



# THE DIGEST

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ HARRISBURG



Widener University

School of Law

*Associate Provost and Dean*

January 11, 2010

**Dear Students:**

**Welcome back! I hope you had a restful break and are looking forward to the opportunities awaiting you this semester. As I reflect on how far our law school has come in a relatively short period of time, I am excited about your future. The preparation you are receiving today will provide you with the tools you need to be successful and to make a positive contribution. I would like to share my thoughts on a tool that is critical to the success of any aspiring lawyer: professionalism.**

**As a lawyer, you trade on the strength of your reputation every day. A stellar reputation can open career doors, build a client base, or persuade the opposition. Conversely, a bad reputation can stunt your career growth, cause financial ruin and create insurmountable challenges in attracting and maintaining clients. It is important to recognize that, as a law student, you are building the foundation of your reputation *now*. While your current activities may not appear to have lasting implications, they do. You can and should take control of the image you are projecting and exercise extreme care in all of your interactions.**

**The legal profession is particularly conservative and requires adherence to a strict code of professionalism. By now, you already may be aware of aspects of this code such as honoring your agreements and meeting deadlines. Other aspects may be less obvious. For example, you should be prepared to address all judges, lawyers and legal professionals with whom you come in contact either in person or by e-mail with respect, civility and humility because your reputation and opportunities can be diminished by the smallest of slights. Often these individuals have a tremendous bank of knowledge but can be easily convinced not to share it with you in the face of rude behavior or an ambivalent attitude. Moreover, I urge you to exercise particular care when sending e-mails. Although they may be one of the most efficient forms of communication, they are completely ineffective when the tone is disrespectful, sarcastic or condescending or the format is too casual given the audience.**

**On a related subject, during Professionalism Day you were advised of the potential benefits and pitfalls of social networking sites. Some legal employers regularly check these sites looking for any information they can find about a prospective candidate. Specifically, they are interested in finding those red flags or items that suggest that your values or lifestyle would be at odds with that of the organization. Although you may think that your pages are private, they are not. Legal employers are finding ways around privacy restrictions. I mention this not to infringe on your First Amendment rights but to ensure that you are using these social networking sites to your greatest advantage. For example, sites such as LinkedIn can be a powerful networking tool if used properly.**

In some ways, the preceding points exist on the most basic level of professional competence. For the modern-day lawyer, however, this code of professionalism goes further and is more subtle. Today's legal employers require that lawyers possess not only intelligence but also present themselves professionally at all times, and exhibit skills such as problem solving, emotional intelligence and leadership. These skills are essential in building and retaining a client base. Widener Law is committed to helping you build all of these important skills.

Some final thoughts:

To the first year students, I know the wait for grades can create anxiety as you return for second semester. As you begin your second semester, take the opportunity to re-evaluate your study habits to ensure you are maximizing your chances for success in law school. Studies show that the best indicator for success on the bar exam is success in law school. When grades come out, if your grades exceed your expectations, be sure to continue your hard work. If your grades are not where you would like them to be, make changes to your study habits early and you will have plenty of time to see results from your efforts.

To those who will graduate in May, congratulations! Although you are preparing to enter the legal profession during a challenging moment in our national history, you can be confident that your law degree is able to withstand the winds of any potential change. Refuse to be paralyzed by what you see or hear in the media. Instead, commit to redoubling your efforts, shoring up your personal and professional networks, and seeking out advice and opportunities through the Career Development Office, trusted faculty and mentors. The entire Widener community is dedicated to helping you successfully transition from student to lawyer. It is important to budget adequate time to study for the bar. Start now by reviewing your course materials. Make sure you are aware of the subjects covered on your bar exam of choice and take advantage of our early bar preparation programs. On a related subject, you also should carve out time to complete the bar exam application. You will be required to complete detailed questionnaires concerning your past criminal and driving history, places of residence, and reference forms from your past employers. It is imperative that you take this fact-finding seriously because lack of disclosure on a bar exam application can form the basis for denial of admission. Similarly, missing bar exam application deadlines carries significant penalties including paying increased fees or possibly waiting until the next bar administration.

