



Widener Law





Welcome to Widener Law. I invite you to discover what is so exciting about this unique school of law: two outstanding campus locations, internationally recognized and experienced faculty, exceptional programs, and countless paths to success.

We are the 13th largest law school in the nation. Our Delaware Campus in Wilmington is the foundation of the legal community in the state known as America's "corporate capital." The Harrisburg Campus is located in the capital of the nation's sixth largest state. Many of our graduates have distinguished themselves by becoming judges, legislators, and other governmental leaders.



Widener Law is a place where you can discover your role in the legal world. By studying with dedicated law professors who love to teach, you will learn the law in uncommon depth and detail. Clinics, externship opportunities, and focused training sharpen your litigation and transaction skills to better prepare you for practice.

Whichever Widener Law campus you attend, you will find legal education at its best: personal, rich in opportunity, practical in training, and focused on your professional success. I'm excited to be part of this 21st-century school of law. I invite you to become part of it, too.

Linda L. Ammons
Associate Provost and Dean
Widener University School of Law



Widener Law Leads the Way

Widener Law offers you many opportunities to earn an unparalleled legal education that positions you to become a leader in a variety of legal careers. The Delaware Campus provides a fantastic starting point for corporate law; the Harrisburg Campus excels in governmental law. Other programs in health law, environmental law, advocacy, technology, and veterans issues give students a robust offering of legal education options.

The first step toward a successful and rewarding career in law awaits you at either campus. This opportunity is evidenced by Widener Law's many distinctions as a leading law school:

- Widener Law, one of the largest law schools in the mid-Atlantic, is a recognized leader in two states; it has the distinction of being the only law school in both Pennsylvania's state capital and in the state of Delaware.



- Widener Law has a long track record of producing leaders; more than 14,000 Widener Law alumni practice in 49 states, the District of Columbia, and 23 countries. There are 160 alumni serving in the judiciary in 15 states, and hundreds more working as CEOs, CFOs, and corporate board members.

- Widener Law publishes four highly rated law reviews, including the *Delaware Journal of Corporate Law*, which ranks second among student-edited corporation and association journals and third among student-edited commercial law journals. The *Widener Journal of Law, Economics & Race* ranks first in two categories—online economic journals and online journals focusing on ethnicity, minority, and race issues (Washington & Lee University School of Law Study, 2012).

- Widener Law's special programs are renowned for their leadership: the Health Law Institute in Delaware has received national recognition for the excellence of its programs; the Environmental Law Center at both campuses houses the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic wherein students have successfully litigated more than 200 claims; and the Law and Government Institute in Harrisburg offers three certificate programs all with close ties to Pennsylvania's government.

■ Our faculty and administration routinely receive high-level appointments to leadership positions: For example, Delaware Gov. Jack Markell named Dean Linda L. Ammons to lead an independent review into the state's policies and procedures relating to sexual assault cases; Professor Lawrence A. Hamermesh has served as an attorney fellow with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. and is currently serving as the reporter for the Corporate Laws Committee of the American Bar Association Business Law Section; and Professor Jill E. Family served as a visiting scholar at Queen Mary School of Law in London, England, where she researched the immigration adjudication system in the United Kingdom, and has served as the chair of the Immigration and Naturalization Committee of the ABA.



An Emphasis on Leadership

■ Widener Law is one of very few law schools nationwide that offers the course Leadership and the Law. The course introduces students to theories of leadership, leadership opportunities in the legal profession, and the link between ethics and leadership.

■ Widener Law is a leader in civic engagement. Law students, faculty, and volunteers from the Widener Law community dedicate tens of thousands of pro bono hours to their communities. They do so through the law school's dedicated public interest centers and initiatives, special programs, and the law school's five pro bono clinics. The Legal Help Link takes more than 35,000 calls annually to determine legal needs of members of the community and refers them to the clinic or a pro bono attorney who can best serve them. Members of the class of 2012 contributed more than 18,000 hours of pro bono service.

■ Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes benefit from Pennsylvania legislation that is the result of work by Widener Law students and faculty. Pennsylvania's Domestic and Sexual Violence Victim Address Confidentiality Act originated at Widener Law and became law in 2005.





Law school serves as the launching pad for legal careers. Widener has a curriculum that is appealing for any aspiring attorney. No matter what your interest, there is a certificate program, clinic, or externship opportunity for you. If you aren't sure which area of law to study, you can select from the many electives offered to see what field of law is most interesting to you. While subject matter is important, the practical skills I am learning while attending Widener Law are infinitely beneficial.

