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*"The practice of law is,
at its heart, about serving people."*

Dean's Message

I congratulate and admire you for your interest in pursuing a law degree and appreciate your consideration of our school. I think that a legal education will give you knowledge and skills that will set you apart and open the door to many career opportunities. The knowledge, skills and insights you gain will serve you well, whether you decide to use your education for the practice of law or in a leadership position in business, government or social service. If you choose to practice law, the degree will help qualify you for what is truly a helping profession. The practice of law is, at its heart, about serving people. Whatever career you choose, the skills and knowledge you obtain will help you make a difference in your community, whether on the school board, in politics or in your religious organization.

In the pages that follow, we introduce you to the Widener Law School community. It is a community in the truest sense of the word. Faculty members are experienced lawyers and excellent classroom teachers who care about your success. They are genuine experts in their fields, publishing articles in leading law journals and writing books used in other law schools and treatises used by students and practicing lawyers. Our students, too, are very successful. Whether working together in our clinics and trial programs, representing us in interschool moot court competitions, writing for our excellent law journals, or interning with judges and government agencies, Widener students are building a strong foundation for their futures.

As you go through the admissions process, we will provide you with further information about our programs and our people. We invite you to visit our website, www.law.widener.edu, for additional information. The best way to learn about our school, however, is to visit our two campuses, meet our faculty and students and sit in on a class. We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas E. Ray". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Douglas E. Ray, Dean

*“Law is experience
developed by reason
and applied continually
to further experience.”*

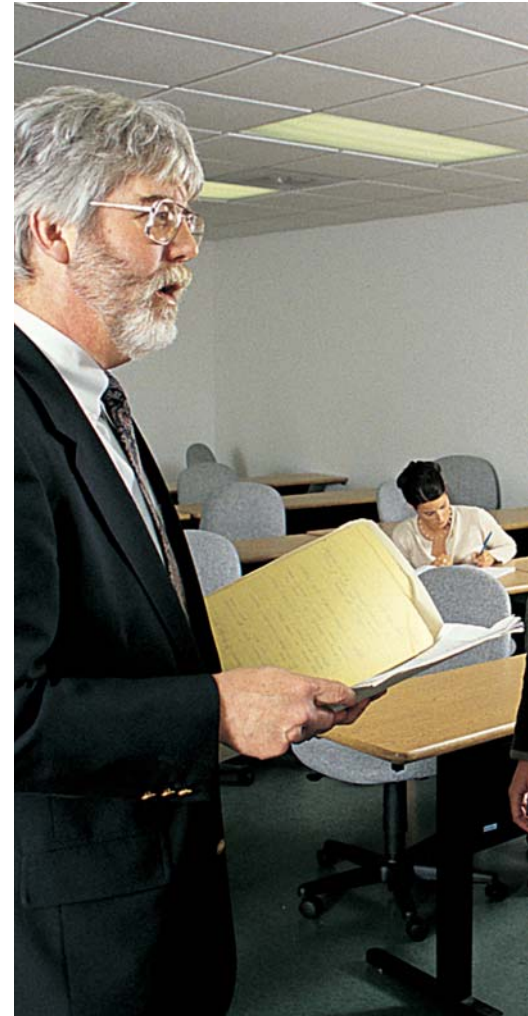
—Roscoe Pound



Overview

The Widener Experience

- Accredited by the American Bar Association
- Member of the Association of American Law Schools
- Two ideal campus locations:
Wilmington, Delaware
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- 1,400 students from across the country
- Full- and part-time, day and evening programs available
- Specialized certificate programs available in corporate law, health law, law & government and trial advocacy
- Several dual degree programs—J.D./M.B.A., J.D./Psy.D., J.D./M.M.P. and J.D./M.S.L.S.
- Significant clinical and externship opportunities
- Unique Intensive Trial Advocacy Program
- Summer abroad international programs in Nairobi, Kenya; Geneva, Switzerland; Sydney, Australia; and Venice, Italy
- Accessible faculty
- Library collection exceeding 650,000 volumes
- More than 40 law student organizations
- January admission available at the Delaware Campus
- On-campus housing available at the Delaware Campus
- Affordable housing options available in close proximity to each campus
- More than 9,000 alumni practicing across the country





"I chose Widener because of its friendly faculty, challenging academic standards and quaint atmosphere. I know I made the right choice."

Maria N. Kraft
B.A., Millersville University of Pennsylvania



Widener offers two beautiful campuses, a diverse student body and accessible faculty.

The Brandywine River Valley offers beautiful scenery and outstanding recreational opportunities.



Wilmington, Delaware

*An ideal place to
live and learn*

The Delaware Campus is located five miles from the heart of America's "corporate capital," Wilmington. Delaware's prestigious corporate practice environment and the national reputation of its courts provide a wealth of enriching externship and employment opportunities for Widener students. The campus is situated in the middle of the eastern metropolitan corridor near Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York and Washington, D.C., which offers students a rich diversity of employment options.



The Delaware Supreme Court annually hears cases at the Law School in the Ruby R. Vale Moot Courtroom.

The Law Building houses faculty offices, classrooms, Delaware Volunteer Legal Services offices and the Ruby R. Vale Moot Courtroom.



Nestled in the scenic Brandywine River Valley "chateau country," the Wilmington region boasts an impressive array of cultural attractions and exciting activities—from the internationally renowned Longwood Gardens, the museum estate of the DuPont family, and the First USA Riverfront Arts Center, to the Clifford Brown Jazz and St. Anthony's Italian Festivals. Delaware is also home to beautiful beach resorts with exceptional shopping and some of the finest cuisine. Outdoor enthusiasts may enjoy Delaware's thousands of acres of parkland for fishing, canoeing, boating and hiking.

