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The Digest

WIDENER UNIVERSITY COMMONWEALTH LAW SCHOOL
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**AN INVITATION TO ALL
WIDENER LAW COMMONWEALTH STUDENTS
(ALL CLASS YEARS WELCOME)**

**LAW AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTE
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

Informational Meetings

CHOOSE

**Thursday, Sept. 8
1:00 P.M., Room L203**

OR

5:30 P.M., Room L203

Meetings will last 20 minutes

FREE COOKIES

Courtesy of the Law and Government Institute

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@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 externship, 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, Professor of Law and Director, Law and Government Institute, will provide information and answer questions during these sessions.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 8 Law & Government Informational Meetings**
- 10 Alumni & Friends Golf Outing**
- 10 Dean's Picnic**
- 13 CDO Lunch & Learn**
- 15 SBA Table Day**
- 15 DCBA Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts Info & Training Session**
- 20 CDO Workshop**

October

- 6 BLSA How to Outline Workshop**
- 20 BLSA How to Research Workshop**
- 25 Professional Development Day/Night (attendance required) (no classes)**



The annual DEAN'S PICNIC, sponsored by the Student Bar Association and the Office of Student Affairs, will be held on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016, from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. on the grounds around the Student Organizations Building.

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.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Please drive slowly through the parking lots as there is always pedestrian traffic throughout the campus.

The speed limit is 15 mph.

Campus Courtesy Phones

Campus courtesy phones are located in our buildings. Please acquaint yourself with the location of these phones and call x3948 or 717-541-3948 if you require our assistance.

Parking

Please ensure that you have a valid parking permit on your vehicle. Vehicles without proper permits will be ticketed. Park only in authorized parking spots, (that means between two yellow lines, or two blue lines with proper handicap tag or decal). Please do not move cones or other markings that Officer's use to designate reserved or special events parking locations.

Physical security of your car and personal property

Please keep your car locked at all times. Do not leave bags and personal items unattended in public places. Please secure any valuable personal items in the trunk of your car



Widener University

Commonwealth Law School

2016 Alumni & Friends Golf Outing

Saturday, September 10, 2016

8:00 AM Shotgun Start

Manada Golf Club

Grantville, PA



Join us at Manada Golf Club, 609 Golf Lane, Grantville, PA for a fun day of golf with alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends of the law school.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m.

Single Golfer: \$75

Foursome: \$300

Sponsorship opportunities are also available

Light breakfast fare and casual lunch are provided

To register visit commonwealthlaw.widener.edu
and select Events under Alumni & Friends

Raffle tickets will be available for sale!

Prizes include...

- \$35 gift certificate for Ad Lib
- Two Free studio fees to Color Me Mine
- Family Four-Pack Lake Tobias Wildlife Park
- Four complimentary passes for AACAM
- One night stay at The Hotel Hershey
- Four vouchers for Turkey Hill Experience
- Six ice skating passes from Twin Ponds



EXPLANATION OF STUDENT HANDBOOK CHANGES FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

The 2016-2017 Student Handbook has now been approved by the faculty and is posted on the Law School's website, pending approval by the University. The new Handbook contains a number of major organizational and substantive changes. Here is a list of the major changes that appear in the 2016-2017 Student Handbook:

Recodification. Although the old Handbook had different parts – the Academic Code, Dean's Office Regulations, the Student Code of Conduct, and Faculty Policy Statements – the same numbering system was used in each part. For example, section 101 of the Student Handbook actually referred to multiple sections, each one in a different part of the Handbook. The current Handbook uses the following numbering system to avoid confusion:

Volume I. Academic Code – starting with Section 1-101.

Volume II. Student Code of Conduct – starting with Section 2-101.

Volume III. Faculty Statements – starting with Section 3-101.

The remaining parts of the Handbook are Volume IV -- Widener University Policies and an Appendix that contains sample forms that are commonly needed by students.