– Amber Marsano '14





A Faculty of Leaders

Widener Law's faculty includes a long list of leaders: judges, prosecutors, public defenders, and attorneys from all types of practice—large and small firms, government agencies, corporate, and public interest settings. Our faculty advise state and federal court systems, state legislatures, Congress, local bar associations, and international organizations. Many faculty members are known experts in their fields for their contributions to corporate, health, international, labor, constitutional, administrative, veterans, and environmental law.

- Vice President Joe Biden taught a class on constitutional law as a Widener adjunct professor for 17 years before he joined the Obama Administration.
- Pennsylvania and Delaware State Supreme Court justices regularly teach as adjunct faculty members at both the Delaware and Harrisburg campuses. Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Thomas Saylor serves as the Harrisburg campus jurist-in-residence.
- In the last ten years, Widener Law faculty have held more than 60 leadership positions in academic legal associations such as the American Bar Association (ABA) and the American Association of Law Schools (AALS).
- Distinguished Professor of Law John C. Dernbach, co-director of the Environmental Law Center, served for two years as policy director of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. He won the 2010 award for Distinguished Service to the Profession by the Pennsylvania Bar Association.
- Professor Emeritus H. Geoffrey Moulton Jr. has served in the U.S. Department of Justice as First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, as chief counsel to former Delaware Senator Ted Kaufman, and is currently serving as special deputy attorney general with the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General leading the office in an internal investigation of the handling of the Jerry Sandusky child abuse case.

For details on faculty achievements and bios, visit law.widener.edu/faculty



Outstanding Curriculum

We are committed to your success. The Widener Law curriculum builds a solid foundation in the fundamentals of law. You may further refine your studies by selecting classes in specific areas.

Throughout your academic career, academic success programs are available to assist you in making the transition to the study of law. Classes and workshops on study and test taking techniques, as well as individual assistance, are offered to help you hone your analytical and writing skills.

Seminars have 6 to 20 students per class and small section courses have between 30 to 40 students. Typical first-year required classes have approximately 60 students, but some are as small as 20.

Dual-Degree Programs

In addition to the JD program, Widener Law offers various dual-degree programs that enable you to obtain two degrees in less time than it would take to pursue each separately.

Delaware Campus

■ Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration (JD/MBA), a collaborative effort with Widener University School of Business Administration.

■ Juris Doctor/Doctor of Psychology (JD/PsyD), a collaborative effort with Widener University Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology.

■ Juris Doctor/ Master of Public Health (JD/MPH), a collaborative effort with Thomas Jefferson University.

■ Juris Doctor/Master of Marine Policy (JD/MMP), a collaborative effort with the University of Delaware.