I encourage all of you to seize this moment. Study well because the legal issues you are discussing are critical and the world needs critical thinkers. Be diligent in your search for part-time, pro bono summer or permanent positions and your persistence will yield results. I will continue to spread the good news about Widener Law and the wealth of talent that exists here. I wish you the best!

Sincerely,



Linda L. Ammons, J.D.

Associate Provost and Dean

## BURSAR'S OFFICE

### Bursar's Office 2010 Spring hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

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

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

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.

## 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.

## FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

The Financial Aid Office is located in the Administration Student Center, Room 143 in the Administration Building. Office hours are as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 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.

## 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

**Registrar's Office**

**Information Line**

**(717) 541-1941**

**Registrar's Office**

**Email Address:**

**regoffhb@mail.widener.edu**

### 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**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 18 Martin Luther King Holiday  
(no classes)
- 28 Martin Luther King Presentation

### FEBRUARY

- 11 Graduation Photos
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 In-Service Day (no classes)
- 18 Policy & Pizza in The Pit
- 22 Law Journal Symposium
- 25 Final Round-Harrisburg/  
Delaware Moot Court Comp.

### MARCH

- 1-6 Spring Break (no classes)
- 11 Policy & Pizza in The Pit
- 18 Con Law Smack Down
- 24 No Wednesday classes  
meet; Friday classes meet
- 27 Barrister's Ball
- 31 Final Round—Hugh Pearce  
Harrisburg/Delaware Trial Ad  
Comp.

**We must combine the toughness of  
the serpent and the softness of the  
dove, a tough mind and a tender  
heart.**

**Martin Luther King, Jr., Strength  
to Love, 1963**



# Student Organizations

## MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY

### 20th Annual

### Harrisburg/Delaware Internal Competition

The final round of the competition between Harrisburg and Delaware will be held on **February 25, 2010**, at the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. All participants must be available for this date pending their performance and advancement in the competition.

Any questions regarding the competition can be forwarded to Fawn Smith – [Fawn.E.Smith@gmail.com](mailto:Fawn.E.Smith@gmail.com) or [Fesmith@mail.widener.edu](mailto:Fesmith@mail.widener.edu)

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

(recyclables can be co-mingled in the blue containers on campus)

**RECYCLING** is the process of taking a product at the end of its useful life and using all or part of it to make another product. 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 recycling containers to recycle here on campus. It is our responsibility to preserve and protect our natural resources for future generations.



## **CLOSINGS OR DELAYS!!!**

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS WILL GIVE INFORMATION  
ON CLOSINGS OR DELAYS FOR THE HARRISBURG CAMPUS

**WGAL-TV 8**

**[www.wgal.com](http://www.wgal.com)**

**WHP-TV CBS 21**

**[www.whptv.com](http://www.whptv.com)**

**WHTM-TV ABC 27**

**[www.abc27.com](http://www.abc27.com)**

**WLYH-TV 15**

**[www.cw15.com](http://www.cw15.com)**

**WITF-TV 33 & 89.5 FM**

**[www.witf.org](http://www.witf.org)**

**WRBT - 94.9 FM**

**[www.bobradio.com](http://www.bobradio.com)**

**KISS 99.3 FM**

**[www.993kissfm.com](http://www.993kissfm.com)**

**WRVV - 97.3 FM**

**[www.river973.com](http://www.river973.com)**

**WLAN - 96.9 FM**

**[www.wlan.com](http://www.wlan.com)**

**WHP - 580 AM**

**[www.whp580.com](http://www.whp580.com)**

**If you are in doubt as to whether or not the School of Law is closed, please call the Harrisburg Campus Information Line at 717-541-1939.**

# WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

## *2010 Summer International Law Institutes*

Widener University School of Law's summer institutes in Europe provide law students with the unique opportunity to build their own "Summer International Law Experience". Widener's programs in Lausanne, Switzerland and Venice, Italy have been designed with the student in mind. Each program consists of two 2-week segments and students have numerous options when enrolling in courses. Students can select from the following options:

- Students may select any one of the two week segments and spend 2 weeks in Europe studying international law and then return home for the rest of the summer.
- Students may select one two-week segment in Lausanne and one 2-week segment in Venice or take 2 segments in one location for a month long summer experience.
- Students may select the first two-week segment in Lausanne, spend the next 2 weeks traveling through Europe, and then select the last 2-week segment in Venice for a complete summer European experience.

The myriad of options available in our European Summer Law programs mean almost every student can build a personal program to meet the individual's educational, financial, and personal goals.

**The options are many-- Europe is waiting!!**



### **Lausanne**

**June 7-July 2, 2010**

Students will enjoy the history and culture of Switzerland with a chance to meet students, faculty, and international civil servants from a variety of different cultures. This program offers international law classes, tours of various organizations such as World Health Organization. 1 credit courses in International Criminal Law, Global Health Law, International Human Rights, and International Investment Law. Tuition: \$825/credit



### **Venice**

**June 20-July 17, 2010**

Students will immerse themselves in Venetian culture while studying international law topics which include European Union Law, Comparative Copyright Law, International Trade and the Environment Law. The program visits Venetian Courts. 1 credit courses focusing on Comparative and International Law. Tuition: \$825/credit



### **Sydney**

**June 13-July 16, 2010**

Australia is a fascinating and diverse nation. Students will visit the "High Court" in Canberra and observe the Prime Minister and his cabinet. This program exposes students to Australian legal perspectives. 3 credit courses focusing on Comparative Family Law and Australian Legal Perspectives. Tuition: \$825/credit



### **Nairobi**

**June 13-July 16, 2010**

Students can explore the cultural diversity of Kenya. This unique program immerses students in international legal problems while exposing them to wide differences in culture and perspective. 2 credit courses in International Criminal Law, Comparative Constitutional Law and International Environmental Law. Tuition: \$825/credit

For information visit our website: [www.law.widener.edu/go/summer](http://www.law.widener.edu/go/summer)

Or contact Arlene Trapuzzano at [artrapuzzano@widener.edu](mailto:artrapuzzano@widener.edu)

# KEY CAMPUS CONTACTS

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541-1941

## STUDENT INFORMATION LINE

541-1939

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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541-3969

Trial Advocacy Honor Society  
541-1989

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541-0320

Student Bar Association  
541-3936

Widener Law Journal  
541-3972

Sandy Graeff, Secretary  
541-3965

ARA/Sidebar Café 541-3967

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Duplicating 541-3963

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Maintenance 541-3907

Mailroom 541-1960



## SIDEBAR CAFÉ

January 19-22, 2010

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

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

### Monday

Kettle Classic  
Montaque's Deli  
Café Feature  
Itza Pizza

CLOSED



### Tuesday

Kettle Classic  
Montaque's Deli  
Café Feature  
Itza Pizza

Vegetable Barley Soup  
Pineapple Chicken Over Rice  
Sausage & Egg Sandwich  
Pepperoni Pizza by the Slice

### Wednesday

Kettle Classic  
Montaque's Deli  
Café Feature  
Itza Pizza

Chicken Chili Soup  
Grilled Reuben Sandwich  
Egg & Cheese with Tomato Sandwich  
Cheese Pizza by the Slice

### Thursday

Kettle Classic  
Montaque's Deli  
Café Feature  
Itza Pizza

French Onion Soup  
Baked Lasagna  
Egg, Bacon & Cheese Muffin  
Seventh Heaven Pizza by the Slice

### Friday

Kettle Classic  
Montaque's Deli  
Café Feature  
Itza Pizza

Cream of Tomato Soup  
Horseradish Roast Beef Wrap  
Egg & Ham on a Muffin  
Chicken & Pineapple Pizza by the Slice