Integration. The old Handbook had the Academic Code in one section and Dean's Regulations in another section. The current Handbook combines the Academic Code and Dean's Regulations so that the regulations come immediately after the Code section they interpret, illustrate, or explain. Keep in mind that the Academic Code comes from the faculty, while the regulations come from the Dean's Office and must comport with the rules they interpret or explain.

Dismissal After First Semester (Section 1-1001). In spring 2016, the faculty raised the minimum GPA needed to remain at the Law School after the first semester from 1.2 to 1.7. That means that any student whose cumulative GPA is below 1.7 at the end of that student's first semester will be subject to dismissal. After the first year all students must still maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to remain at the Law School.

Character and Fitness (Section 1-201(i)). The Handbook always required students to update their Law School application to reflect any character and fitness incidents that occurred since law school matriculation. The new Handbook requires that students inform the Office of Student Affairs within 30 days of any arrest, charge, citation, accusation, prosecution, or investigation. (This obligation does not include summary or minor motor vehicle violations for which a citation or ticket was given). In addition, student must disclose the final disposition within 30 days of the final disposition.

Dropping Courses (Section 1-308). The faculty recently changed the rules for withdrawing from a class. Under the new rules, a student may withdraw from a first-year required course only in cases of exceptional hardship to the student caused by circumstances beyond the student's control. For other courses, a student may withdraw from the class within the first four weeks of the semester with the Registrar's permission. After the first four weeks of the semester, the student may withdraw only with the permission of the Office of Student Affairs, which will grant permission only in cases of exceptional hardship to the student caused by circumstances beyond the student's control.

Classroom Attendance (Section 1-701). As was the case in the past, students may miss no more than 20% of regularly scheduled classes. Previously, students who exceeded that percentage were involuntarily withdrawn from the class and not permitted to take the final exam or hand in any other assignments. Under the new rule, students who miss too many classes will receive an "F" in the course. Any student who receives an "F" may petition the Office of Student Affairs, which will allow the student to withdraw from the class only in cases of exceptional hardship to the student caused by circumstances beyond the student's control.

Request to Move Exam (Section 1-608). Because exam schedules are published when students register for courses, students are generally bound by the published exam schedule. In order to encourage students to take courses that may have overlapping or contiguous exam times, however, the Dean's Office had published the following:

The Registrar generally schedules exams in three slots during each exam day with exams beginning at 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Exams beginning at 9:00 a.m. are in the morning slot; exams beginning at 1:00 p.m. are in the afternoon slot; and exams beginning at 6:00 p.m. are in the evening slot. A student may request that a final exam be moved if:

- i. The student has two final exams at the same time on the same day,
- ii. The student has two final exams in consecutive exam slots, or
- iii. The student has two final exams on the same date.

Exams will not be moved simply because the student has two final exams within a 24-hour period or because the student has final exams on consecutive days.

Religious Observance (Faculty Statement 6). The faculty approved a statement on religious observance that encourages individual faculty members and staff to consider potential conflicts with religious holidays when scheduling exams, assignment due dates, field trips, and other activities, and to avoid conflicts when possible. A student with a religious-observance conflict should talk with his or her professor, preferably before the start of the semester.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FALL EVENTS

**All Welcome! Lunch & Learn
"How I Spent My Summer"
with Student Speakers**

September 13, 2016/12:00 noon/CDO Office

**Sign up on TWEN on the CDO page under Workshop Sign-Up Sheets
Deadline to sign-up is September 6, 2016**

**CDO Table Talk in the Pit
"Externship Program Information"
September 15, 2016/11:30 a.m.**

**All Welcome!! Workshop with Ed Sonnenberg
"Research in the Real World"
September 20, 2016/5:00 p.m.
Wireless Lab/Library Building**

U.S. Army JAG interviews will be held on September 21, 2016, in the CDO. Time is TBD. 1L's and 2L's for internships and 3L's for active duty. If interested in applying for an interview, email your resume and transcript to klarnold@widener.edu by September 14, 2016.