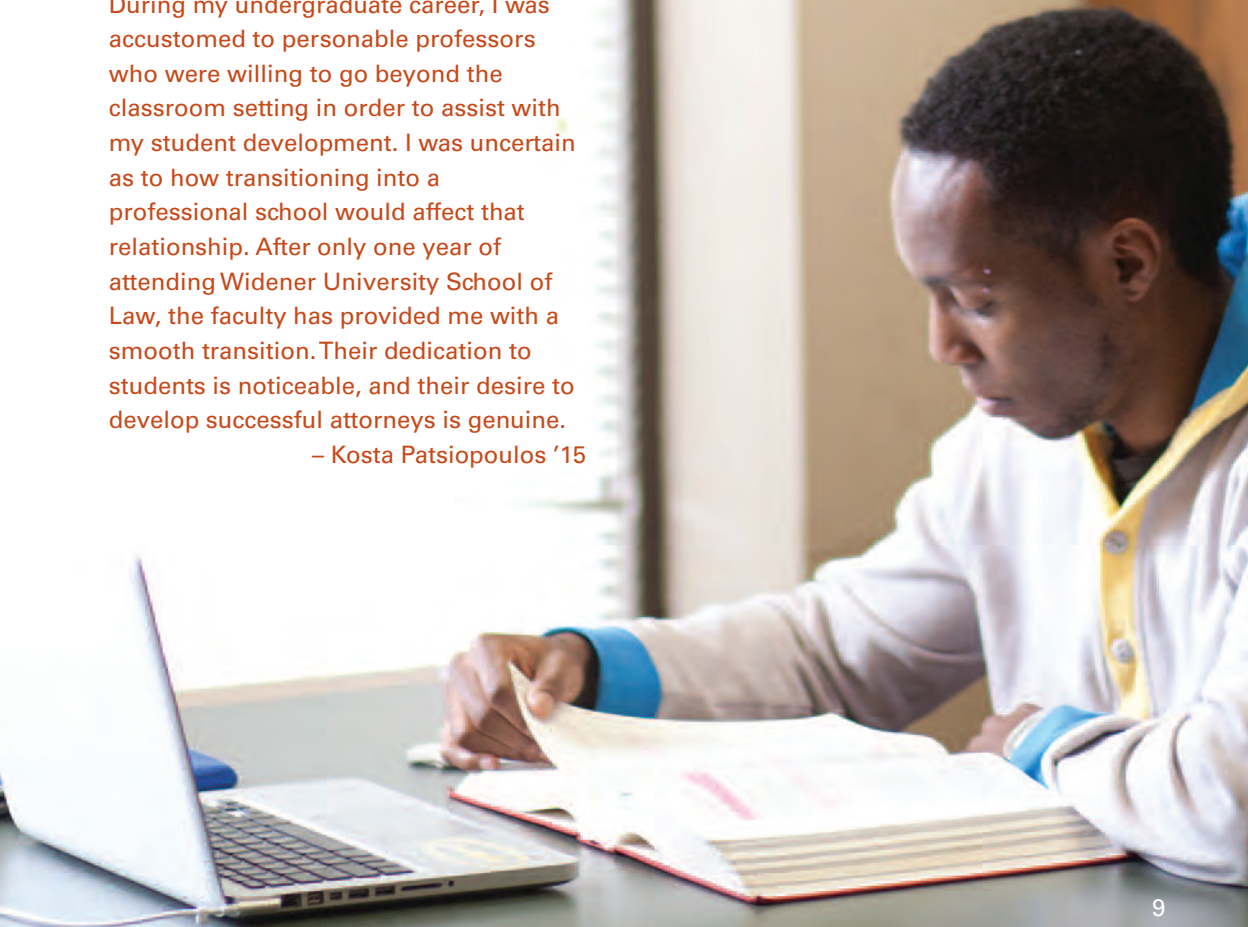
Harrisburg Campus

■ Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Library Science (JD/MSLS), a collaborative effort with Clarion University of Pennsylvania.



During my undergraduate career, I was accustomed to personable professors who were willing to go beyond the classroom setting in order to assist with my student development. I was uncertain as to how transitioning into a professional school would affect that relationship. After only one year of attending Widener University School of Law, the faculty has provided me with a smooth transition. Their dedication to students is noticeable, and their desire to develop successful attorneys is genuine.

– Kosta Patsiopoulos '15



Institutes and Certificate Programs

Widener Law's institutes and certificate programs enable you to develop expertise in specific areas of law while earning your juris doctor degree.

■ The *Institute of Delaware Corporate & Business Law* in Delaware offers the Business Organizations Law Certificate program providing specialized training in law governing publicly traded business enterprises.

■ The *Business Advising Certificate* program in Delaware and Harrisburg is designed to provide students with a broad understanding of the law and issues affecting small and midsize business owners.

■ The *Law and Government Institute* in Harrisburg offers certification in governmental law with specialties in constitutional/administrative law, legislation, and consumer law.

■ The *Environmental Law Center* in Delaware and Harrisburg offers an Environmental Law and Policy Certificate letting you concentrate your study in environmental and natural resources law.

■ The *Health Law Institute* in Delaware has consistently been recognized for the excellence of its programs and prepares students for the fast-changing world of health law.



■ Widener Law's *Taishoff Advocacy, Technology, and Public Service Institute* in Delaware offers a trial advocacy program providing students an opportunity to develop their knowledge of and proficiency in the fundamental skills essential to becoming competent, professionally responsible advocates. The institute also provides a certificate program in criminal law.

■ The *Advocacy Certificate Program* in Harrisburg offers students the opportunity to sharpen advocacy skills through a series of skills courses, clinical trial opportunities, and dispute resolution courses.

Study Abroad Opportunities

Widener has been a leader in the development of innovative and exciting opportunities for foreign legal study. Our Nairobi program was one of the very first foreign programs at any law school. Our newest programs are in Chongqing, China, and Lyon, France. Other programs are in Lausanne, Switzerland, and Venice, Italy.



