

GRADUATION ISSUE  
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# THE DIGEST

## **2010 HUGH B. PEARCE MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEAM OF  
AMANDA BROWN & ALBERTO RIVERA,  
WINNERS OF THE HARRISBURG FINAL ROUND!

THEY WILL CHALLENGE THE DELAWARE TEAM OF  
VERONICA MCMAHON & MELISSA PARIS

AT THE

**HARRISBURG/DELAWARE**

**FINAL ROUND**

**MARCH 31, 2010**

**HARRISBURG CAMPUS**

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING/A180**

All faculty, administrators, staff and students are invited to attend the final round of competition and the reception to follow.





**The John Gedid Lecture Series sponsored by Aspen Publishers**

Tuesday, April 6, 2010-4:30 p.m.

Administration Building, A180

Widener University School of Law

Law & Government Institute

Harrisburg Campus

1 free CLE credit (substantive) is available

For more information contact: Sandy Graeff at 717-541.3965 or [slgraeff@widener.edu](mailto:slgraeff@widener.edu)

**Rethinking Bankruptcy Law in the Aftermath of a Financial Crisis**

Lecturer: Melissa B. Jacoby



Melissa Jacoby

Melissa Jacoby, the George R. Ward Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina, is one of the country's leading experts on bankruptcy and commercial law. She has been quoted by the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal and National Public Radio.

This lecture series honors John Gedid, one of the founders of the Harrisburg campus of our law school, the campus' first vice-dean who has subsequently served as a wonderful mentor to every faculty member the school has hired. The series showcases the work of nationally recognized young scholars much in the same way Dean and Professor Gedid has fostered, encouraged and applauded the work of those who joined the school he helped to found.

## "Do We Trust Judges Too Much? Did the Framers?"



On April 8th the Federalist Society will host Professor Forte of Cleveland Marshall Law. During the Reagan administration, Professor Forte served as chief counsel to the United States delegation to the United Nations and alternate delegate to the Security Council. He has authored a number of briefs before the United States Supreme Court, and has frequently testified before the United States Congress and consulted with the Department of State on human rights and international affairs issues.

In 1788, Brutus, the Anti-Federalist Pamphleteer, accurately foretold that the federal judges would become uncontrollable and that "they will naturally aggrandize power to themselves and the central government." How could the Framers have missed the danger? And what can be done now to rectify the situation?

A reception will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the speech at 5:15, A180.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### MARCH

31 Final Round—Hugh Pearce Harrisburg/Delaware Trial Advocacy Comp.

#### APRIL

2 Good Friday (no classes)

6 Information Session/Advocacy Certificate Program

6 Information Session/Civil & Environmental Law Clinics

6 John L. Gedid Lecture Series

7 Information Session/Advocacy Certificate Program

9 ExamSoft Registration Deadline

9 Deferred & Exam Accommodations Deadline

11 Student Organizations Banquet

19,20,22 Financial Aid Exit Counseling Sessions

22 Student Awards Ceremony & Reception

28 Last Day of Classes



## WILLS FOR HEROES



### Wills for Heroes Program seeks Lawyer Volunteers to participate in an Event at Widener-Harrisburg School of Law to provide local First Responders with Free Estate Planning Documents

The Pennsylvania Bar Association in partnership with Widener-Harrisburg School of Law is sponsoring a day long Wills for Heroes Event to provide free wills and powers of attorneys to Dauphin County firefighters, police officers and others.

- WHERE:** Widener University School of Law, 3800 Vartan Way, Harrisburg, PA, Library Building, Room 202
- WHEN:** Saturday, April 17, 2010, from 9 AM – 5 PM.
- WHAT:** “Wills for Heroes” is a free service that provides wills, living wills and financial powers of attorneys to first responders and their spouses/partners. At the conclusion of one-hour appointments with lawyer volunteers, first responders receive notarized legal documents.
- WHY:** First responders selflessly devote their lives to serving their communities. Despite the inherently dangerous nature of their jobs, an overwhelmingly large number of first responders – approximately 80 – 90% – do not have wills (This figure is based on experiential data from state and national first responder organizations.).