**Lunch and Learn
U.S. Air Force JAG
September 22, 2016/CDO**

**To sign up go to TWEN on the CDO page under Workshop Sign-Up Sheets by
September 15, 2016.**

**Lunch & Learn
"From Lawyer to CEO"
John Thomas, CEO
October 11, 2016 in the CDO**

**Sign-up on TWEN on the CDO page under Workshop Sign-Up sheets.
Deadline to sign-up is October 4, 2016.**



Are you a **2nd, 3rd, or 4th year student** in search of a fun *pro bono* opportunity? Looking to improve your client interviewing skills? The Dauphin County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts Program needs your help!

Dauphin County Bar Association
Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts
Student Information and Training Session
September 15, 5:00 – 5:50 pm
Room L 205

Sandra Ballard, Esq., *pro bono* coordinator for the DCBA, Devin Chwastyk, Esq., and Steven O'Neill, Esq., Chairs of the DCBA VLA program, and alumna Victoria Beard, one of the first student volunteers, will lead the discussion.

Refreshments will be provided

ACADEMIC SUCCESS FELLOWS - FALL 2016

Course	Faculty	Academic Success Fellow	Academic Success Fellow's Email	Office Hour
Administrative Law – ED	Dimino	Joe Spevack	rjspevack@mail.widener.edu	Thursdays 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Civil Procedure I – RD	Family	Jo-Anne Thompson	jsthompson@mail.widener.edu	Mondays 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Civil Procedure I – ED	Raeker-Jordan	Cheri Sparacino	sparacino168@gmail.com	Tuesdays 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Constitutional Law – RD	Dimino	Joe Spevack	rjspevack@mail.widener.edu	Thursdays 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Contracts I – RD	Kearney	Erica Townes	ertownes@mail.widener.edu	Thursdays 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Legal Methods I – ED	Fruth	John Jusu	jkjusu@mail.widener.edu	Thursdays 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal Methods I – RD	Hemingway	Anthony Cox	adcox@mail.widener.edu	Fridays 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Legal Methods I – RD	Raeker-Jordan	Margaret Nollau	mcnollau@gmail.com	Mondays 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Legal Methods I – ED	Smith	Nathan Berry	nberry@mail.widener.edu	Thursdays 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Legal Methods I – RD	Smith	MaryGrace Sempa	marygrace.sempa@gmail.com	Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Legal Methods I – RD	Teplitz	Charles Campbell	cecampbell@mail.widener.edu	Thursdays 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Property I – ED	Evans	Jessica Lehman	j.lehman09@gmail.com	Mondays 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Property I – RD	Dernbach	Alexandra Sholley	adsholley@mail.widener.edu	Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Property I – RD	Moringiello	Alexander Beale	alexander.f.beale@gmail.com	Tuesdays 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Torts I – RD	Raeker-Jordan	Theresa Weaver-Barbers	tkweaver-barbers@mail.widener.edu	Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.



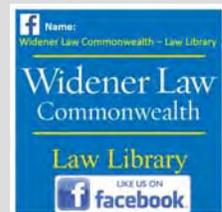
Help Wanted

Receptionist for Administration Building

**Meet and greet visitors,
You are our first contact with visitors and potential students,
Light secretarial work required,
Business casual attire required,
Dependability a must!**

**Contact Paula in Dean's Office for an appointment.
717-541-3902 or pmheider@widener.edu**

WIDENER LAW COMMONWEALTH LAW LIBRARY



REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Professor David Raeker-Jordan
Molly Acri, Assistant Dean & Registrar
Professor Jill Family
Professor Anna Hemingway
Kevin Jones, Secretary, Central PA Law Clinic

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ACCOMPLISHMENT
STARTS WITH
THE DECISION
TO TRY.**
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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.

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This is a 2-year fellowship, beginning in Summer 2017, focusing on the Governor's priorities of Jobs that Pay, Schools that Teach, and Government that Works.

Eligible Applicants must have a Master's level or above degree earned from December 2013 to August 2017.

Please visit their website to apply:

www.pennfellowship.pa.gov

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: OCTOBER 21ST, 2016

ANNUAL SALARY: \$61,399