Hands-On Training Opportunities

Widener Law operates clinics, arranges externships and public interest legal placements, runs trial simulations and advocacy training, and much more to help you build the skills you will need from day one of your legal career. Experiencing the law at work—in legislative sessions, death penalty hearings, and federal cases—brings your classroom learning to life.

Clinics

Widener Law offers an extensive list of clinical opportunities enabling you to obtain hands-on experience representing clients while still in law school. On the Delaware Campus, you may choose the Delaware Civil Law Clinic, Environmental Law and Natural Resources Clinic, the Pennsylvania Criminal Defense Clinic, and the Veterans Law Clinic. On the Harrisburg Campus, you may choose the Harrisburg Civil Law Clinic or the Environmental Law Clinic.

Externships

Second- and third-year externships provide you with opportunities to work with leaders practicing in the field, including state and local prosecuting attorneys, public defenders, legal services lawyers, and government officials. As a judicial extern, you experience the inner workings of the court system while conducting legal research and drafting documents for judges.

With the guidance of Health Law Institute faculty, Widener Law students secure summer placements in global health externships or research positions through the World Health Organization, United Nations, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and other institutions with international scope and reach.

Founded in 1997, the Veterans Law Clinic was the first of its kind to assist disabled veterans with compensation cases. Today, Widener's Veterans Law Clinic is one of only a half a dozen such programs in existence and serves as a model nationally.





Participating in Widener's Clinical Externship program has been the most advantageous experience of my law school career. Placement at the Montgomery County Public Defender's Office in Norristown, Pennsylvania, granted me the opportunity to interview clients, both in-house and at the local correctional facilities, as well as the chance to speak in court on behalf of our clients. I realize success in law school is only a stepping stone to a successful law career, but it has been the hands-on experience inside the courtroom that has provided me with the practical learning required to become a successful attorney.

– Nicolle M. Vasconez '14

Journals, Honor Societies, and Organizations

Journals: Legal research and writing are important parts of any successful legal career. You can perfect those skills by working on *The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law* (Delaware), the *Widener Law Review* (Delaware), the *Widener Law Journal* (Harrisburg), and the *Widener Journal of Law, Economics, and Race* (Delaware and Harrisburg).

Moot Court Honor Society: You can participate in moot court honor societies on both campuses. As a member, you can earn academic credit for a variety of moot court activities, including participation in interscholastic competitions, while perfecting your oral advocacy and brief-writing skills.

Trial Advocacy Honor Society: Both campuses also offer a Trial Advocacy Honor Society, which provides additional opportunities for you to sharpen your advocacy skills.

Organizations: With more than 50 activities, organizations, and affinity groups on our two campuses, such as symposia, the Environmental Law Society, and the Women's Law Caucus, you will be surrounded by opportunities for professional development and network building.







Career Development

■ A Widener Law counselor supports you during all phases of your job search, from self-assessment to salary negotiation.

■ Recruiting programs regularly bring employers to campus. Numerous workshops, training programs, and networking sessions offer you additional perspectives on the legal profession.

■ Started in 1999, our unique alumni mentoring program has made it possible for more than 1,500 Widener Law alumni leaders to mentor students throughout their law school experience and as they begin their careers.

■ Widener Law graduates are leaders in obtaining judicial clerkships, consistently outpacing the national placement average.



Two Great Campuses, Two Great Cities

The Harrisburg Campus is minutes from the heart of the Capitol Complex, home of government for the sixth largest state in the nation. Pennsylvania's state legislature, agencies, and courts, as well as federal courts, provide a backdrop to focused and experiential learning, externships, and employment opportunities. Harrisburg is slightly more than 100 miles from Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia.

The Delaware Campus is minutes from downtown Wilmington, the largest city in Delaware. It is a critical hub of corporate law nationally and internationally, offering multiple opportunities for learning, externships, and employment. Widener Law is the only law school in Delaware, and the campus is half an hour's drive to Philadelphia and only two hours to Washington, D.C.



The Delaware campus is situated on a beautiful 40 acre parcel of land in the nation's "Corporate Capital." Wilmington is close to major cities, namely Philadelphia and Baltimore. The surrounding areas have plenty of practicing Widener alumni. Many students commute; however, there are great dorms and exciting campus life and activities for all.

– Nathan J. Carr-Whealy '14





Harrisburg is an ideal place to live and study law. It has plenty of great places to eat, hang out, and has a vibrant downtown area. Harrisburg's tight-knit and supportive legal community allows you to take control of your networking and provides the opportunity to meet many lawyers in the area working in various legal positions.