History abounds and is fascinatingly restored at the Hagley Museum and Library and on the banks of the Brandywine, and is still alive in the colonial era buildings of Old New Castle. Nearby Philadelphia, the birthplace of our nation, offers a wealth of historical attractions, from the Liberty Bell to Inde-



Wilmington, the home of numerous Fortune 500 companies, is the corporate capital of America.



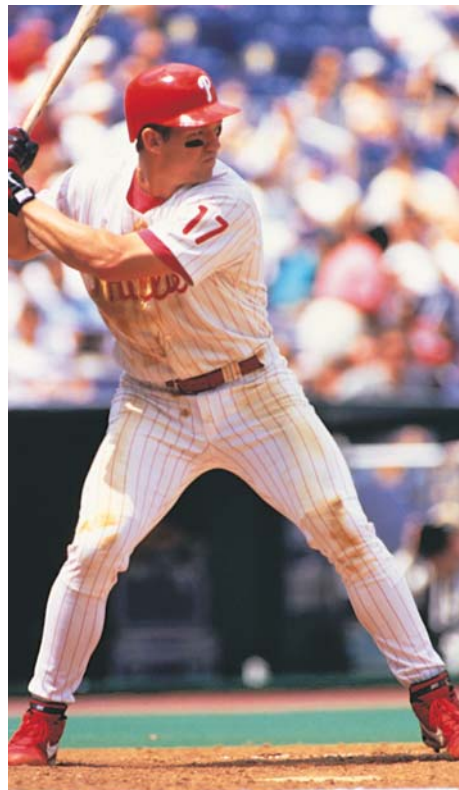
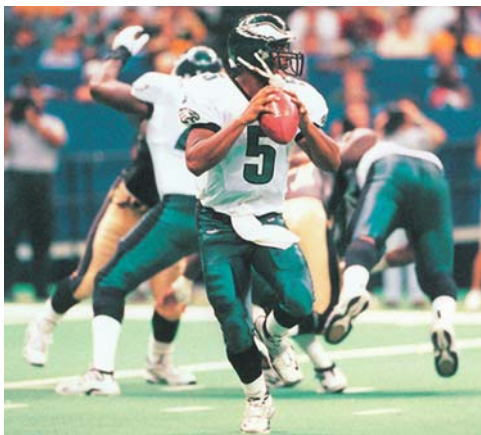
The Philadelphia Museum of Art is acknowledged as one of America's greatest art museums.

pendence Hall. Both Philadelphia and Baltimore provide many things to see and do, including concerts, dazzling nightlife, world-class museums and national sports teams such as the Phillies, the Eagles, the Orioles, the Ravens, the Flyers and the 76ers.

Whether you enjoy big cities or beautiful scenery, Wilmington, Delaware is an ideal place to live and learn.



Rehoboth Beach is just one of the popular shore destinations in Delaware.



The Administration Building
on the Widener University School
of Law Harrisburg Campus



Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

*A city with "capital"
opportunities*

Widener's Harrisburg Campus is located in Pennsylvania's capital city, only minutes from the Capitol Complex. The legislature, state and federal courts and governmental agencies provide a multitude of learning, externship and employment opportunities for aspiring lawyers. The region is home to many large medical and financial institutions, as well as numerous national and international corporations, including Rite Aid Corp., Tyco Inc., Hershey Foods and Harley Davidson. The robust economy of the area also provides numerous employment opportunities for our graduates.



The capital region abounds with cultural and recreational opportunities to satisfy the diverse interests of our students and to further complement their law school experiences. Lovers of the outdoors may choose to hike the Appalachian Trail, fish on renowned trout streams or stroll along the Susquehanna River. Historians will especially enjoy the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, which opened in 2001, and the nearby battlefields and museums of Gettysburg.

Sports enthusiasts in our student body have the opportunity to take in major league indoor soccer games, minor league baseball, hockey, outdoor soccer games and semi-professional basketball and football games. The capital region also offers art galleries, theater and the symphony. The Whitaker Center, located in downtown Harrisburg, houses a science center and IMAX theatre. Central Pennsylvania also boasts shopping opportunities, both at outlet malls and in Amish communities. Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., each only 100 miles from Harrisburg,



**Harrisburg retains much
of its colonial charm.**



"The administration of justice is the firmest pillar of government."

—George Washington



Harrisburg commencement ceremonies are held at the Capitol complex, just minutes from the Harrisburg Campus.

and New York City, less than 200 miles away, provide our students with interesting day trip destinations.

Whether you prefer back roads or bright lights, central Pennsylvania provides a community that is safe, comfortable and conducive to your personal, academic and professional development.



Harrisburg is located on the scenic Susquehanna River.

"Deciding to go to law school was one of the best decisions I ever made. I love Widener: the students are great, the faculty is enthusiastic and the classes are challenging."

Kay Lawson
B.S., Clarkson University



Curriculum

*Diverse opportunities
for the study of law*

The Law School curriculum is designed to ensure the development of a fundamental understanding of the law and of the legal process. Students may focus their studies on a particular area of law by selecting elective courses suited to their professional interests. Students must complete 87 semester hours of coursework to receive the Juris Doctor degree.

In addition to the broad curriculum and abundant elective course selections, the Widener University School of Law is committed to teaching students the best possible legal writing, research and analysis skills to solve legal problems. The Legal Methods Program provides students with the tools to develop their legal analysis and research skills and to adapt their existing writing skills to meet the demands of legal practice.

Academic support is an integral part of the curriculum at Widener. In the fall semester of the first year, all students attend classes and workshops on study and exam techniques. In the spring semester, students are invited to participate in a seven-week workshop series in which they take practice exams and work with a tutor to hone their examination skills. In the upper division years, students whose cumulative GPA is below 2.3 take a special course in intensive legal analysis, providing further opportunities to improve their skills and academic performance.

