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FALL 2017**

# The Digest

WIDENER UNIVERSITY COMMONWEALTH LAW SCHOOL  
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**New Opportunity**



**Widener University**  
Commonwealth Law School  
Law and Government Institute

## **Patrick J. Murphy Law and Government Fellow**

The Patrick J. Murphy Law and Government Fellow will assist Commonwealth Professor of Law and Government Jill Family in her leadership of the law school's Law and Government Institute. Each fellow will be selected after a competitive application process. Students are eligible to apply for a fellowship after completion of one year of law school (the fellowship is open to both regular and extended division students). The Murphy Fellow will spend about 5 hours per week during the academic year:

- Assisting with Law and Government Institute events
- Planning Law and Government Institute activities
- Interacting with policymakers, alumni and other members of the law school community
- Researching government law issues, both policy and legal
- Assisting with researching and writing policy and legal articles
- Liaising with the student body on behalf of the Law and Government Institute
- Contributing to Law and Government Institute social media activities

Each Murphy Fellow will receive a grant of \$1250 per semester. The Law and Government Institute may hire up to two Murphy Fellows per year.

These fellowships are possible through a generous grant from Patrick J. Murphy '99. Patrick is a former Under Secretary of the US Army. After serving as the first Iraq War Veteran elected to Congress, he subsequently became an executive producer and anchor on MSNBC and CBS, including hosting his own show, Taking the Hill.

### To Apply:

Submit your resume to Professor Jill Family ([jefamily@widener.edu](mailto:jefamily@widener.edu)) by August 28, 2017. You may include a short statement describing your interest and experience in government law, but the statement is not required to apply. Dean Christian Johnson, Professor Family, and Patrick Murphy will select each fellow.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### August

**21-26 Add/Drop Period**

**25 SBA Table Day**

**28 Law & Government Informational Meetings**  
*September*

**4 Labor Day Holiday (no classes)**

**16 Dean's Picnic**

#### October

**24 Professional Development Day/Night (attendance required) (no classes)**

**AN INVITATION TO ALL  
WIDENER LAW COMMONWEALTH STUDENTS**  
**(all class years and divisions welcome)**

**LAW AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTE  
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

**Informational Meetings**

***Monday, August 28***

**11:45 A.M., Room L204  
OR  
5:30 P.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.

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE UPCOMING EVENTS**

**All Welcome!**

**Lunch & Learn**

**U.S. Air Force JAG**

**September 19, 2017/12:00 noon**

**Career Development Office**

**Sign up on TWEN on the left side under**

**“Sign-Up for Lunch & Learn”**

**Deadline to sign-up is September 12, 2017**

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**Mandatory 1L Career Development Orientation**

**Will be held in A180 in the Administration Building**

**October 17, 2017**

**1RD—12:00 noon**

**1ED—5:00 p.m.**

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**All Welcome!**

**Lunch & Learn (Large Firms)**

**With Attorney Jan Budman of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney**

**November 7, 2017/12:00 p.m.**

**Career Development Office**

**Sign up on TWEN on the left side under**

**“Sign-Up for Lunch & Learn”**

**Deadline to sign up is October 18, 2017**

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**All Welcome!**

**November 8, 2017/5:00 p.m./L205**

**Young Lawyers Section of the Dauphin County Bar Association**

**Joseph Cardinale, will speak about the benefits of Bar Membership.**

**No sign up needed!**

## SBA Sponsored Widener School Merchandise

Available until September 17th @ Midnight.

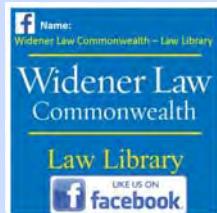
<http://widener.envision.print.net/>

Contact Alyssa Hicks at [amhicks@widener.edu](mailto:amhicks@widener.edu) with questions.



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Commonwealth Law School

## WIDENER LAW COMMONWEALTH LAW LIBRARY



### REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

Mon. – Thurs.	8:00 a.m.–12:00 a.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.

