

Two great campuses. Countless paths to success.



Widener Law



Welcome to Widener Law. I invite you to discover what I have found so exciting about this unique school of law: two outstanding campus locations, nationally recognized and experienced faculty,

exceptional programs, and countless paths to success.

We are the 12th 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, located in the capital of the nation's sixth largest state, has judges, legislators, and other governmental leaders among its graduates.

Widener Law is a place where you can discover your role in the world of law. Studying with dedicated law professors who love to teach, you learn the law in uncommon depth and detail. Clinics, externship opportunities, and focused skills 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





Law school is the foundation for the rest of your career. While only a first year student, the classes I've taken so far have significantly helped to enhance my analytical, reasoning, and even public speaking skills that are essential for the rest of my legal career. While subject matter is important, the practical skills that you learn while attending law school are infinitely more beneficial.

— Ashley Talley '12

Distinctions

Widener Law offers you many opportunities to earn an unparalleled legal education leading to a distinguished career. The Delaware Campus provides a fantastic starting point for careers in corporate law. The Harrisburg Campus excels in governmental law.

The first step toward a distinguished career awaits you at either campus. This opportunity is evidenced by Widener Law's many remarkable distinctions:

- Widener Law, one of the largest law schools in the mid-Atlantic, is the only law school in Pennsylvania's state capital and in the state of Delaware.

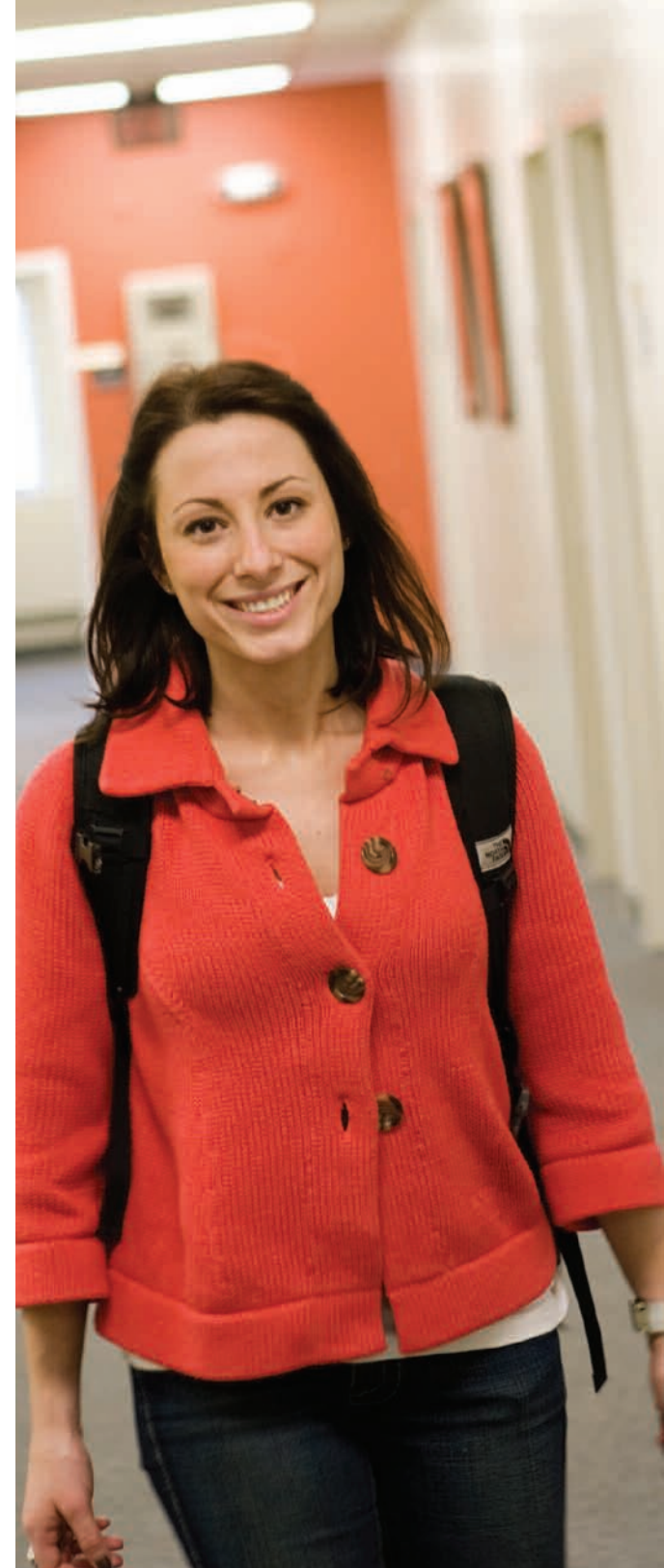
- More than 12,000 Widener Law alumni practice in 48 states, the District of Columbia, and 25 countries. There are 101 alumni serving in the judiciary and more than 700 CEOs, CFOs, and corporate board members.