First Year Curriculum

Delaware Campus

Regular Division Credits

Fall 2002

Introduction to Law	1
Civil Procedure	4
Legal Methods I	3
Property I	4
Torts	4

Spring 2003

Administrative Law	3
Contracts	4
Criminal Law	3
Legal Methods II	2
Property II	2

Extended Division

Fall 2002

Introduction to Law	1
Civil Procedure	4
Legal Methods I	3
Torts	4

Spring 2003

Contracts	4
Legal Methods II	2
Property I	4

Harrisburg Campus

Regular Division Credits

Fall 2002

Introduction to Law	1
Civil Procedure I	3
Contracts I	3
Legal Methods I	3
Property I	3
Torts I	2

Spring 2003

Civil Procedure II	3
Contracts II	3
Legal Methods II	2
Property II	3
Torts II	3

Extended Division

Fall 2002

Introduction to Law	1
Civil Procedure I	3
Contracts I	3
Legal Methods I	3
Torts I	2

Spring 2003

Civil Procedure II	3
Contracts II	3
Legal Methods II	2
Torts II	3



"After attending law school in the evening program while working full time, it is amazing to look back and see how the opportunities Widener created far exceeded my originally modest expectations."

Corey Field '02

Associate, Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP
Philadelphia, Pa.

Part-Time Programs

A workable alternative

Each campus of the Widener University School of Law offers a part-time Extended Division program usually completed in four years, as well as a traditional full-time Regular Division program usually completed in three years. For many working professionals or individuals with family responsibilities, the part-time evening program provides a financially feasible and flexible way to attend law school while maintaining work and family obligations. Evening students receive the same comprehensive legal education as that offered in the full-time program. Additionally, for parents with school age children and for those who work nights, a part-time day program is available. In the part-time programs, fellow students bring the unique perspectives of their working and personal lives into the classroom, enriching and enhancing the law school experience for everyone.

The opportunity to transfer between divisions offers added flexibility to full-time students as well. Some transfer to part-time status to accept full-time law related jobs and enhance their careers. Others seek full-time employment to help defray unexpected economic challenges and the transfer to part-time status allows them to continue their legal education. This is an important advantage because ABA rules prohibit full-time students from working more than 20 hours per week.



“The Civil Clinic experience at Widener was invaluable in providing me with the academic and professional skills that have assisted me in my legal career. The faculty was able to effectively incorporate their own practical experience in the classroom setting.”

Mary Kay Schwemmer '91
Partner, White and Williams LLP
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Clinics and Externships

Hands-on education

Lawyering is a profession historically based upon apprenticeships. Widener recognizes the importance of the learning that takes place outside of the classroom and offers its students ample opportunities to delve into the practice of law through clinical and externship programs. Students in these programs develop the practical skills necessary to represent clients, work with opposing counsel, and appear before judges, while also serving community legal needs. Students earn academic credit by meeting criteria in the following clinical programs:

Pennsylvania Criminal Defense Clinic

(**Delaware Campus**) Students defend clients in criminal matters including capital case prosecutions.

Delaware Civil Law Clinic

(**Delaware Campus**) Students represent clients in a variety of domestic violence cases, landlord/tenant disputes, probate issues, divorces, unemployment compensation hearings and related civil litigation matters.

Environmental Law and Natural Resources Clinic

(**Delaware Campus**) Students represent public interest groups in a variety of environmental matters.

Harrisburg Civil Law Clinic

(**Harrisburg Campus**) Students represent clients in a myriad of civil litigation areas, including domestic relations, truancy, consumer rights, landlord/tenant and unemployment compensation matters.

Pennsylvania Civil Law Clinic

(**Delaware Campus**) Students represent clients in family law and consumer bankruptcy matters.

Veterans Assistance Program

(**Delaware Campus**) Students represent disabled veterans and/or their dependents before the Department of Veterans Affairs and Article I and Article III Federal Courts that handle veteran matters.

The School of Law also offers students the opportunity to earn academic credit while developing practical skills by working with practicing attorneys and judges in externship programs. Second and third year student legal externship opportunities include work with state and local prosecuting attorneys, public defenders, legal services and government agency offices. Judicial externs provide legal research and drafting services to judges while receiving a firsthand opportunity to observe the workings of our courts and judicial system.



Widener offers its students ample opportunities in clinics and externship programs.



"I have enjoyed Widener because of the smaller class sizes and the one-on-one attention. The educational experience at Widener is rewarding on both a professional and personal level."

Kim MacCumbee
B.A., Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Legal Information Center

Your gateway to learning

The Widener University School of Law Legal Information Center houses one of the most significant legal collections in the region, with over 650,000 volumes on the Harrisburg and Delaware Campuses combined. The collection includes statutes and reporters for the fifty states, as well as federal statutes and reporters. The library also has an extensive collection of legal periodicals, administrative agency decisions, looseleaf services and treatises, and is continually expanding to keep up with new and developing areas of the law. In addition, the library is a selective depository for United States government documents.

The Legal Information Center offers numerous other resources, including legal and nonlegal computer databases, a collection of audio and videotapes, and a sizeable microfilm and microfiche collection. High speed computers are available for legal and interdisciplinary research, as well as access to the Internet, e-mail and various software applications. All students are instructed in LEXIS and WESTLAW, computer-assisted legal research databases. The Legal Information Center is committed to keeping pace with advanced technologies to improve the quality of information access.

Telecommunications permit total linkage between the Law School's two libraries, offering students on each campus access to resources on the other campus. Knowledgeable library staff members are easily accessible to all students and always willing to provide personal assistance in researching the law.