#### Event Information

Ten to 20 lawyers and at least three notaries and six witnesses (who do not have to be lawyers) are needed for the event. Volunteers do not need to practice trust and estate law. A mini-course will be given the morning of the event to familiarize volunteers with what they need to know. Also, several lawyers who are well-versed in estate planning will be available to answer any questions that may arise.

The event usually runs from 9 AM – 5 PM with training from 9 – 11. Appointments begin at 11 AM and run through 4 PM. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

#### About the Wills for Heroes Program

The Wills for Heroes program was founded by Anthony Hayes, a South Carolina lawyer who wanted to do something meaningful to help the country after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. He met with South Carolina firefighters and noted a glaring need for estate planning services.

The Wills for Heroes program was initiated in Pennsylvania by Daniel McKenna, a Philadelphia-based Ballard Spahr attorney and board member of the Wills for Heroes Foundation. The Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division adopted Wills for Heroes as one of its statewide public service projects in spring 2009.

Each participant sits with a lawyer to review a questionnaire that the participant has filled out in advance. Answers are entered into a computer-based program. The lawyer reviews the resulting document with the participant to ensure its accuracy. After any necessary corrections are made, the will is printed, signed and notarized.

Upon request, lawyer volunteers also will work with each participant to prepare an advance medical directive, often called a “living will,” which specifies what actions should be taken for the participant’s health in the event that he or she can no longer make decisions due to illness or incapacity. In addition, lawyers will prepare a durable power of attorney, a document that gives another person legal authority to act on behalf of the participant if the participant becomes incapacitated. These documents also are offered at no cost to participants.

More information about this program can be found at the Wills for Heroes Foundation site (<http://www.willsforheroes.org>) and the projects section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Web page (<http://www.pabar.org/public/yld>). If you are new to Wills for Heroes, there is a registration form provided by the PBA you can complete. Please link to their online registration form. Feel free to contact Hillary Prutzman, the student coordinator, at [hprutzman@gmail.com](mailto:hprutzman@gmail.com) or Lisa Shearman, the regional coordinator, at [las@plotnickellis.com](mailto:las@plotnickellis.com) with any questions or to sign up!

## INFORMATION SESSIONS

### **ADVOCACY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

*Tuesday, April 6, 2010*

*4:00—6:00 p.m./L206*

*Wednesday, April 7, 2010*

*5:00—6:00 p.m./L206*

### **CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINICS**

*Tuesday, April 6, 2010*

*4:00—6:00 p.m./L202*

## **Financial Aid Office**

**Students graduating in May or July!!** If you are a Federal Stafford Loan, Federal Graduate PLUS loan, Federal Perkins Loan or Tuition Deferred Loan recipient, you are required by federal law to attend an Exit Counseling Session.

Exit Counseling Sessions have been scheduled for the following dates and times, please choose the session that fits your schedule and *inform the Financial Aid Office which one you will be attending:*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3:00</b>	<b>A 172</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>A 180</b>
<b>Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>12:30</b>	<b>A 172</b>

It will be necessary for you to bring your driver's license and the name and address of two (2) people you wish to use as references (other than spouse or parents). Please come prepared to accurately complete your paperwork. Each session will last approximately one hour. Failure to attend an exit counseling session could result in a hold being placed on your records. Students with conflicting schedules may contact the Financial Aid Office at 717-541-3961 for other arrangements.



**WIDENER SCHOOL OF LAW 2010 SUMMER**  
**INTERNATIONAL LAW INSTITUTES OPEN HOUSE**

**WANT TO STUDY INTERNATIONAL LAW TOPICS AND THEN  
SNORKEL ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF IN AUSTRALIA, GO  
ON SAFARI IN KENYA, HIKE THE ALPS IN SWITZERLAND, OR  
RIDE IN A GONDOLA THROUGH THE CANALS IN ITALY?**

