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**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

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**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

#### APRIL

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
29-30	Reading Period

#### MAY

1-14	Final Exams
16	Commencement



## 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 attend:*

<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 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 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

### 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**

### 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.

## CERTIFICATE IN LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Brady Thomas Carter	Matthew Alan Sembach
Jorge Luis Conforme	Jennifer Marie Smith
Lauren Janelle Kort	Dana C. Suter
Brooke Irene Lewis	Abby N. Trovinger
Stephen J. Matzura	Jonathan M. Villa
Shannon A. Sargent	Stuart J. Wolf

**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**



# **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