Faculty

*Providing students with
the tools to succeed*

The Widener University School of Law selects its faculty members based upon their outstanding teaching and scholarly achievements and their practical experience in the private and public sectors. When you come to Widener, you will find a faculty composed of former prosecutors, public defenders and attorneys who have practiced in many areas of law. These professors have left their law offices but have not shut themselves off from the practice of law. They advise state and federal court systems, state legislatures, the United States Congress, local bar associations and international organizations.

They testify before Congress, edit scholarly journals and consult in major litigation. Many faculty members are nationally and internationally known in specialty areas such as corporate, health, international, labor, constitutional, administrative and environmental law, and address audiences across the country and around the globe. Widener pro-

fessors convey their energy, enthusiasm and expertise to their students.

Widener's full-time faculty is further strengthened by visiting professors from other institutions, as well as adjunct faculty drawn from the judiciary, state government and private practice. This combination of academic and practical experience ensures a high-quality, meaningful law school education for each student.

Perhaps the greatest resource Widener offers its students is the accessibility of its faculty. Widener professors maintain an open-door policy and encourage their students to turn to them for individual assistance, both academically and professionally. The small student-to-faculty ratio allows students and faculty to know one another and participate freely in the exchange of ideas.

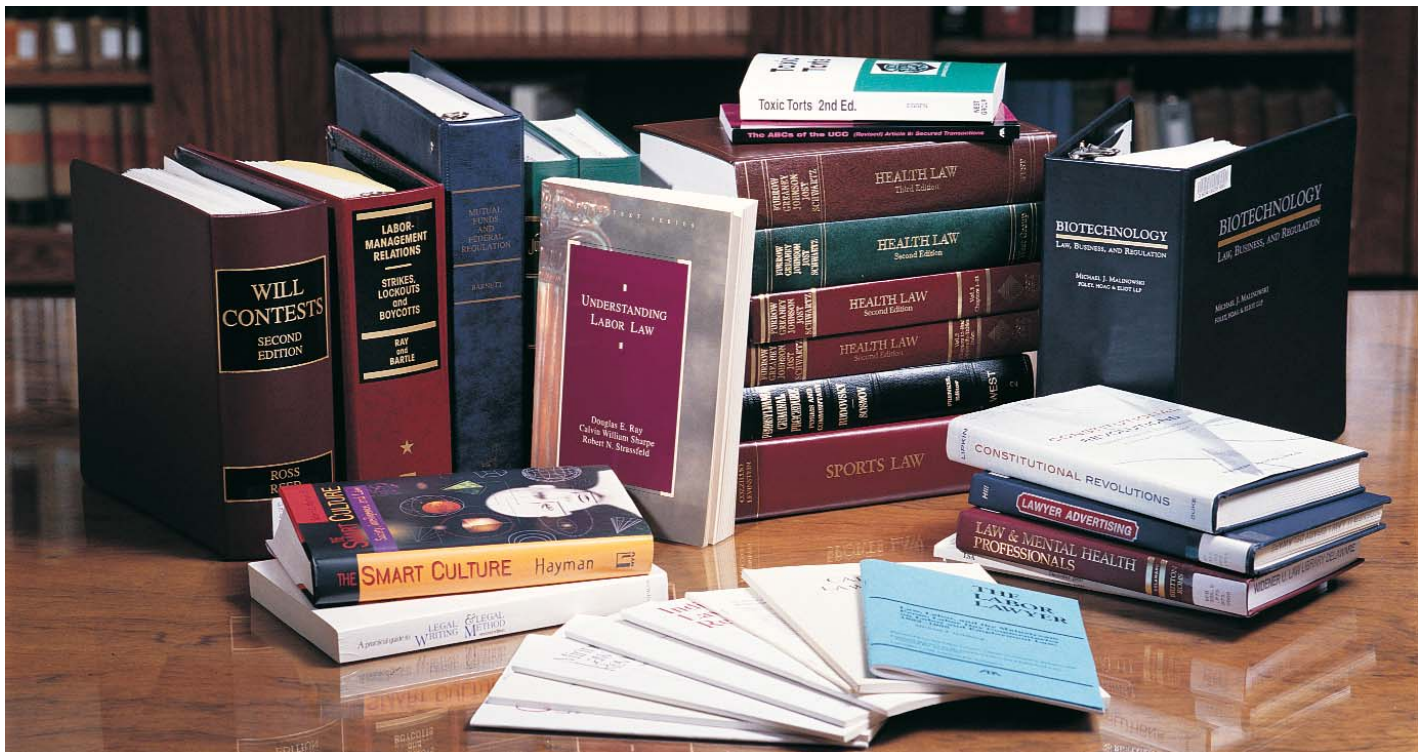
**The love, respect and enthusiasm
Widener faculty have for their profession
are most evident in the classroom.**





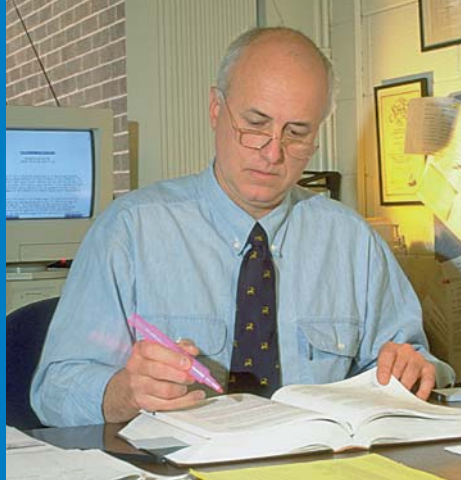
"They know what it takes
to be good teachers and they treat
their students with respect."

Shaunna Wollpert
B.S., Pennsylvania State University



Widener School of Law faculty members are well respected in the legal community and are published authorities on many legal topics.

Professor Barry Furrow,
Director of the Health Law Institute,
is the lead author of a textbook
used by over 100 American
law schools and schools
of medicine, public health
and health administration.