**CHECK OUT WIDENER'S SUMMER LAW INSTITUTES.**

**YOU CAN EARN UP TO 6 CREDITS IN FOUR WEEKS WHILE  
VISITING EXCITING PLACES.**

**WIDENER HAS SUMMER LAW INSTITUTES IN**

**SYDNEY, NAIROBI, LAUSANNE, AND VENICE**

**STRETCH YOUR PERSPECTIVE—STUDY ABROAD!**

# JULY 2010 BAR DEADLINES

	<b>Web Site Address, Office Phone Number, &amp; Exam Dates</b>	<b>Address For Applications</b>	<b>Date When July 2010 Applications Are Available</b>	<b>Application Deadlines &amp; Fees For July 2010 (p=postmarked; r=receipt)</b>
<b>DE</b>	courts.state.de.us/bbe/ 302-577-7038 July 26-28, 2010	DE Board of Bar Examiners Carvel State Office Bldg. 802 North French Street, 11th Floor Wilmington, DE 19801-3545	Now by download from web site or by written request	April 1, (p) - \$700 April 2-May 15, (p) - \$1400
<b>MD</b>	www.mdcourts.gov 410-260-3640 July 27-28, 2010	MD Board of Law Examiners 2011F Commerce Park Drive Annapolis, MD 21401	Now by download from web site or by written request	Application filing dates: Jan. 19, 2010 (r) - \$225 May 20, (r) - \$275 Original Petition filing date: May 20, 2010 (r) - \$250
<b>NJ</b>	www.njbarexams.org 609-984-7783 July 28-29, 2010	NJ Board of Bar Examiners P.O. Box 973 Trenton, NJ 08625-0973	Now by download from web site or by written request	April 1, (p) - \$475 April 17, (p) - \$525 May 1, (p) - \$575 May 15, (p) - \$625 May 29, (p) - \$675
<b>NY</b>	www.nybarexam.org 518-452-8700 (info tape) July 27-28, 2010	State Board of Law Examiners Corporate Plaza—Building 3 254 Washington Ave. Ext. Albany, NY 12203-5195	Now by download from web site or written request	Must be postmarked Between April 1 & April 30 \$250
<b>PA</b>	www.pabarexam.org 717-795-7270 July 27-28, 2010	PA Board of Law Examiners 601 Commonwealth Avenue Suite 3600, P.O. Box 62535 Harrisburg, PA 17106-2535	Now by download from web site or by written request	April 15, (p) - \$500 April 30, (p) - \$650 May 15, (p) - \$950 May 30, (p) - \$1350

## 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. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - Midnight

### SPRING HOLIDAY HOURS

APRIL 2—4

April 2, 3	9 a.m.—5 p.m.
April 4	3 p.m.—Midnight

### EXAM HOURS

April 24—May 13  
8 a.m.—2 a.m.

### STUDENT INFORMATION LINE

Information regarding class changes or cancellations may be obtained by calling the student information line. Information is updated as soon as it is available.

**717-541-1939**

**Registrar's  
Information Line**

**717-541-1941**

**Email Address:**

**[regoffhb@mail.widener.edu](mailto:regoffhb@mail.widener.edu)**

### CAMPUS SAFETY

The Campus Safety Office is located in the lobby of the Library Building. The telephone number is 717-541-3948 or email Sgt. Jumper at [lhjumper@widener.edu](mailto:lhjumper@widener.edu). We are on duty to serve you from 8:00 a.m. until midnight and on the weekends when the Library is open.

Safety is a shared responsibility

We need your assistance and encourage all of you to report anything that you may consider suspicious.



# REGISTRAR'S OFFICE



**COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**—online info for commencement, including guides can be found at <http://law.widener.edu/grads>

**USHERS** The Registrar's Office needs 8-10 reliable students to volunteer as ushers at commencement on May 16.

**Qualifications:** Must be willing to work from 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. and have transportation to the Forum in downtown Harrisburg. Ushers must be dressed professionally, sober and willing to deal with excited graduates and families.

**EMPLOYMENT FORMS** – If you are a Regular Division Student and have not filled out an employment form, please stop in the Registrar's Office and do so. See "Section 310. Outside Employment" of the Academic Code in the Student Handbook. Completed forms may also be placed in the mailbox around the corner from the elevator marked as "Administrative Student Center Mailbox."

The Registrar's Office 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.

Please make it a habit to check Campus Cruiser and the Law School Website at [law.widener.edu](http://law.widener.edu) for important announcements.

**COMMENCEMENT**  
**MAY 16, 2010**



## Widener University School of Law

### 2010 Graduates

**Attention Graduates:** Please take a moment to check your name and degree for accuracy. If you do not see your name and you are planning to participate in the May 2010 Commencement ceremony, please notify the Registrar's Office **immediately!** Likewise, please notify the Registrar's Office if your name is on this list and you are **not** participating in the May 2010 Commencement Ceremony.

