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for
Fall 2018**

The Digest

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OF CLASSES!**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- 20 **Classes Begin**
- SBA Rita's Italian Ice Social**
- 20-25 **Add/Drop Period**
- 23&24 **Moot Court Honor Society Try Outs**
- 27 **Law & Government Institute Info Meeting**
- 28 **Law & Government Institute Info Meeting**
- 28 **Trial Ad Info Meeting**
- 29 **SBA Table Day**
- 29 **SBA Trivia Night**

September

- 3 **Labor Day Holiday (no classes)**
- 5 **Orientation Part Two**
- 22 **Phi Alpha Delta Speedy Trial 5K Run/Walk**
- 22 **Dean's Picnic**
- 26 **SBA Trivia Night**

October

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

THE STORE IS OPEN!













Widener Commonwealth Law

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Go to the online store at <https://widener.itemorder.com>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: **Monday August 27th, 2018 (11:59pm EDT)**

<p>Augusta Training Short</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$21.00</p>	<p>Bella + Canvas Unisex Jersey Short Sleeve Tee</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$15.00</p>	<p>Bella + Canvas Adult Jersey Long Sleeve Tee</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$18.00</p>	<p>Window Decal</p>  <p>\$9.00</p>	<p>Gildan Heavy Blend Classic Fit Adult Vintage Cadet Collar Sweatshirt</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$28.00</p>	<p>Champion Double Dry Eco Fleece Pant</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$23.00</p>
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ADMISSIONS OFFICE

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. You can also join our Facebook group – Widener Law Commonwealth 2018 Incoming Class – for the latest housing updates and listings.

WIDENER LAW COMMONWEALTH LAW LIBRARY

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS BEGIN AUGUST 20

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

Widener Law
Commonwealth
Law Library

ENROLLMENT SERVICES WELCOME

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. Hours may be extended if necessary during the course of the semester. The Enrollment Services phone number is 717-541-3961 and email is 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 Campus Cruiser. Click the Web Advisor tab, then student services. Scroll down and click on Bank Information located under the Financial Profile section on the left side of the page. 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 Commonwealth Law-Financial Aid Campus Cruiser Page. For an additional list of outside scholarships, students can log into Campus Cruiser and visit our page at <http://widener.edu/hblawfinancialaid>.

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

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, you will receive your \$5.00 deposit back. NOTE: Padlocks are not permitted.

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, in order to allow time to review the information. Dean's Action Request Forms are available in our office or at <http://commonwealthlaw.widener.edu/files/resources/da-fillable-template.pdf>.

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.

SUCCESS IS NO ACCIDENT.
It is hard work, perseverance,
learning, studying, sacrifice
and most of all, **love** of what you are doing.
- Pele

**AN INVITATION TO ALL
WIDENER LAW COMMONWEALTH STUDENTS**

(all class years and divisions welcome)

**LAW AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTE
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS
Informational Meetings**

3 Opportunities

Monday, August 27

5:00 P.M., Room L205

OR

5:30 P.M., Room L205

OR

Tuesday, August 28

11:20 A.M., Room L204

Meetings will last 20 minutes

FREE COOKIES

Courtesy of the Law and Government Institute

FOLLOW L&G ON TWITTER:

@widenerLG

Through the Law and Government Institute, Widener Law Commonwealth students may enhance their legal studies by completing the requirements for one of three certificates in government law. Each of the certificates requires students to gain experience in the field through an internship, to complete a concentration in government law courses, and to fulfill the law school's writing requirement on a government law topic. A Law and Government Certificate signals that a student has completed in depth study of and has practical experience in government law. Government law includes lawyers who represent clients before the government and lawyers who represent the government itself.

Professor Jill Family, Commonwealth Professor of Law and Government and Director, Law and Government Institute, will provide information and answer questions during these sessions.



Widener University
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Trial Advocacy Honor Society

Information Session

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

L205

Please join us for an overview of the Trial Advocacy Honor Society membership requirements and upcoming events. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and speak to current members about their experiences.

Learn more about how membership can enhance your law school experience.

Pizza and dessert will be provided.

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:

1st Offense - Warning

2nd Offense - \$25.00 Fine

3rd Offense - \$50.00 Fine

4th 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.





Join us for Phi Alpha Delta's Third Annual

Speedy Trial 5K



Widener University
Commonwealth Law School

Saturday,
September 22

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Fun Run/Walk Starts

10:00a.m 5K Run/Walk Starts

Join us for our third annual 5K as a part of Alumni Weekend! All participants receive race shirt, medal, and gift bag.

Stick around after the race for the Dean's Picnic, featuring delicious food, games, and fun!



\$15

before August 24

\$25 thereafter

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541-3969

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Trial Advocacy Honor Society
541-1989

Widener Law Journal
541-3972

*Widener Journal of Law, Economics &
Race* 541-1963

KEY CAMPUS CONTACTS

Campus Safety 541-3948
717-541-3948 or x3948 is forwarded
to cell of on-duty campus safety
officer. Program this number into
your cell phone.

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Financial Aid 541-1964
Registrar 541-1923

**STUDENT
INFORMATION LINE
717-541-1939**

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