– Chase Magaziner '15



Apply Today

If you think Widener Law is a place where you will succeed, you are ready to apply. Applying online is free at law.widener.edu.

Admission Policy: Admissions decisions consider undergraduate GPA and the LSAT, work and life experiences, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and graduate study. A personal statement is required and letters of recommendation are highly encouraged. Widener Law is committed to diversity and encourages women and members of minority groups to apply.

Widener Law Admissions Facts

- Widener Law requires electronic applications through law.widener.edu or the Law School Admissions Council Credential Assembly Service Electronic Application at www.lsac.org
- The application deadline is May 15.
- Choose from full- or part-time programs with day or evening classes.
- Apply to one or both campuses using one application. Applicants applying to both campuses waive their choice of campus in most instances.
- The Trial Admissions Program (TAP) is a conditional admission program for applicants who demonstrate potential for success in law school despite being

competitive on only one of the two principal standardized measures of success—undergraduate GPA or LSAT. All applicants are considered for TAP.

- A simplified enrollment program exists for graduates of the 14 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities applying to the Harrisburg Campus before April 1.
- Transfer and visiting students are accepted in any semester after completion of one full year of law school.
- Previous law school attendees must submit a certified transcript and letter of good standing from their prior law school.
- International applicants must submit a completed application before April 1. For complete application instructions and details, visit us online at law.widener.edu

Contact Admissions

- Visit our admission's website at law.widener.edu/admissions
- Call the Delaware Admissions Office at 302-477-2703 or the Harrisburg Admissions Office at 717-541-3903.
- E-mail: lawadmissions@widener.edu



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Financial Aid

Widener Law's tuition and fees are competitive, and we offer a number of scholarships that reward academic talent and achievement. We help students with financial need make the most of their many financial aid opportunities. If you have any questions as you go through the process, our financial aid staff is happy to help.

To Learn More About Financial Aid:

- Visit the website at law.widener.edu/fa
- Call the Delaware Financial Aid Office at 302-477-2272.
- Call the Harrisburg Financial Aid Office at 717-541-3961.
- E-mail the Delaware Campus Financial Aid Office at lawfinaidde@mail.widener.edu
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Widener Law provides options that other law schools do not: full- and part-time programs; day and evening classes; on campus residences; on-going academic assistance for all who desire it; and strategies and support for dealing with law school's competitive environment. Resources are available as students need them to make choices leading to success.

– Beth Godett '15

Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of Widener University not to discriminate on the basis of sex, age, race, national origin or ethnicity, religion, disability, status as a veteran of the Vietnam era or other covered veteran, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status in its educational programs, admissions policies, employment practices, financial aid, or other school-administered programs or activities. This policy is enforced under various federal and state laws, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended by the Civil Rights Act of 1991, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Further, in compliance with state and federal laws, Widener University will provide the following information upon request: (a) copies of documents pertinent to the university's accreditations, approvals, or licensing by external agencies or governmental bodies; (b) reports on crime statistics and information on safety policies and procedures; and (c) information regarding gender equity relative to intercollegiate athletic programs. Contact: Senior Vice President for University Advancement, Widener University, One University Place, Chester, PA 19013, 610-499-4123. Comments or requests for information regarding services and resources for disabled students should be directed to: Director of Disability Services, Widener University, One University Place, Chester, PA 19013, 610-499-1266; or Office of Student Affairs, Delaware Campus

of Widener University, P.O. Box 7474, Wilmington, DE 19803-0474, 302-477-2142, or Dean of Students, Harrisburg Campus of Widener University, P.O. Box 69380, Harrisburg, PA 17106-9380, 717-541-3952. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination based on gender in educational programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. Such programs include recruitment, admissions, financial aid, scholarships, athletics, course offerings and access, hiring and retention, and benefits and leave. Title IX also protects students and employees from unlawful sexual harassment (including sexual violence) in university programs and activities. In compliance with Title IX, the university prohibits discrimination and harassment based on sex in employment, as well as in all programs and activities. The university's Title IX coordinator monitors compliance with Title IX and its accompanying regulations. Individuals with questions or concerns about Title IX or those who wish to file a complaint of noncompliance may contact the university's Title IX coordinator. The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is the division of the federal government charged with enforcing compliance with Title IX. Information regarding OCR can be found at: www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html.

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