Jason David Alterbaum, B.A., Syracuse University

Mary Ann R. Andrews, B.A., Rutgers University

James R. Andrzejewski, B.S., Kutztown University

Kyle Edward Applegate, B.A., Shippensburg University

Ryan Jennings Ashby, B.A., The Pennsylvania State University

Jillian Elizabeth Ayoub, B.A., Widener University

Alexander Francis Becker, B.A., University of Colorado at Boulder

Kristen Michelle Bender, B.A., McDaniel College

Jennifer Ann Berosh, B.A., Allegheny College

Lindsey Allison Bierzonski, B.S., West Chester University

Alicia Ann Blankenship, B.A., Elizabethtown College

Christopher Joseph Bonk, B.A., Loyola University of Maryland

Lisa Marie Braun, B.A., Bloomsburg University

Heath W. Brosius, B.A., Bloomsburg University

Amanda J. Brown, B.S.B.A., Bloomsburg University

James Gerald Buck, B.A., Elizabethtown College

Yury Byalik, B.S., Pace University

Christina M. Byron, B.S., University of Scranton

Grant W. Cannon, B.S., Grove City College

Amber MarDae Marie Carmo, B.A., Bryn Mawr College

Brady Thomas Carter, B.S., North Carolina State University

Allison Louise Cassel, B.S.B.A., Shippensburg University

Tyler Benjamin Christ, B.A., Millersville University

Andrew J. Conaboy, B.S., University of Scranton

Jorge Luis Conforme, B.A., Georgetown University

Victoria Haefeli-Jones Conner, B.A., Mount Holyoke College

M.S., Pace University

Katelyn Elizabeth Cutinello, B.A., The Pennsylvania State University

Brianna Rae Davidson, B.S.W., Messiah College

Krista L. Deats, B.S., Mansfield University of Pennsylvania

Bryan Eugene DePowell, Jr., B.A., University of Hawaii - Manoa

Kusha Atulkumar Desai, B.A., University of Maryland – College Park

Kim Alison De Tombeur, B.S. Towson University

Michael Vincent DiGirolamo, B.A., Franklin and Marshall College

Kristin Elaine Diller, B.S., The Pennsylvania State University

David J. Drumheller, B.A., Shippensburg University

M.A., Shippensburg University

Megan C. Durr, B.A., Susquehanna University

Rebecca A. Elo, B.S., St. Joseph's University

Matthew Travis Eyet, B.S., The Pennsylvania State University

Nicholas A. Fanelli, B.A., Franklin and Marshall College

Samuel Edward Farkas, B.S., The Pennsylvania State University

William Fowlkes, Jr. B.S., State University of New York College at Oneonta

Megan Catherine Fram, B.A., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Michelle Lee Fultz, B.S./B.S., Dickinson College

Melissa Galarza, B.S., New York University

Justin C. Gearty, Jr., B.S., University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Samara Reneé Gertner, B.A., Franklin and Marshall College

Amanda Golia, B.S., The Pennsylvania State University

Allison C. Gossett, B.A., James Madison University

Andrea Marie Guttridge, B.A/B.A, The Pennsylvania State University

Alina S. Habba, B.A., Lehigh University

Krystle L. Jackson, B.A., The Pennsylvania State University

Valerie Lynne Nielsen Jennison, B.S., Syracuse University

Robert D. Kinnear, B.S. The Pennsylvania State University - Erie

Lauren Janelle Kort, B.S.B.A., Sonoma State University

Robert Alexander Kulling, B.A., Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Matthew J. Landis, B.A., Susquehanna University

