **September 7, 2010**.

All information should be submitted to *Dorothy Koncar*.

([dakoncar@widener.edu](mailto:dakoncar@widener.edu)), Administration Building by **NOON, Wednesday, September 1st**, in order for the news to be published.

# 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**.

## LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER

### REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

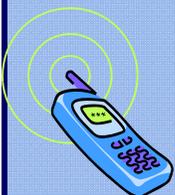
Mon. – Thurs.	8:00 a.m.-Midnight
Friday	8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.-Midnight

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## LIBRARY CELL PHONE ETIQUETTE

Please help maintain an atmosphere conducive to study in the library. Mute your cell phones and hold phone conversations outside of the library. Lounges and hallways are good places for extended conversations. Thanks for respecting the study space and needs of all users of our library.



## FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

The Financial Aid Office is available to assist students with their financial aid process and answer any questions you may have. We are located in the Administration Student Center, Room 143 in the Administration Building. Our telephone number is 717-541-3961. Office hours are as follows:

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

A synopsis of available financial aid is located in the Law School Bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office either in person, via email at [jlallen@widener.edu](mailto:jlallen@widener.edu) or [lawfinaidhb@mail.widener.edu](mailto:lawfinaidhb@mail.widener.edu) or by telephone at 717-541-3961. Be sure to check The Digest, your student mailbox and the Financial Aid Bulletin Board on a regular basis for important notices. Read all forms carefully and keep copies of all paperwork in one place for easy access and reference.

Loan checks will be disbursed from the Business Office located in Room 148 in the Administration Building. Contact the Business Office about endorsing your checks and receiving loan proceeds. To defer payments on any prior loans, deferment forms must be submitted to the Registrar's Office for certification and submission to your lenders. Contact your lenders for correct paperwork.

The student employment program has very specific requirements and deadlines. If you are interested in student employment, consult the Financial Aid Office for job placement and payroll procedures. All required University paperwork must be on file before students may begin working and paychecks are issued.

The financial aid application process is done annually and begins early in the spring semester for the following year. Application packets will be placed in mailboxes early February. Please pay particular attention to financial aid notices and deadlines to ensure consideration for all desired funds.

For an additional list of outside scholarships, visit our website at <http://law.widener.edu/go/scholarships>. You will be prompted for a user name and password. User name: lawmoney. Password: widener

## MEDIA SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Media Services Department offers a variety of equipment and services to the faculty, students and student organizations. Overhead projectors, slide projectors, audio-cassette player/recorder, TV/VCR, camcorders, speaker phones, portable microphones and power point presentations as well as use of the Smartboards are available to students for lectures and student simulations. Operators are available for use in videotaping. Interactive video between the two campuses is also available for approved events.

Request forms are available by contacting Brian Fearnbaugh in the Media Services Office located on the second floor of the Library Building and by phone at 717-541-3963. They must be completed at least seven days in advance and submitted to the Media Services Office. **Student events must be approved by the Dean of Students.**

# AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

## W.O.W.I.E.



August/September's "Winner of Widener Indispensible Essentials" (WOWIE) is 2RD Jaclyn Day. She is a 2007 alumna of Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Jaclyn graduated with a degree in corporate communication. During college, she was a member of the cheerleading team, holding the position of team captain from 2006-2008.

Small class sizes, its location in the state capital and the friendly atmosphere drew Jaclyn to Widener-Harrisburg upon completion of her undergraduate degree. She is starting to work towards a certificate in one of the campus' signature programs, law and government. Post-graduation, she plans to return to Pittsburgh to practice law.

Jaclyn, who is starting her second year of law school, shares this information with first-year students: "Use your time wisely, don't get too stressed out, and take everything one step at a time. When things get tough remember why you wanted to become a lawyer in the first place and it'll get you through."

Jaclyn has a cat, Floyd (named after Pink Floyd) who she is "a little more than slightly obsessed with."

The WOWIE award is given to a current student who is selected at random on a monthly basis. Each winning future alumnus/a will receive a gift from the Office of Alumni Relations and Development.

## REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

The Registrar's Office is located in the left wing of the Administration Building. 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 8, 2010**, 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.

## **Widener University Tobacco-Free Enforcement Policy For Faculty, Staff, Students, Visitors, Contractors and Guests**

### **Purpose**

Widener University is dedicated to providing and promoting a healthy and productive environment for its faculty, staff, students, visitors, contractors and guests. The Tobacco-Free Policy adopted by the university in May of 2009 is consistent with that goal. By endorsing this policy, Widener University demonstrates its commitment to eliminating environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) exposure, promoting best healthcare practices and choices for individuals, and establishing a university culture of wellness.

