Recent Appointments

Jill Family is leading not one, but two professional organizations in 2019. Jill is serving as Chair of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Immigration Law and is also serving as Chair of the Government Lawyers Committee of the Dauphin County Bar Association.

Just when you thought it was safe to open the Uniform Commercial Code, the Uniform Law Commission and American Law Institute have appointed a committee to study whether the UCC should be revised to take account of emerging technologies. Juliet Moringiello has been appointed as a ULC member of that committee.

Articles in Print

John Dernbach, Applying the Pennsylvania Environmental Rights Amendment Meaningfully to Climate Disruption, 2 Michigan Journal of Environmental & Administrative Law 49 (w/ Robert McKinstry)


Michael Dimino, A Foolish Inconsistency: Religiously and Ideologically Expressive Conduct, 8 The Italian Law Journal No. 2


Juliet Moringiello, et al., The Faulty Foundation of the Draft Restatement of Consumer Contracts, 36 Yale Journal on Regulation 447

Emeritus Professor John Capowski is an avid fly fisherman who has a knack for merging his interest in fly fishing with his legal expertise. An example is his recent article, Letort Hoppers, The American Fly Fisher (Fall 2018, vol. 44, no. 4), 13, which describes the history and controversy surrounding these grasshopper imitations.
Our faculty are committed not only to engaging with the academic community, but to educating the bar on the local and regional levels as well. This spring saw our faculty members presenting here in Harrisburg as well as in cities throughout the country. Their presentations this semester included:

John Dernbach
- Legal Pathways to Deep Decarbonization in the United States: The Role of Behavior Change, Workshop on the Tenth Anniversary of Behavioral Wedge, Vanderbilt Law School, Nashville, TN, February 28, 2019
- The Abandonment and Restoration of Pennsylvania’s Constitutional Public Trust, Red Clay Conference, University of Georgia Law School, Athens, GA, March 1, 2019
- Panelist, The Environmental Rights Amendment, 2019 Energy Law and Policy Institute Environmental Conference, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, March 5, 2019
- Panelist, Environmental Rights Now, PBI Environmental Law Forum, Harrisburg, PA, April 3, 2019

Michael Dimino
- The Legal and Political Checks on the President, Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA, March 26, 2019
- Actions Speak Louder Than Words: Expressive Conduct and Free Speech, Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA, April 12, 2019

Jill Family
- Judicial Deference to Administrative Agency Interpretation: A Comparative View of the Present and a Prediction of the Future, Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court Historical Society, Harrisburg, PA, April 9, 2019
- An Introduction to the Federal Immigration Selection System, Dauphin County Bar Association, Harrisburg, PA, April 10, 2019
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Engagement Through Service
The Widener Law Commonwealth Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) clinic, under the supervision of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Michael Hussey served 250 clients this tax season, preparing federal, local, state, and local tax returns. Eight students and seven alumni participated in the clinic.

Our faculty members participate in law reform at all levels. On April 25, Chris Robinette was named the United States Representative to the European Group on Tort Law! Chris attended the group’s meeting in Vienna, Austria from April 23 – 25 to discuss liability issues raised by autonomous vehicles, an issue on which the EGTL is advising the European Union.
Books in Print
Looking for policy recommendations for cutting carbon pollution in the United States? You can find more than 1,000 of them in John Dernbach’s new book, Legal Pathways to Deep Decarbonization in the United States (co-edited with Prof. Michael Gerrard of Columbia Law School).

Blogging
Our faculty members share their ideas through several blogs with wide readership. For example, Amanda Sholtis has recently been a regular blogger on the Appellate Advocacy Blog, where she has published posts about legal writing. Her posts include:

• Appellate Advocacy 101: On the Basis of Sex (2/12/19)
• Let’s Get Ready to Rumble: How to Win a “Battle of the Rules” Argument (2/26/19)
• A Writer’s Toolbox - Part I: A Practical Writing Library (3/12/19)
• A Writer’s Toolbox – Part II: Idea Journal, Writing Bank, & Tech Tools (4/9/19)

Jill Family has been a frequent blogger on the Yale Journal on Regulation Notice & Comment Blog, sharing her expertise on the immigration adjudication system. Her recent posts include:

• Even Worse, Again (2/11/19)

Jill will also be participating in a Notice & Comment mini-symposium on federal agency guidance. The symposium will publish on May 1.