Certificate Programs

Focusing on individual areas of law

In recognition of the professional advantages gained through concentrated study, the Widener faculty has adopted certificate programs in Health Law, Law and Government, Business Organizations Law and Trial Advocacy. Although these concentrations have been recently formalized, the courses, activities and opportunities they provide to Widener students have been part of Widener and its curriculum for many years; indeed, some have existed since the inception of the Law School.

The Health Law Institute

(**Delaware Campus**) Widener's Health Law Institute has received national recognition for the excellence of its programs and ranks consistently among the top ten health law programs in national surveys. The Health Law Institute offers J.D. students the opportunity to develop expertise in the area of health law through participation in the health law concentration that leads to the award of a Health Law Certificate upon graduation. The Institute offers invaluable experience through advanced course work, externships in the region's health care organizations and graduate LL.M., S.J.D., D.L. and M.J. degrees in health law for those seeking advanced training. Special programs, lecture series and symposia are offered regularly, and Institute faculty are active in health law lecturing, consulting and other professional activities.

The Law and Government Institute

(**Harrisburg Campus**) Widener's Law and Government Institute is dedicated to improving law that defines the structure and

operation of government and the rights and duties of citizens. It provides a formal concentration of study designed to produce lawyers who are experts in representing government branches and agencies as well as citizens in litigation with government. Its location in Harrisburg, the capital city of one of the most populous states, makes it ideal for these tasks.

In addition to a highly regarded academic component, students are offered extensive opportunities to learn professional legal skills through symposia, seminars and lectures, publication and research opportunities, and service with government and professional associations. For example, the Institute sponsors numerous externships for students with various parts of state government and participants write articles for the Pennsylvania Bar Association *Administrative Law Journal*, a professional journal for the practicing bar. Institute faculty are active in publishing, lecturing and providing consulting services to state government and bar associations.





"Widener's intimate campus and accessible faculty promote a community attitude that truly enhances the educational experience."

Christina Pappoulis
B.A., University of Delaware

The Institute of Delaware Corporate Law

(Delaware Campus) Widener's Delaware Campus is an ideal location for the study of corporate law. Wilmington, Delaware, is referred to as the "Corporate Capital of America" because a large number of national and international businesses are incorporated under the laws of Delaware.

The Institute of Delaware Corporate Law provides a formal concentration of study for the diverse activities and educational opportunities Widener offers in the area of Delaware corporate law. The Institute of Delaware Corporate Law offers J.D. students the opportunity to develop a fundamental knowledge of business law through participation in the Business Organizations Law Concentration that leads to the award of a Business Organizations Law Certificate upon graduation.

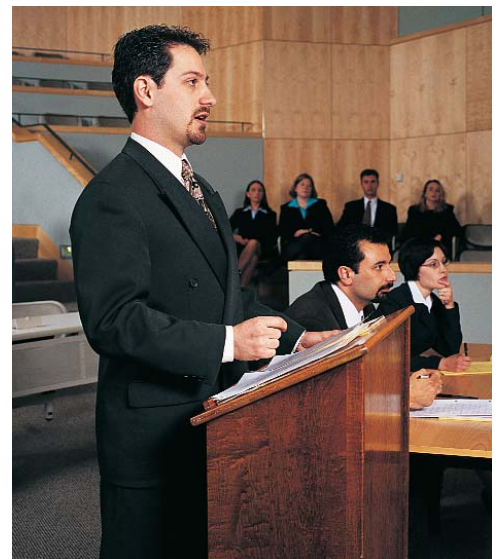
Students who complete the Business Organizations Law Certificate Program gain specified legal knowledge that serves as a predicate to advanced practice in business and corporate law. Additionally, the School of Law offers graduate legal study leading to the LL.M. in Corporate Law and Finance.



The Trial Advocacy Institute

(Delaware Campus) Widener's Trial Advocacy Institute offers trial skills courses that follow the legal process from beginning to end: from initial client interview to summation before a jury. The pre-trial methods course teaches students how to gather and evaluate information, make discovery requests, prepare pre-trial motions and conduct settlement conferences. The trial methods course covers such areas as opening statements, closing arguments and examination of friendly and hostile witnesses. Widener also offers a wide variety of specialized courses and seminars that cover individual subjects in exhaustive detail and a unique, nationally recognized Intensive Trial Advocacy Program.

While all Widener students benefit from these basic advocacy courses, the Trial Advocacy Institute also offers students an opportunity to be awarded a Certificate in Trial Advocacy upon graduation. After completing the core advocacy courses, students develop more detailed litigation skills through advanced skills training courses and participation in a wide range of clinical programs. Participation in the Trial Advocacy Institute Certificate Program provides students with the tools necessary to become competent, professionally responsible trial advocates.



Our Trial Advocacy Institute provides students with many opportunities for hands-on training.

"It was amazing.... In one summer I was able to travel through Africa, visit the beaches, climb Kilimanjaro, experience a new culture and earn six law school credits."

Melissa Hubshman
B.S., St. Joseph's University

International Programs

*Jurisprudence
on a global scale*



Widener offers Summer International Law Institutes in Nairobi, Kenya; Geneva, Switzerland; Sydney, Australia; and Venice, Italy. The Institutes offer students a remarkable blend of intense instruction in a foreign setting.

Nairobi, Kenya

The program in Kenya is conducted in cooperation with the Faculty of Law of the University of Nairobi. Drawing on the resources of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Nairobi program has a particular focus on international environmental law.

Geneva, Switzerland

The Geneva program is conducted in cooperation with the Graduate Institute of International Studies. Geneva is home to numerous international organizations, such as the World Health Organization and the World Trade Organization.

