

**Welcome back  
for the  
Fall 2019 Semester**

# The Digest

WIDENER UNIVERSITY COMMONWEALTH LAW SCHOOL  
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**Rita's Italian Ice Day**  
Presented by the Student Bar Association



**August 20, 2019 starting at 12:00 p.m.  
while supplies last**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### August

- 19 **Classes Begin**
- 19-24 **Add/Drop Period**
- 20 **FREE Rita's Italian Ice**
- 28 **SBA Table Day for Day Students**
- 29 **SBA Table Day for Evening Students**

### September

- 2 **Labor Day Holiday (no classes)**
- 4 **Orientation Part Two**
- 9 **The Enigma of International Law & Middle East Conflict**
- 20 **Veteran's Courts in Pennsylvania**
- 28 **Dean's Picnic**

### October

- 15 **Professional Development Day/Night (attendance required) (no classes)**
- Orientation Part Three**



**From your PBA Young Lawyers Division liaison,**

I welcome you back to another year at Widener. I wanted to forward this information to you. More info will come about Section Committee Date.

The PBA YLD is once again participating in Project Linus, an organization that gives homemade blankets to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need.

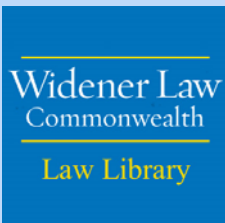
The YLD will be collecting blankets at the 2019 PBA Committee Section Day on November 14 at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg, PA. If you are unable to attend the meeting, arrangements can be made to receive the blankets.

You can knit, crochet, sew, quilt or do the 'no sew' fleece blanket (kits at craft stores).

If you have any questions please contact Melissa Merchant-Calvert at [mcalvert@whalenlaw.us](mailto:mcalvert@whalenlaw.us)

Again, welcome for another year!

Kristy Darby



## WIDENER LAW COMMONWEALTH LAW LIBRARY

### REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS BEGIN AUGUST 18

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

### LABOR DAY WEEKEND

August 30-31	8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
September 1	10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
September 2	10:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

## ENROLLMENT SERVICES

**Greetings from Enrollment Services! The Enrollment Services department consists of two offices—Financial Aid and Registrar. The offices are located in the left wing of the Administration Building. Our regular hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. on Tuesday. The Enrollment Services phone number is 717-541-3961 and email is [escwlaw@widener.edu](mailto:escwlaw@widener.edu).**

### FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Allura Lawrence, Financial Aid Counselor is available to assist students with their financial aid needs and answer any questions you may have.

#### HOW FINANCIAL AID WORKS

The financial aid application process must be done annually and begins early in the spring semester for the following academic year. Application instructions will be sent in February or March. Please pay particular attention to financial aid notices and deadlines to ensure consideration for all desired funds, including federal work study.

#### WHAT HAPPENS TO EXCESS FUNDS

If a credit balance exists after disbursement and direct deposit has been set up, the Bursar's Office will create an electronic refund check. Refund checks are generally available 10 – 14 days after the disbursement, but cannot be released before the first official day of classes. Please be aware that there will be a delay in processing and receipt of funds if your paperwork is not filed until August or later.



## **Important Announcement Regarding Financial Aid Refunds**

Widener University is pleased to offer refunds by direct deposit to our students. Students who do not choose direct deposit will have their refund checks mailed to the address on record at the University, there will be no pick up of refund checks in person at any campus office.

Direct deposit will allow students to receive semester tuition account refunds more quickly. Students will have the added convenience of email notification when funds are transferred out of the University and direct deposit allows for immediate access to funds (according to each bank's policy). This service is now Widener University's preferred method of delivery. Contact Enrollment Services at 717-541-3961 or the Bursar's Office at 610-499-4161 if you have questions.

### **To sign up for direct deposit please follow these important steps:**

Log on to your myWidener account. Search for "Bank Information" and select the option "Bank Info for Refund". Carefully fill out the necessary banking information. Check with your bank for the correct bank routing number and make sure that you input your correct account number.

### **PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Any incorrect banking information provided to Widener University will cause a delay in the deposit of your refund or you may be mailed a check.
2. Your electronic refund will be available in the same timeframe that it would be available as a paper check.
3. Any changes made to registration after funds have been deposited may cause a balance owed to Widener University Commonwealth Law School and it is the student's responsibility to reconcile it with the Bursar's Office. Failure to do so may result in a late fee and/or a hold on your student record. A Bursar's Office hold prevents a student from viewing their grades, registering for classes or receiving a transcript until the balance has been paid.
4. Accepting these funds while no longer enrolled, constitutes fraud and the amount deposited will be due back to the university.
5. If you withdraw from Widener University Commonwealth Law School, a balance may be owed that is the student's responsibility to reconcile with the Bursar's Office.

## HOW TO DEFER PRIOR EDUCATIONAL LOANS

To defer payments on any prior education loans, deferment forms must be submitted to the Registrar's Office for certification and submissions to your loan servicers. Contact your servicer(s) for the correct paperwork.

## WORKING DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

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

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A summary of all available types of financial aid is located on the Financial Aid Office – Commonwealth Law School Site Page. For an additional list of outside scholarships, students can visit our page at <http://sites.widener.edu/finaidcwlaw/>.