- Widener Law publishes four law reviews, including *The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law*, which is ranked first among student-edited "Corporation and Association" journals and 11th as the most cited law review by federal and state courts (Washington & Lee University School of Law study, 2009).

- Widener Law's special programs are renowned: the Health Law Institute in Delaware ranks among the nation's top health law 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 four certificate programs all with close ties to Pennsylvania government.

- Our faculty and administration routinely receive high-level appointments: 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 is serving as an attorney fellow with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C.; and the Pennsylvania Bar Association appointed Professor John L. Gedid to the Constitutional Convention Commission.

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Prestigious, Accessible Faculty

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

Vice President Joseph R. Biden taught a class on constitutional law as an adjunct professor for 17 years before he joined the Obama Administration.

Professor John C. Dernbach, director of the Environmental Law Center, served for two years as director of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources policy office.

Professor Geoffrey H. Moulton Jr. has served in the U.S. Department of Justice as First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and is currently serving as chief counsel to Delaware senator Ted Kaufman.

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

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.

During the first year, academic support 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 between 30 to 40 students. Typical first-year required classes have approximately 80 students, but some are as small as 25.



The faculty members here come from great educational backgrounds and are very skilled in their areas of law. Even though many of them are involved in writing law articles, books, or treatises, they still find time to sit down with any student that may need their help. Students always get their professor's full attention.

—Brandy Ryan '11



Dual-Degree Programs

In addition to the JD program, Widener Law offers various dual-degree programs that allow 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.

I am currently participating in the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic and have found that my legal research abilities have already greatly improved. Having real clients to talk to and real briefs to file with the guiding hand of the supervising professor is helping me to have confidence in my writing and research abilities. I feel as though being able to say I worked in the clinic and have practical experience working with clients and agencies will give me a leg up in interviews with private firms and government agencies.

—Corey Bolander '11

Law Clinics

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.

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

On the Harrisburg Campus you may choose the Harrisburg Civil Law Clinic, the Veterans Law Clinic, or the Environmental Law Clinic.

Externships: Second- and third-year externships provide you with opportunities to work with state and local prosecuting attorneys, public defenders, legal services lawyers, and government agencies. As a judicial extern, you get a look at the inner workings of the court system while conducting legal research and drafting documents for judges.

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Institutes and Centers

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

■ The *Law and Government Institute* in Harrisburg offers certification in governmental law with specialties in constitutional/administrative law, or legislation. The Law and Government Institute, in conjunction with the Environmental Law Center, also offers a certificate in environmental law.

■ The *Business Organizations Law Certificate Program* in Delaware offers the opportunity to develop a fundamental knowledge of business law.

■ The *Health Law Institute* in Delaware ranks among the nation's top law 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 giving 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 *Environmental Law Center* in Delaware offers an Environmental Law and Policy Certificate allowing you to concentrate your study in environmental and natural resources law.

■ The *Advocacy Certificate Program* in Harrisburg offers you the opportunity to hone your 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 program is in Chongqing, China. Other programs send students to Lausanne, Switzerland; Sydney, Australia; and Venice, Italy.



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 opportunity for you to hone your advocacy skills.

Organizations: With more than 60 activities and organizations on our two campuses, 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 one thousand Widener Law alumni to mentor students throughout their law school experience and as they begin their careers.

- Widener Law ranks twelfth nationally in judicial clerkship placement, more than twice the national average, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

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 you a backdrop to focused and rewarding 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 metropolitan area in Delaware. The city is a critical hub of corporate law nationally and internationally, offering you multiple opportunities for learning, externships, and employment. Widener Law is the only law school in Delaware, and the campus is only half an hour's drive to Philadelphia, and only two hours to Washington, D.C.