Sydney, Australia

The program in Sydney is conducted in cooperation with the University of Technology, Sydney. The school's downtown location, superior facilities and excellent faculty create an irresistible combination and an ideal study abroad experience for law students.

Venice, Italy

The program in Venice, Italy, is conducted in cooperation with the Department of Legal Studies at the University of Venice. It offers students the chance to study in one of the most beautiful cities in the world, with faculty known throughout Europe for their expertise in European Union and Business Transactions Law.

"I learned so much beyond just the material we studied, because there was an infinite amount of cultural lessons embedded in everything we did."

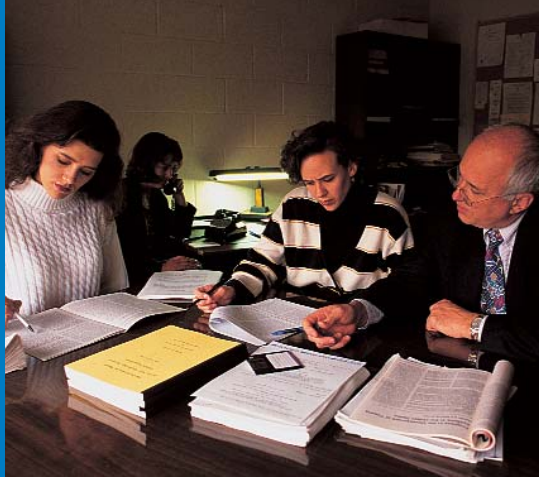
Megan Dunning Argo
B.A., University of Delaware



"Nestled among the lakes and mountains of scenic Switzerland, Geneva is centrally located in Europe for convenient weekend excursions.... Geneva is the perfect location for study abroad."

Jaimee Dautrich
B.A., Widener University





Widener's graduate programs provide a professional, sophisticated curriculum along with a real world, practical perspective.

Graduate and Other Programs

Education beyond the J.D. degree

Graduate Programs

Widener has a national reputation for graduate programs in corporate and health law, providing a sophisticated curriculum for advanced professionals. Students come from across the country and around the world because Widener offers a wider range of electives than most American law schools. The experience is further enriched through contact with other students of similar interests and backgrounds.

Master of Laws in Corporate Law and Finance (LL.M.)

This program is designed to furnish the highly qualified student with the knowledge and analytical skills needed for success in our increasingly globalized economy.

Master of Laws in Health Law (LL.M.)

This program prepares lawyers for careers in advanced health law counseling, litigation and transactional work.

Master of Jurisprudence in Health Law (M.J.)

This program is designed for health care and other professionals who desire to expand their education and gain a broadened understanding of health care's legal and policy environment.

Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.)

By facilitating a focused scholarly effort on a specific health law topic, this degree further enhances an attorney's health law expertise through the production of an academic work of publishable quality.

Doctor of Laws (D.L.)

This doctoral program is designed for graduates with a Health Law M.J. or M.S.J.

Dual-Degree Programs

The School of Law, in conjunction with other schools of Widener University, offers two dual-degree programs that enable students who have particular interests to earn two advanced degrees in less time than it would take to earn each degree separately. Widener offers a Juris Doctor/Master in Business Administration (J.D./ M.B.A.) and a Juris Doctor/Doctor of Psychology (J.D./Psy.D.).

Widener, in cooperation with the University of Delaware, also offers a Juris Doctor/Master of Marine Policy Program (J.D./M.M.P) that integrates comprehensive legal training with specific studies of marine policy. Widener's Harrisburg Campus, in cooperation with Clarion University of Pennsylvania, offers a Juris Doctor/Master of Library Science (J.D./M.S.L.S.) that integrates legal training and the principles and techniques of library science with applications of information technology.



“Widener is located in a wonderful suburban environment. The faculty are truly experts in their fields, always accessible, dedicated to education and responsive to the needs of every student. The student body is motivated to succeed.”

Chilton G. Goebel III
B.A., LaSalle University



Student Activities

Learning through involvement

Students at Widener participate in a wide range of extra- and co-curricular as well as public service activities, experiencing law school beyond the classroom. Through involvement in student-run organizations, Widener students enhance their educational experience and demonstrate that they are committed to both their law school and their community.

Moot Court and Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Societies

Moot Court, trial and appellate programs are open to students who demonstrate exceptional oral and written advocacy skills. These organizations give students the opportunity to hone their advocacy skills by participating in interscholastic competitions around the country.

In addition, each spring the School of Law Moot Court Board hosts the Ruby R. Vale Interscholastic Corporate Moot Court Competition, hosting approximately 25 teams from various law schools across the country. It is the only national competition devoted exclusively to corporate law and is held on our Delaware Campus.

Law Review

Students can enhance their legal research and writing skills by participating in one of Widener’s three law reviews. *The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law* (Delaware Campus) has been in operation for 27 years, publishing articles, notes and comments on a wide array of corporate related topics. It has developed a national reputation in the corporate legal community and was recently ranked 18th in the country among specialized journals.

The Journal’s editorial board also sponsors the Francis G. Pileggi Distinguished Lecture in Law. Established in 1986, this annual lecture brings noted academics, jurists and practitioners to speak to students and the bench and bar on various corporate topics.

The Widener Law Symposium Journal (Delaware Campus) is a specialty publication dedicated to exploring a different timely area of law each year. Each issue is based on a symposium held on the Delaware Campus. Recent issues have featured health law, environmental law, toxic torts and constitutional law.

The Widener Journal of Public Law (Harrisburg Campus) focuses on “public law,” which encompasses issues relating to law and government as well as administrative law, criminal law, constitutional law, environmental law, federal taxation, health care law and labor law. The *Journal* also publishes the *Annual Survey of Pennsylvania Administrative Law*, making it the only law review specifically focusing on administrative law in Pennsylvania. The *Survey* also includes student-written articles examining Pennsylvania court decisions that have a particularly significant impact on administrative law.



