What’s Happening in the Career Development Office?

Stop by the CDO
for hot coffee and Toffee Crunch Brownies!!
Monday, March 23, 2015/11:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Lunch & Learn Series #5, "Government Practice"
Gina Lauffer, Esq.
April 2, 2015, 12:00 p.m. in the CDO
Sign up on TWEN/Deadline to sign-up: March 26, 2015, by 5:00 p.m.
ONLY 10 SEATS AVAILABLE

Lunch & Learn Series #6, “10 Things Summer Hires MUST Know”
April 9, 2015, 12:00 p.m. in the CDO
Sign up on TWEN/Deadline to sign up: April 1, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.
ONLY 10 SEATS AVAILABLE

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Now Accepting Applications!

Linda L. Ammons Diversity Scholarship

- Do you represent a minority group that is underrepresented in the legal profession?
- Do you display the qualities of scholarship, leadership and service to school or community?
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If you answered **YES** to all of these questions, you may be eligible for this award. Apply now!

Applications are available online at: [http://law.widener.edu/scholarshipsHB](http://law.widener.edu/scholarshipsHB) and in the Financial Aid Office.

**Deadline for submission: 5pm, March 24, 2015**
The public is invited....

Town Hall Meeting on Pension Reform
March 26, 2015, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
You are invited to arrive by 6:30 p.m. for coffee and cookies.

Room A180
Widener Law School
3737 Vartan Way, Harrisburg, PA 17106

Think pension reform is just an issue for politicians in Harrisburg?

Pennsylvania’s two public pension systems, the State Employee Retirement System and the Public School Employees’ Retirement System are estimated to be more than $50 billion in debt. Lawmakers, school districts and business leaders are calling for comprehensive pension reform, saying that it’s the only way to protect our schools and communities from greater tax increases. Others say that we need to give a 2010 law on pensions more time to work.

What would pension reform mean to you? Do we really need it, and if so, what would it look like?

Join us as a diverse panel of participants discusses how pension reform would impact taxpayers across the Commonwealth. This meeting is designed to educate the public while encouraging open discussion on this important topic.

Presenters currently include:
--Mark Ryan, deputy director, Independent Fiscal Office, who will analyze the numbers.
--Timothy Stayer, president, Ephrata Area Board of School Directors, explains how pension costs are impacting his district.

Moderator: John Micek, editorial and opinions editor, PennLive/The Patriot-News

The town hall meeting on pension reform is brought to you by the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association Foundation and the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry in conjunction with PCN and PennLive/The Patriot-News.
Save-the-Date

Widener University School of Law
Harrisburg Campus

The Office of Development and Alumni Engagement invites you to join us for the day or stay for the weekend to reconnect with your fellow alumni on

Saturday, April 18th, 2015

Annual Golf Outing
Manada Golf Club
Grantville, PA
7:00 AM Registration
8:00 AM Start time

25th Anniversary Celebration
Harrisburg Campus
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Formal invitation to follow
Register online at http://lawalumni.widener.edu/registration

Widener Law Harrisburg Celebrates 25 YEARS
1989–2014
Environmental Law Distinguished Speaker Series
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February 18, 2015
Todd S. Aagaard
“Rethinking the Energy-Environment Divide”
Harrisburg Campus
A180, 4:00 p.m.
(will be videoconferenced to the Delaware Campus)
1 free CLE (substantive) credit is available for attending the live, one-hour program in Harrisburg, PA.

March 16, 2015
Joshua C. Gellers
“Environmental Rights, Environmental Justice, and Democracy”
Delaware Campus
Special Collections, noon
(will be videoconferenced to the Harrisburg Campus)

April 14, 2015
Louis J. Kotzé
“The Reconciliatory Role of Sustainable Development in Transformative Environmental Constitutionalism: The South African Example”
Delaware Campus
Special Collections, noon
(will be videoconferenced to the Harrisburg Campus)

April 16, 2015
Linda A. Malone
“The History and Potential Future of Ecofeminism”
Harrisburg Campus
A180, 4:00 p.m.
(will be videoconferenced to the Delaware Campus)
1 free CLE (substantive) credit is available for attending the live, one-hour program in Harrisburg, PA.

Todd Aagaard is Professor of Law at Villanova University School of Law. Most recently, his work has examined the intersections of environmental law, energy law, and other fields, and the diversity of laws with environmental implications outside of the traditional environmental law canon. He previously worked in the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he briefed and argued cases in federal courts of appeals in the areas of environmental law, natural resources law, Indian law, and administrative law.

Josh Gellers, PhD, LEED Green Associate, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of North Florida and an Honorary Fellow at the South Asia Institute of Advanced Studies in Kathmandu, Nepal. His current research examines the impact and implementation of constitutional environmental rights. Josh runs Enviro Rights Map, a free Google map-based website which catalogs constitutional environmental rights throughout the world.

Louis Kotzé is Research Professor at the Faculty of Law of the North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus), South Africa and Visiting Professor of Environmental Law at the University of Lincoln, United Kingdom. He research focuses on environmental constitutionalism, human rights and the environment, and global environmental governance. Louis is also a respected and lifetime honorary member of the Wine Society in his hometown of Potchefstroom, South Africa.

Linda A. Malone is the Marshall-Wythe Foundation Professor of Law and the Founding Director of the Human Security Law Center at the College of William and Mary School of Law. She is a member of the American Law Institute and a Board member of the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law. She is the author of numerous articles in a wide range of publications and has authored and co-authored 12 books on international law, human rights, and environmental law.

Delaware program information: Carol Perrupato at cperrupato@widener.edu or 302-477-2178.
Harrisburg program information: Sandy Graeff at sgraeff@widener.edu or 717-541-3965.