## STAY UP TO DATE

Be sure to check *The Digest*, your Widener email, the Financial Aid Bulletin Boards and Electronic Bulletin Boards 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. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

Contact Us:

Email: [finaidcwlaw@widener.edu](mailto:finaidcwlaw@widener.edu)

## WIDENER COMMONWEALTH LAW RECYCLING PROGRAM IS SINGLE-STREAM

**Recyclables can be co-mingled in the blue 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.

**REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE!!**



## REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

The Registrar's Office staff includes Molly Acri, Assistant Dean and Registrar, Jessica Schuller, Assistant Registrar and Betty Ann Mortenson, Office Coordinator.

### LOCKERS

Lockers are available on the far wall in the computer lab in the Library Building on the 2nd floor. To reserve a locker, go to the Registrar's Office and pay a \$5.00 deposit. You will then be given a key. When you return the key, your \$5.00 deposit will be refunded. NOTE: Padlocks are not permitted.

### MAILBOXES

All students have mailbox folders located on the second floor of the Library Building. 1RD boxes signify first year regular division students; 1ED boxes are for first year extended division students.

### FIRST ASSIGNMENTS

The first assignments and textbooks list is available on the Commonwealth Law website: <https://commonwealthlaw.widener.edu/current-students/academics/>

### EXAM ACCOMMODATIONS

Any student requiring special accommodations for quizzes, midterms or final examinations must submit a Dean's Action Request Form and appropriate documentation to the Office of Student Affairs. This should be done as soon as possible, as there is a process for review that takes time. Dean's Action Request Forms are available in our office or at <https://commonwealthlaw.widener.edu/current-students/dean-of-students/deans-actions-request/>

### MYWIDENER

As a new student, you will receive access information and passwords for [MyWidener](#). By accessing [MyWidener](#) via the Commonwealth Law webpage, you may log into your own student information and view such items as your class schedule, transcript (courses and grades taken to date), grade point average, etc.

The Registrar 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, any oral tobacco product or vaping. 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, chewing tobacco or vaping 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).

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

**Commonwealth Law** – 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.

Widener University has a Safe Space Ally program for LGBTQI students. Allies are here to offer a safe place for you to come if you are experiencing any difficulties related to bullying/harassment, the coming out process, gender identity, etc. This is a judgment free zone where we will listen, assist you in working through possible actions and to offer additional resources if needed.

A Safe Space decal is on the door of the Allies, so come by if you would like to talk, share, or work through an issue.





# The Enigma of International Law and Middle East Conflict



**Monday, September 9, 2019  
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

Widener University Commonwealth Law School  
Room A180 Administration Building  
3737 Vartan Way, Harrisburg, PA 17110

**Cost: Free, One substantive hour of Continuing Legal Education offered.**

**Professor Amos N. Guiora**, the S. J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah will discuss the intersection between international law, geopolitics, and terrorism in the Middle East today, including the ambiguities and limitations of international law in resolving conflict. The discussion will draw on Professor Guiora's experience in applying international law to the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

Registration is required:

[commonwealthlaw.widener.edu/eventregistration](http://commonwealthlaw.widener.edu/eventregistration)

or e-mail [CLEcwlaw@widener.edu](mailto:CLEcwlaw@widener.edu)



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Commonwealth Law School

## CAMPUS SAFETY

Campus Safety Department

Emergency Phone Number

**717-541-3948 or x3948 is forward-  
ed to the cell of the on-duty cam-  
pus safety officer.**

**Please program this number into  
your cell phone.**

"Success seems to be  
connected with action.  
Successful people  
keep moving. They make  
mistakes, but they don't quit."

-Conrad Hilton



## Veterans Courts in Pennsylvania

Friday, September 20, 2019

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Free event. Lunch provided. Registration is required.

Day of the event check-in starts at 8:30 a.m.

Three Continuing Legal Education and  
Continuing Judicial Education credits offered.

Widener University Commonwealth Law School

Room A-180 – Administration Building

3737 Vartan Way, Harrisburg PA 17110

### Keynote Speakers:

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Debra Todd and  
Pennsylvania Adjutant General Anthony Carrelli

Judges, county commissioners, and veteran justice outreach coordinators will share their tips for success in establishing and administering veterans courts in Pennsylvania.

## Widener Law Commonwealth

**Widener Law Commonwealth Veterans Initiative**

[commonwealthlaw.widener.edu/eventregistration](http://commonwealthlaw.widener.edu/eventregistration)

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## 2019/2020

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541-3936

Trial Advocacy Honor Society  
541-1989

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541-3972

## KEY CAMPUS CONTACTS

**Campus Safety** 541-3948  
717-541-3948 or x3948 is forwarded  
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officer. Program this number into  
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Sgt. Robert Stickles 541-3948  
Don Fearnbaugh 541-3948

**Campus Services** 541-3907  
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## **STUDENT INFORMATION LINE**

**717-541-1939**

## **REGISTRAR'S INFORMATION**

**LINE**

**717-541-1941**

**Area code must be dialed for local calls. (717)**