"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere....Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.



Activities such as law review, moot court, affiliate groups, sports clubs and volunteer organizations further enhance the academic experience.



Student Organizations and Activities

The following list of additional activities demonstrates the wealth of special interest, service, sports and academic activities available to Widener students:

Alternate Dispute Resolution Society	Jewish Law Students Association
American Bar Association/Law Student Division	Justinian Society
American Civil Liberties Union—Widener Law School Chapter	Juvenile Justice Program
American Constitution Society for Law & Policy	Latin American Law Students Association
American Trial Lawyers Association	Law Forum
Black Law Students Association	Minority Law Students Association
Brehon Society	National Association of Public Interest Law (NAPIL)
Business Law Society	Pennsylvania Bar Association Administrative Law Journal
Christian Legal Society	Phi Alpha Delta
Constitutional Law Society	Phi Delta Phi
Criminal Law Society	Public Interest Law Alliance
Democratic Law Caucus	Republican Law Caucus
Environmental Law Society	Sports & Entertainment Law Society
Federalists Society	St. Thomas More Society
Gay/Straight Student Alliance	Student Bar Association
Health Law Society	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program
Immigration Law Society	Widener Rugby Club
Intellectual Property Society	Widener Soccer Club
International Law Society	Women's Law Caucus
Italian American Law Society	

"Our goal is to demystify the job search process by equipping our students with the information and skills necessary to find rewarding work. Beyond that, we seek to help students explore their interests, develop an individualized career strategy and fully explore the wealth of career options available to them."

LeaNora Ruffin
Assistant Dean for Career Development



Career Development

*Practical advice
in securing employment*

Through one-on-one counseling sessions that take into account students' individual areas of interest and unique experiences, the Career Development Office staff works with students through each phase of their job search, from self-assessment through salary negotiation. The counseling process is particularly effective because all counselors have law degrees and have practiced in diverse settings.

Through Widener's recruiting programs, employers visit each campus to interview students for summer and permanent positions. Students may participate in interviews on both campuses. The Office also maintains a catalog of employment openings throughout the year and participates in numerous job fairs.

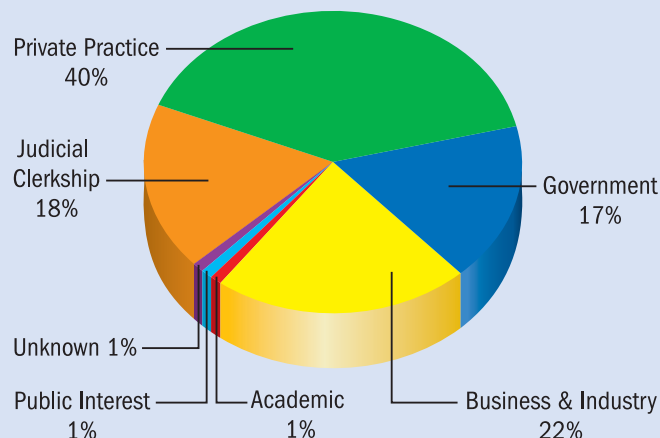
Widener offers a rich diversity of workshops and networking opportunities. Workshops focus on specialty practice areas, professional success tips and job search basics. Many of the workshops are presented by accomplished alumni and are often followed by informal receptions.

Widener also offers seminars to assist students pursuing federal and state judicial clerkships. A larger percentage of Widener students obtain judicial clerkships than the national average for law students.

The Career Development Office maintains a complete reference library to help students with career decisions. Additionally, to defray some of the expense of a job search, the office provides students with use of a laser printer, telephone, fax and photocopier, all free of charge.

Career planning enables students to enter fields as diverse as their interests. Widener graduates have pursued a multitude of career paths encompassing a wide spectrum of traditional legal occupations, including United States attorneys, judges, corporate attorneys and partners in private law firms. Widener graduates have also gone on to secure many nontraditional legal positions, serving as members of Congress, presidents of large corporations, broadcast journalists and law school professors.

Areas of Employment for Recent Graduates





A popular meeting spot on the Delaware Campus, the Barristers' Club offers a wide selection of food.

Campus Services

Providing the necessities and more

Dining Facilities

The Barristers' Club, a dining center on the Delaware Campus, is open five days a week with limited hours on weekends. On the Harrisburg Campus, the Side Bar Cafe offers a convenient way to purchase meals and snacks and provides a congenial meeting place for students and faculty.

Student Housing

Two residence halls on the Delaware Campus, Concord Hall and Shipley Hall, contain single-occupancy rooms that are fully furnished and air-conditioned. In addition, twenty-four attractively furnished, air-

conditioned, one- and two-bedroom apartments are available to provide alternative living arrangements on campus. Many students elect off-campus housing in the many convenient and reasonably priced area apartment complexes. Information regarding nearby off-campus housing may be obtained from the Admissions Office. Within walking distance of campus are a large indoor shopping mall, supermarkets, hotels, banks, several places of worship and numerous restaurants.

Students on the Harrisburg Campus can choose from a considerable number of attractive apartment complexes, some located within walking distance of the campus. Rental housing information is available from the School of Law, area real estate agents and local newspapers. Interested students should contact the Admissions Office on the Harrisburg Campus for a list of available student housing locations.



The Harrisburg Campus provides ample meeting space for students.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, the School of Law provides support services for students with a wide variety of disabilities. The Widener University School of Law is committed to ensuring accessibility for all students.

"My law degree from Widener has enabled me to merge my two passions, the law and the exciting field of 3-D animation, into a highly successful business."