## **ENROLLMENT SERVICES WELCOME**

Greetings from Enrollment Services and welcome to Widener University Commonwealth Law School! 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 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 tuition account 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 banks 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 Banking 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 servicers 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 in the *Debt Management Guide & Financial Aid Sourcebook*, which may be picked up in the Financial Aid Office. 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](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

### 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 midterm and/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.

The Registrar frequently 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.

## CAMPUS SAFETY

Campus Safety Department

Emergency Phone Number

**717-541-3948 or x3948 is forwarded to the cell of the on-duty campus safety officer.**

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



The secret of getting ahead is  
getting started

-Mark Twain



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The annual DEAN'S PICNIC, sponsored by the Student Bar Association and the Office of Student Affairs, will be held on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017, from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. on the grounds around the Student Organizations Building.

Save the date and plan to attend this fun-filled event and be sure to bring along family and friends. There will be lots of food, beverages, games, prizes, music and, of course, the opportunity to get to know your fellow classmates, faculty, administrators and staff.



FUN, FOOD & GAMES

# **2017/2018 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS OFFICERS**

## **MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY**

Alyssa Hicks	President
Genna Moscato	Vice President External
Kerianne Baker	Vice President Internal
Morgan Golay	Vice President Academic Development & Internal Membership

## **STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION**

Genna Moscato	President
Alyssa Hicks	Executive Vice President
Eric Williams	Vice President Academic
Amy Gregory	Vice President Social
Mariah Turner	Secretary
George Mitchell	Treasurer
Rachel Kern	Technology Secretary
Erin Alleman	Bar Associations Chair

## **TRIAL ADVOCACY HONOR SOCIETY**

Philip Mintz	President
Theresa Weaver-Barbers	Internal Vice President/Community Outreach Coord./Secretary
Charles Campbell	Ext. Vice President/Colloquium Curriculum Coordinator/Treasurer

## **WIDENER LAW JOURNAL**

Jo-Anne Thompson	Editor-in-Chief
Cheri Sparacino	Executive Managing Editor
Mary Grace Sempa	Internal Managing Editor
Ryan Colquhoun	Business/External Managing Editor
Alexandra Sholley	PA Law & Symposium Editor
Alexander Beale	Internal Supervising Editor
Nathan Berry	Internal Supervising Editor

## **WIDENER JOURNAL OF LAW ECONOMICS AND RACE**

Kris Forrey	Editor-in-Chief
Alyssa Hicks	Assistant Editor-in-Chief
Theresa Weaver-Barbers	Source Collection Editor
Charles Campbell	Blogs Editor
Kris Forrey	Web & Tech Editor

# CAMPUS PHONE NUMBERS/AREA CODE 717

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Jeremy Wingert 541-3949

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 Financial Aid Counselor

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 PC Specialist

ITS Reception 541-1979  
 Computer Lab/Help Desk  
 541-1927

## LAW LIBRARY

Susan Giusti 541-3929  
 Co-Director

Brent Johnson 541-3984  
 Co-Director  
 Information Desk 541-3933

## REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

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 Registrar  
 Jessica Schuller 541-3961  
 Assistant Registrar  
 Betty Ann Mortenson 541-3961  
 Office Coordinator

**REGISTRAR'S INFORMATION LINE**  
**717-541-1941**

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Moot Court Honor Society 541-3969

Student Bar Association 541-3936

Trial Advocacy Honor Society 541-1989

*Widener Law Journal* 541-3972

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

## KEY CAMPUS CONTACTS

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Sgt. Les Jumper  
 Kim Rebuck

Maintenance 541-3907

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 Media Services Specialist/Postal and Copy Center Manager

Brian Fearnbaugh 541-1960

## FAX NUMBERS

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Financial Aid	541-1964
Registrar	541-1923

**STUDENT INFORMATION LINE**  
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