Ryan P. Lavender, B.A., Monmouth University

Cory Adam Leshner, B.S., West Chester University

Brooke Irene Lewis, B.A., The Pennsylvania State University

Holly Kathryn Lewis, B.A., Gettysburg College

Scott W. MacMullan, B.A., Villanova University

Ashton M. Magaha, B.A., Syracuse University

Jennifer H. Malitsch, B.S., Muhlenberg College

Nekeshia Maria Maloney, B.S., Morgan State University

Stephen Michael Mares, B.A., George Washington University

Elizabeth Rowan Marx, B.A., Temple University

Stephen J. Matzura, B.A., Bucknell University

Grant S. Mayhew, B.S., Towson University

Kimberly Kate McEwen, B.A., Towson University

Matthew James McHugh, B.S., St. Joseph's University

Daniel C. McKenrick, B.A.B.A., The Pennsylvania State University

Reginald Vernard McKoy II, B.S., Davidson College

Scott Malcolm McPherson, B.A., Monmouth University

M.A., Monmouth University

Floyd Clayton Merris, IV, B.A., Dickinson College

Michael S. Miller Jr., B.S., West Chester University

Genevieve E. Mitchell, B.A., University of Pittsburgh

Michael Robert Morano, B.A., Seton Hall University

Andrea L. Nappi, B.A., University of Illinois at Chicago

Grace Carroll. Nguyen, B.B.A, Temple University

Kristen Ann Collins Pearson, B.A., Sierra Nevada College

Dean Andrew Peffley, B.S., St. Joseph's University

Sara Pegarella, B.A., Wilkes University

Tabitha Dawn Phillips, B.A., York College of Pennsylvania

Emily Ruth Provencher, B.A., Eastern University

Hillary Prutzman, B.A., Gettysburg College

Eid Edward Qaqish, B.A., Kutztown University

Amanda Dawn Reckart, B.S., Frostburg State University

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Diana Corinne Schimmel, B.A., George Mason University

Lindsay M. Schoeneberger, B.A., Muhlenberg College

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Ryan Heath Sibert, B.A., Jacksonville State University

Justin R. Silberg, B.S./B.A., The Pennsylvania State University

Bianca A. Smith, B.A., University of Pittsburgh

Fawn Elizabeth Smith, B.A./B.A., Millersville University

Jennifer Marie Smith, B.S., The Pennsylvania State University

Steven E. Snair, B.S., Long Island University

Kevin John Spinozza, B.A., University of Miami

Dana C. Suter, B.A., Fairleigh Dickinson University

Allison Elizabeth Thiel, B.A., The Pennsylvania State University

Abby N. Trovinger, B.A., University of Delaware

Levi E. Updyke, B.A., Villanova University

George M. Vasiliadis, B.A., The Pennsylvania State University

Jonathan M. Villa, B.A., Drew University

Ryan Andrew Webber, B.A., Lebanon Valley College

Aubrey Sara Wechsler, B.S., The College of New Jersey

Wesley Michael Weymers II, B.A., Immaculata University

Shawn-Ryan White, B.A., The Pennsylvania State University

Megan Hallie Whitner, B.A., Elizabethtown College

Stuart J. Wolf, B.A., Arizona State University

Clifford Paul Yannone, B.A., Rutgers University

Arwa S. Zafar, B.A., Muhlenberg College

M.A., Queen's College

Adam Christopher Zei, B.A., Florida State University



# **EXAMSOFT**

## **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010**

#### **FORMER USERS**

**1) Register with the Registrar's Office:**

- **Sign the book in the Registrar's Office**

**OR**

- **Fill out the online form on the web listing your courses**

**2) Your payment in September included Fall, Spring and Summer**

#### **FIRST TIME USERS**

**1) See above to register with the Registrar's Office**

**2) Download ExamSoft program @ [www.examsoft.com/widenerlaw](http://www.examsoft.com/widenerlaw)**

**3) Stop in the Business Office to pay \$50.00.**





**DO YOU NEED TO DEFER AN EXAM  
OR NEED A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION?**

**DEADLINE**

***FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010***

Stop in the Registrar's Office for a  
Dean's Action Request

# SIDEBAR CAFÉ

March 29-April 1, 2010

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

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

**Menu Subject to Change as Needed**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Cream of Broccoli Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Brandywine Turkey 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 Bagel</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Meat Lovers Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Noodle and Ground Beef Soup</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	<b>Cable Car Chicken Sandwich</b>
	<b>Café Feature</b>	<b>Cheese &amp; Egg on a English Muffin</b>
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	<b>Cheese Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>Vegetable Beef 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>Broccoli Pizza by the Slice</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Kettle Classic</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
	<b>Montaque's Deli</b>	
	<b>Café Feature</b>	
	<b>Itza Pizza</b>	



*Montaque's*  
The Earl of Sandwich