This policy applies to all university faculty, staff, students, visitors, contractors and guests at all times. Tobacco use includes any lighted tobacco product and/or any oral tobacco product. The use of all tobacco products is prohibited within the boundaries of each of the university's four campuses [see Appendix A]. The prohibited areas within each of the campuses boundaries include all buildings, facilities, indoor and outdoor spaces and grounds owned, rented and licensed by the university. This policy also applies to parking lots, walkways, sidewalks, sports venues, university vehicles and private vehicles parked or operated on university property.

### **Enforcement**

All members of the Widener community are asked to respectfully remind faculty, staff, students, visitors, contractors and guests who are smoking or chewing tobacco on university property about the university's Tobacco-Free Policy. Small information cards will be available for distribution to tobacco users by any member of the Widener community. The cards will indicate that Widener University is a Tobacco-Free university; they will be available to faculty, staff, students, visitors, contractors and guests. There will be guidance for assistance including the Widener tobacco-free website address.

Campus Safety staff will also be responsible for reminding any faculty, staff, student, visitor, contractor or guest who is using tobacco on university property about the university's tobacco-free policy and for providing them with a copy of the Tobacco-Free information card. Campus Safety staff may ask to see identification for faculty, staff, students, visitors, contractors and guests and complete an incident report for anyone who is found violating the university's policy. The original incident reports will be directed to the Campus Safety Office. Incident reports will be reviewed and copies of reports for students will be sent to the appropriate Student Affairs Office for processing through the student disciplinary process. Copies of reports for all employees for all campuses will be sent to the Human Resources Office in Chester for processing through the employee disciplinary process. The Human Resources Office will send a copy of the incident report to the employee's supervisor.

There will be four levels of offenses, with a requirement for each offense that a cited student or employee attend an educational program or seek assistance for cessation, in addition to the noted penalties as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Warning

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - \$25.00 Fine

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - \$50.00 Fine

4<sup>th</sup> Offense – up to dismissal or termination of employment/enrollment, based on the respective disciplinary code

Campus Safety staff will give a copy of the Tobacco-Free information card to visitors using tobacco on university property and ask them to extinguish cigarettes, cigars or pipes or dispose of smokeless tobacco products. If a visitor refuses to comply with this request, Campus Safety staff may ask the visitor to leave campus (as is currently done when visitors violate the university's alcohol and drug policy).

#### **Assistance**

Educational and cessation assistance programs will be offered to students, faculty and staff throughout the 2010/11 academic year to help them quit using tobacco products. Any money collected from the noted fines will support the wellness education program.

**Widener University**  
**Tobacco-Free Enforcement Policy**  
**For Faculty, Staff, Students, Visitors, Contractors and Guests**  
**Appendix A - Campus Tobacco-Free Boundaries**

**Chester Campus** – The boundaries are generally described as I-95 to the south, the west side of Melrose Avenue to the east, the south side of 18<sup>th</sup> Street to the north and the east side of Providence Avenue to the west. Other facilities included in the tobacco-free boundaries include the Maintenance complex on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, the Spang parking lot at Melrose Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street, the entire Athletic Complex, including 17<sup>th</sup> Street, the sidewalk along 17<sup>th</sup> Street and the softball field in Ridley Township, the Child Development Center at Walnut and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets, Balin Hall at Providence Avenue and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, the Access Center at Providence Avenue and 21<sup>st</sup> Street, the parking lot on the west side of Providence Avenue between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets, the Development Office on 15<sup>th</sup> Street, the Bell property in Upland and all of the university owned properties along Melrose Avenue and throughout Sun Hill.

**Wilmington Campus** – The boundaries are generally described as Concord Pike to the west, the moat between the shopping center and the campus to the south, the country club to the east and the maintenance complex, rugby field, the townhouses and adjacent parking lots to the north. We ask that you be respectful of the private property owners that are within the general campus boundaries.

**Harrisburg Campus** – The boundaries are generally described as all of the property bounded by Thea Drive to the south, both sides of Vartan Way going north, including the parking lot, buildings, basketball/tennis courts and the surrounding land. Also included in the tobacco-free boundaries is the Maintenance complex on Progress Avenue.

**Exton Campus** – The boundaries are generally described as the walkways, parking lot and driveways surrounding 825 Springdale Drive.

# THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY



## PRESENTS

### A LECTURE BY TUAN SAMAHON

Professor Of Law, Villanova University School of Law

#### **“How to Restore Federalism’s Political Safeguards”**

The Judiciary’s willingness to police the bounds of national-state power has been decidedly mixed. If the Supreme Court’s recent opinions in *Comstock* (2010) and *Raich* (2005) suggest a new majority consensus about the judicial role in policing national power, William Rehnquist’s federalism revolution has largely been quashed. Without a judicial check on the scope of national power, Congress will continue unabated to enact far-reaching legislation, such as the individual mandate of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Is there no safeguard of federalism beyond the judicial one?

The typical American law school’s constitutional law curriculum all but ignores the potent political safeguard states wielded prior to the Seventeenth Amendment. The Seventeenth Amendment had far reaching effects on the Framers’ federalism by cutting the states as states out of the national legislative process. Surprisingly this loss of federalism’s key political safeguard was mentioned only cursorily during the Amendment’s ratification debate. Professor Tuan Samahon, Villanova Law School, will address the far-reaching changes that the Seventeenth Amendment wrought and how federalism’s chief political safeguard might be restored.

**RECEPTION: 4:30 PM**

**PRESENTATION STARTS AT: 5:00 PM**

**ROOM L202**

***The Widener Journal of  
Law, Economics & Race***

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\*Congratulations to Justin Pike on becoming the Journal's newest Harrisburg campus members.



## STEP UP AND TAKE THE CHALLENGE

Widener Law is enrolled in the "ABA-EPA Climate Challenge," which requires the school to recycle most of our mixed office paper. Mixed office paper is defined as all types of white paper, colored paper, file folders, and envelopes. Please do your part to ensure the school continues to meet the Climate Challenge by placing all of your mixed office paper in the recycling containers and not the trash basket. Widener Law's recycling program is "**single stream**," meaning you can commingle other commodities in any of the recycling containers along with the paper (e.g. plastic bottles, metal cans, and newspapers). Just be sure the bottle or can is empty before depositing them in the recycling container.

Help us continue to meet the ABA-EPA

### WIDENER SCHOOL OF LAW RECYCLING PROGRAM IS SINGLE-STREAM

Recyclables can be co-mingled in the containers on campus.

Recycling reduces waste sent to landfills and making new products out of recycled ones reduces the amount of energy needed in production. But it is not all about recycling. One of the easiest ways to be good to the environment is to **REDUCE**, or cut back, in key areas of your life. Three of the most important resources you can reduce are: energy, water and solid waste.

Please remember to use the Widener Law blue or green recycling containers to recycle here on campus. It is our responsibility to preserve and protect our natural resources for future generations.



## DEAN'S PICNIC

The annual Dean's Picnic, sponsored by the Student Bar Association and the Office of the Dean of Students, will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010, from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. on the grounds around the Student Organizations Building. The rain date is October 2, 2010.



Save the date and plan to attend this fun-filled event and be sure to bring along family and friends. There will be lots of food, beverages, games, prizes, music and, of course, the opportunity to get to know your fellow classmates, faculty, administrators and staff.



## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



What Are You Doing Next Summer?...



Think about traveling abroad to Sydney, Nairobi, Lausanne or Venice. Widener School of Law offers students an opportunity to study abroad during the summer of 2011. Students may travel to Lausanne, Sydney, Nairobi or Venice and earn credits while enjoying an enriching academic experience and the history and culture of a foreign country. For additional information, please contact the Coordinator of International Programs at Ext. 2248 or check out our blogs from summer abroad in Nairobi, Lausanne and Venice.



<http://blogs.law.widener.edu/nairobi/>

<http://blogs.law.widener.edu/switzerland/>

<http://blogs.law.widener.edu/venice/>

# **SIDEBAR CAFÉ**

**August 30—September 3, 2010**

*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>Chicken Noodle Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Carolina Pork BBQ Sandwich</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Bacon on a Muffin</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Pepperoni Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Italian Wedding Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Roast Beef Caesar Wrap</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Sausage on a Bagel</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Meat Lovers Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Chicken Enchilada Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Cable Car Chicken Sandwich</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Cheese &amp; Egg on a Muffin</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Cheese Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Chicken Chili Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Meatball Sub</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg, Bacon &amp; Cheese Wrap</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Zucchini Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Asian Chicken Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Swiss Mushroom Burger</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Ham on a Muffin</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Ham &amp; Pineapple Pizza by the Slice</b>