The Harrisburg area is the center of Pennsylvania's government. The opportunities for legal experience are endless. More than that, the city offers concert venues, a minor league baseball team, all kinds of recreational activities, and a vibrant downtown.

—Neal Rice '12

Delaware is the center of the corporate law world. With my plans to pursue a career in corporate law, Widener Law just seemed to be a perfect fit for me.

—Suzanne O. Lufadeju, '11

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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 office will be happy to help.



Widener understands the concerns every incoming student has, especially regarding the learning process and financing their education. They dedicate an entire week to ensuring each student understands what is expected and how to fully fund the experience. It makes each student feel much more confident when classes actually begin.

— Eric Juray '12

To Learn More About Financial Aid:

- Visit the web site 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 lawfinaide@mail.widener.edu
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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. Although not required, a personal statement 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 you should know

- 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 that school.
- International applicants must submit a completed application before April 1.

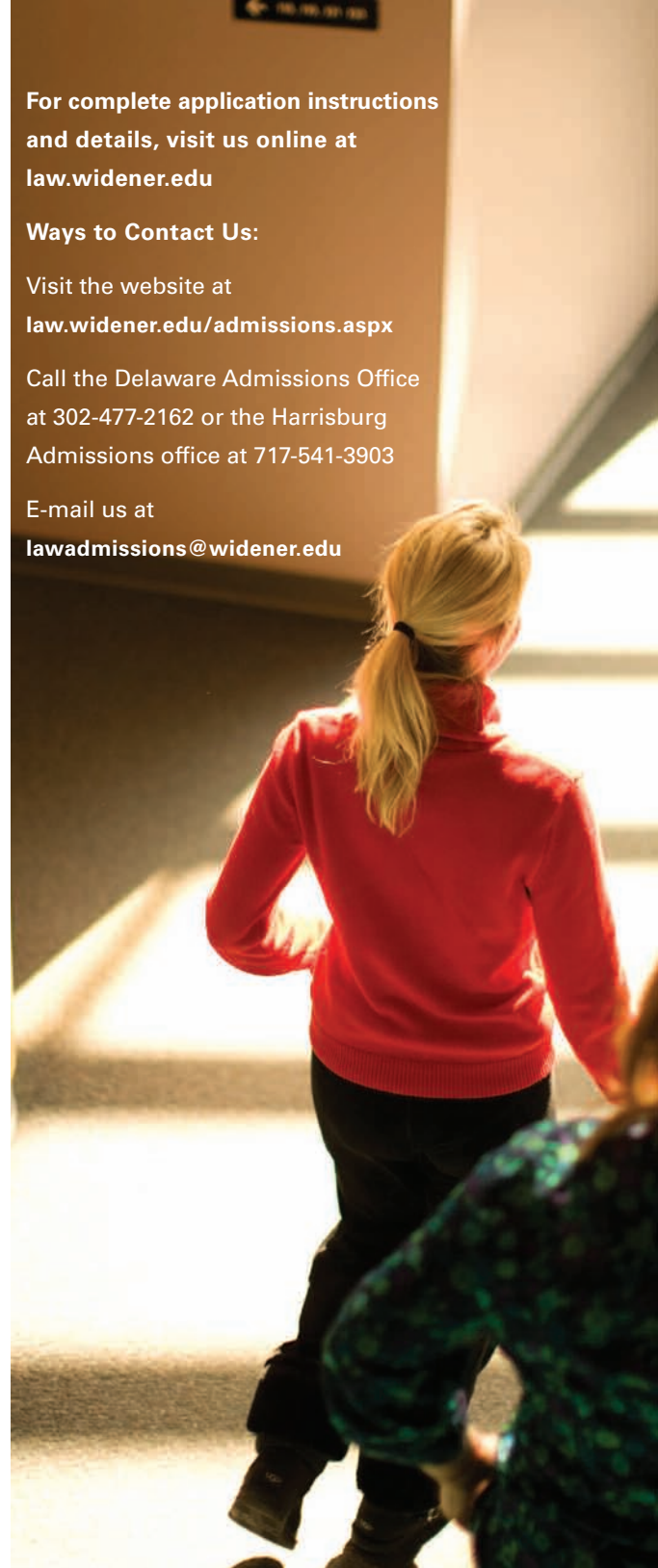
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