In Print Soon
Jill Family, Immigration Adjudication Bankruptcy, ___University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law ___ (2019). Jill has also been invited to contribute to a “Big Ideas” publication of the American Constitution Society which will address how progressives can reform the administrative state and turn the conversation away from exclusive deregulation. Jill’s piece will discuss how to have a fair and functioning removal adjudication system.


Library Feature: Did You Know?
The Law Library subscribes to the treatise library of the National Consumer Law Center. We have print and digital access by password. Our subscription provides over 20 NCLC consumer law treatises often referred to as the “bibles of consumer law”. Treatises in National Consumer Law Center's Digital Library are frequently updated. As a subscriber we have instant access to the latest in the digital edition of the treatise. If you would like to integrate these treatises into your classroom learning, please contact a librarian for the password.

Here is a list of titles:

Debtor Rights
Fair Debt Collection
Consumer Bankruptcy Law
Student Loan Law
Repossessions
Access to Utility Service

Mortgages & Foreclosures
Mortgage Lending
Servicing & Loan Modifications
Home Foreclosures

Credit & Banking
Fair Credit Reporting
Truth in Lending
Consumer Credit Regulation
Credit Discrimination
Consumer Banking, Payment Law

Deception & Warranties
Unfair/Deceptive Practices
Federal Deception Law
Automobile Fraud
Consumer Warranty Law

Consumer Litigation
Collections Actions
Consumer Class Actions
Consumer Arbitr. Agreements
Consumer Law Pleadings

For Consumers & Counselors
Surviving Debt
What Will the Widener Law Commonwealth Faculty be Doing Later This Spring and Summer?

Our faculty members have plans to participate in a variety of projects and present at numerous conferences across the country and around the globe. Some examples:

**John Dernbach** will be presenting on Climate Change at the U.S. – E.U. Environmental Law Colloquium at L’Università di Roma – Sapienza in Rome, Italy, on May 30, 2019.

The Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, which takes place in Boca Raton, FL from July 28 – August 3, 2019 will feature four (!) panels on which **Michael Dimino** will be participating. The four panels are: “Election Law in 2018 and 2020,” “The Limits of Expressive Conduct,” “Designing a Teaching Package,” and “Justice Kavanaugh’s Confirmation and His Impact on the Court.”

**Jill Family** will be visiting the New York City Bar Association to present “Building an Article 1 Immigration Court” on May 2, 2019. She will also be participating on a teaching panel at the Fifth Biennial Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference at Brigham Young University School of Law in Provo, Utah, on June 7, 2019.

Widener Law Commonwealth will be well-represented in Pittsburgh at the Duquesne University School of Law Symposium, “Artificial Intelligence: Thinking About Law, Law Practice, and Legal Education. **Anna Hemingway, Visiting Professor Dionne Anthony, and Amanda Sholtis** will be discussing “Practice Ready Millennials: Technology Training for Efficient and Effective Communication” on April 27, 2019.

**Juliet Moringiello** will be presenting her draft article *Repossession/Dispossession* at the annual meeting of the Association for Law, Property, and Society at Syracuse University School of Law on May 17, 2019.

Dean **Christian Johnson** wins the award for distance this summer. He is heading to Australia, where he will be teaching a one-week course on International Lending to LL.M. students at the University of Melbourne.

Two of our colleagues, **David Raeker-Jordan** and **Amanda Sholtis**, will be presenting “Carrots and Sticks: Motivating Students to Learn Without Grading Everything They Do” at the New England Conference of Legal Writing Teachers at the University of Maine School of Law on May 2, 2019.

In addition to the talks she is giving with her faculty colleagues this spring and summer, **Amanda Sholtis** will be presenting her work on live critique at the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Summer Conference at Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, Kansas. The conference takes place from June 3 – 5, 2019.