Kenneth J. Lopez
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Animators at Law
Alexandria, Virginia



Admissions

Applying to Widener

An applicant for admission to the Widener University School of Law as a candidate for the Juris Doctor degree must have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university prior to beginning law school. All applicants must register with the Law School Data Assembly Service.

Admission Policy

All School of Law admission applications are reviewed by the Admissions Committee. The applicant's undergraduate grade point average and the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score are two important considerations in determining the likelihood of success in legal training. The Committee also considers other factors that may indicate an ability to successfully complete the requirements for graduation. These include graduate study, work experience, extracurricular activities, community involvement and life experiences.

The School of Law is committed to creating as diverse a student population as possible. To this end, it encourages members of minority groups, traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession, to apply for and accept admission. Appropriate consideration is given for educational or economic disadvantage.

Campuses

The School of Law operates two fully integrated campuses—one in Wilmington, Delaware, and one in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Applicants may apply to either or both campuses by submitting one application and one application fee.

Divisions

The School of Law operates two divisions of its academic program at each campus. The Regular Division is a full-time day program in Delaware and Harrisburg in which students complete all required coursework in three years. The Extended Division is a day or evening program in which students complete all required coursework in four years. Our current Extended Division required course curriculum mandates class attendance three nights per week or selected days.

Midyear Admissions Program

(Delaware Campus) The Midyear Admissions Program (MAP) is open to applicants who are eligible for admission by January of each year. Applications should be submitted by December 1 for admission the following spring semester. Acceptances are made on a rolling basis and are offered up to the start of classes in early January.

MAP students begin their legal studies in January and complete the first semester as Extended Division evening students. After the first semester, students are eligible to begin their second semester in the Regular or Extended Division and may accelerate their studies by taking summer courses.

Widener University School of Law/Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Partnership

(Harrisburg Campus) The Harrisburg Campus of the School of Law and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (SSHE) have a partnership agreement simplifying enrollment at the Harrisburg Campus for students at any of the fourteen



“Widener gave me practical trial skills training and a thorough legal education that prepared me to meet the challenges of my career.”

Cynthia Rhoades Ryan '79
*Chief Counsel, Drug Enforcement Administration
Washington, D.C.*

SSHE universities. The partnership includes a 3+3 Early Admit Joint Degree Program and an Express Admit Program and makes up to 56 scholarships available to eligible students each year.

Through the 3+3 Early Admit Joint Degree Program, SSHE students who qualify may enroll at the School of Law following their junior year. These students take courses at the Law School in what would have been their senior year of undergraduate study and complete their undergraduate degree at the end of their first year of legal studies. Students will receive both the Bachelor's and Juris Doctor degrees in six years.

Through the Express Admit Program, students graduating from a SSHE university will be assured admission to the Harrisburg Campus, provided they graduate in the top 50 percent of their graduating class, score above the 50th percentile on the LSAT and meet all other qualifications for admission. Dixon Scholarships, which provide 30 percent of the yearly tuition and fees, are available to eligible students accepted into the 3+3 or Express Admit programs.

Trial Admissions Program

The Trial Admissions Program (TAP) is an alternative method of admission to the School of Law for participants who successfully complete the program. TAP seeks to identify and assist applicants who display promise of success in legal studies even though they may have excelled in only one of the two principal standardized predictors of success—the Law School Admission Test and the undergraduate cumulative grade

point average. TAP participation is not considered admission to the J.D. program and no credit toward the J.D. degree is given for TAP classes.

Classes begin in the last week of May or early June and end in mid to late July. Classes are held at times that will not interfere with normal work schedules. Invitations to participate in the program are usually extended in March and April. All applicants who do not meet the regular admission standards are automatically considered for participation in TAP.

Previous Law School Attendees

An applicant who has attended any law school prior to making application to the Widener University School of Law must submit a certified transcript and letter of good standing from that law school.

Transfer Students

Transfer students are admitted in any semester. The applicant must submit a certified law school transcript and letter of good standing from the dean of the prior law school. A transfer student may receive credit for law school work completed with a grade of C, its equivalent or better. The School of Law does not give credit for more than 35 credit hours of prior law school work.

Visiting Students

Visiting (transient) students are admitted as nonmatriculating students in any semester. The applicant must submit a certified transcript, a letter of good standing and a letter of permission from his or her law school.



Directions

To Harrisburg Campus

From Western Pennsylvania and Ohio: Pennsylvania Turnpike east to Exit 16/Carlisle. Take Route 11 north to I-81 north. Take I-81 north to Exit 69/Progress Avenue.**

From Eastern Pennsylvania, Metropolitan Philadelphia, Southern Central New Jersey and Delaware: Pennsylvania Turnpike west to Exit 19/Harrisburg-East. Take Route 283 north to Route 83 north/Route 322. Take Route 83 north/Route 322 to junction with I-81. Follow I-81 south to Exit 69/Progress Avenue.**

** At bottom of exit ramp, turn left. Travel north on Progress Avenue to Thea Drive, where there is a Widener University sign. Turn right onto Thea Drive and left at the next intersection onto Vartan Way. Parking is on the left.

To Delaware Campus

From Philadelphia and Points North: I-95 south to Exit 8/Route 202-Concord Pike in Delaware.*

From Baltimore and Points South: I-95 north to Exit 8/Route 202-Concord Pike.*

From Pennsylvania Turnpike (Route 76): Take Exit 23/Downingtown off the turnpike and follow Route 100 South to Route 202 (approximately 15 minutes). Travel south on Route 202 into Delaware. Two miles past the state line, on the left side of Route 202, is the Delaware Campus.

From New Jersey: New Jersey Turnpike, 295 South or 40 West to Delaware Memorial Bridge. Take I-95 North to Exit 8/Route 202-Concord Pike*

*Take Route 202 north, following signs for West Chester; the Delaware Campus is on the right, five miles north.