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Saturday 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Midnight

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OPEN
Breakfast 10:00—11:00 a.m.
Lunch 11:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
SAVE THE DATE

Widener Law-Harrisburg to Host Central State Symposium on Criminal Sentencing, Capital Punishment and Penal System Reform

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 9, 2015

The Widener Law Journal (WLJ) will host its annual symposium on April 20, 2015, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Widener’s Harrisburg campus. WLJ will also live tweet the event @WidenerJournal and hashtag #WLJSymposium.

This year’s symposium topic is Halt & Reform?: Death Penalty & Criminal Sentencing Guidelines Reform. The focus at the local and national level will be on the administrative, constitutional and policy considerations in criminal sentencing guidelines, the 8th Amendment and capital punishment. The latter topic is particularly timely and relevant in Pennsylvania given Governor Tom Wolf’s recent decision to halt executions in Pennsylvania and the reaction among District Attorneys throughout the Commonwealth to challenge the decision.

We have invited members of the academic, public and private spheres to present and attend and promise to have a lively, engaging and informative discussion that approaches the topic from various points of view. Confirmed participants include:

- **Associate Professor Shaakirrah Sanders**, who teaches subjects related to government structure and individual rights and liberties under the United States Constitution

- **Marjorie J. Peerce**, a partner in Ballard Spahr LLP’s New York office and litigator with a practice focus on white collar criminal defense, regulatory matters and complex civil litigation

- **Jim Fox**, Chief Hearing Examiner of the PA Board of Probation and Parole, who has been part of a workgroup with the PA Sentencing Commission that is reviewing their guidelines

- **Professor Thomas Place**, who teaches Constitutional Law and Criminal Procedure at Dickinson School of Law and whose research and writing focuses on issues of access to the judicial system with a particular emphasis on postconviction remedies.

Other confirmations of public, private and academic sector presenters are forthcoming. The WLJ will publish papers following the symposium in Volume 25 (2015-16).

**Registration:**
- Early: $80 (through April 10th)
- Regular: $90 (April 11th or later)
- Discounted: $75 for alumni, government lawyers and academics

**Contact:**
- WLJ Secretary: Sandy Graeff: sgraeff[AT]widener.edu or 717-541-3965
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Widener University School of Law,
Law and Government Institute, presents

The John Gedid Lecture Series

“The Executive’s Duty to Enforce the Law”
Tara Leigh Grove

Thursday, April 9, 2015
4:00 p.m., Administration Building, Room 180
3800 Vartan Way, Harrisburg, PA 17106-9380

Reception to follow

Tara Leigh Grove is an Associate Professor at William and Mary Law School. Grove graduated summa cum laude from Duke University and magna cum laude from Harvard Law School. After law school, Grove clerked for Judge Emilio Garza on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and then spent four years as an appellate attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, where she argued fifteen cases in the courts of appeals.


From 2014–2015, Grove served as the Chair of the Federal Courts Section of the Association of American Law Schools. In 2014, Professor Grove received the Plumeri Award for Faculty Excellence from the College of William and Mary. Grove was also invited to participate in a TEDx Event at the College of William and Mary in April 2014, where she gave a talk on executive power.

This lecture series honors John Gedid, one of the founders of the Harrisburg campus of our law school, the campus’s first vice-dean and the founder of Widener’s Law and Government Institute. Professor Gedid has served as a wonderful mentor to every faculty member the school has hired. The series showcases the work of nationally recognized young scholars much the same way Professor Gedid has fostered, encouraged and applauded the work of those who joined the school he helped to found.

One free substantive CLE credit available

For more information, contact:
Sandy Graeff at 717-541-3965 or slgraeff@widener.edu

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY 2015

Invocation/Benediction. The Registrar’s Office is also looking for a member of the clergy to give the invocation and benediction at the commencement ceremony. If you know of someone who would be interested in doing this, please contact the Registrar’s office.

Ushers. The Registrar’s Office needs 10-12 reliable students to volunteer as ushers at commencement on May 17. Qualifications: Must be willing to work from 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. and have transportation to the Forum in downtown Harrisburg. Ushers must be dressed professionally, sober and willing to deal with excited graduates and families.

Graduation Meetings. Graduation meetings will be held on April 14, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. and April 15, 2015 at 12:00 noon in room A180. Caps, gowns and a packet containing invitations and tickets will be handed out at these meetings.

LOCKERS

Locker keys are available in the Registrar’s Office. Lockers are located on the second floor of the Library Building. There is a $5.00 deposit for a locker key.

OPTING OUT OF EXAM-SOFT?

If you are not using your computer to take your exams, you will need to come to the Registrar’s Office or do an on-line form by April 22 or before this date if you have a quiz or mid-term.
STUDY ABROAD—2015

WIDENER LAW HAS SUMMER LAW INSTITUTES IN LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND AND VENICE, ITALY

APPLICATION DEADLINE - APRIL 17, 2015

Lausanne Summer Program
June 8—June 19, 2015

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FOR INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE: law.widener.edu/summer
Or contact Arlene Trapuzzano at artrapuzzano@widener.edu or on 302-477-2248.
March 25-27, 2015

Monday
Vegetable Barley Soup
Cheese Burger with Pepper Relish
Personal Pizza with Sausage

Tuesday
Timberline Chili
Ham & Provolone Sandwich
Personal Meat Lovers Pizza

Wednesday
Minestrone Soup
Cheese Steak Sub
Personal Cheeseburger Pizza

Thursday
Chicken & Wild Rice Soup
Roast Beef and Spinach Sandwich
Personal Pizza Pepperoni

Friday
Lobster Bisque
Buffalo Chicken Wrap
Personal Cheese Pizza