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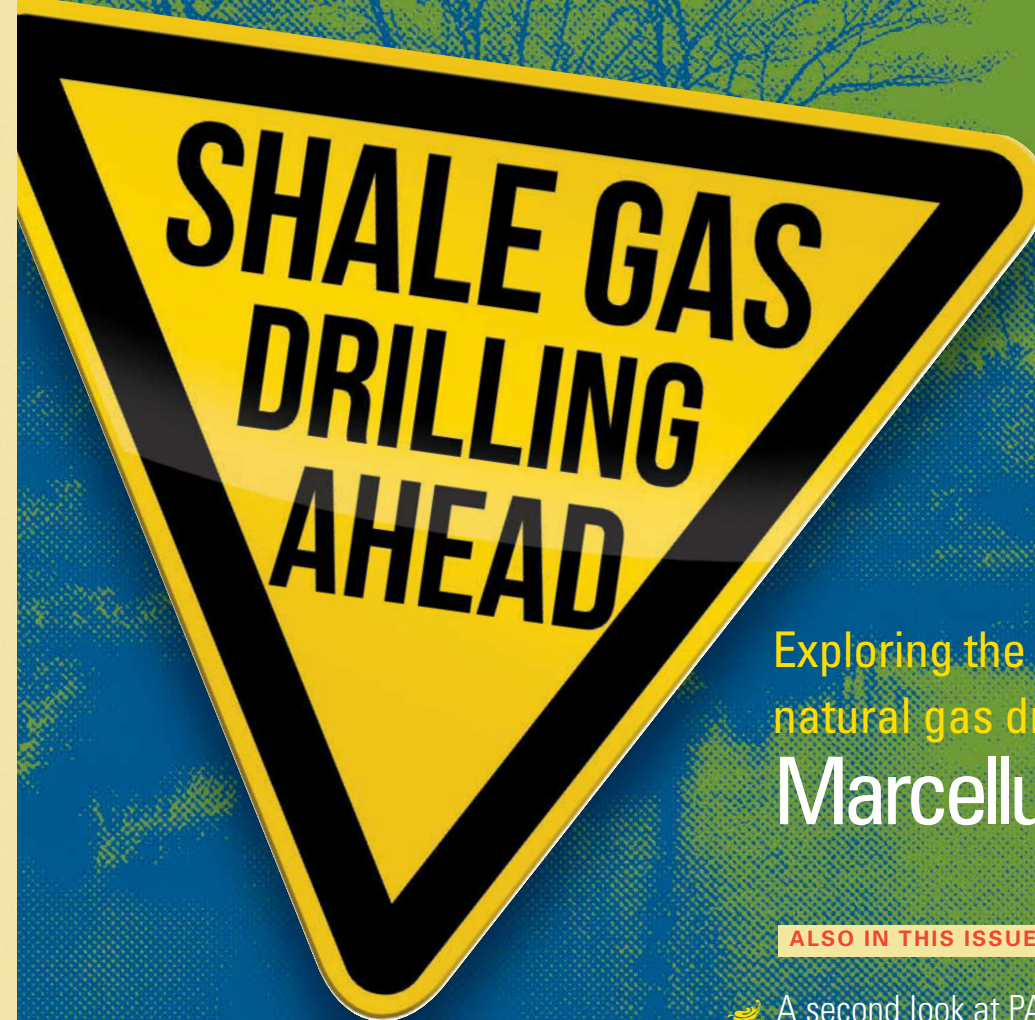
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at the Opera

Dean Linda Ammons invites you to accompany her for brunch and the opera.
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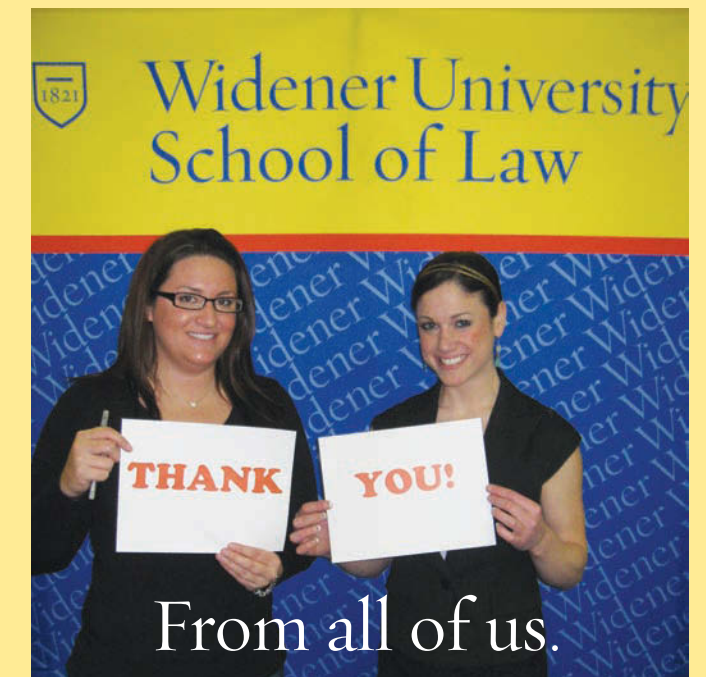
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“Widener Law is once again being recognized as a leader. This time it is for our efforts beyond the classroom.”

A message from
the dean



DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

This fall's *Widener Law Magazine* is devoted to the environment and law. As you are aware, Widener holds the distinction of having an environmental law center located across two states tackling legal environmental problems that affect the globe. Co-Directors John Dernbach and James May, along with Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic Director Ken Kristl and other renowned center faculty, have earned international reputations in their areas of expertise. In this issue you will get a sampling of some of the topics that are relevant not only to the Widener Environmental Law Center, but you will also learn how the academic intersects with governmental policies that affect us all.

Widener Law is also once again being recognized as a leader. This time it is for our efforts beyond the classroom. We have achieved national acclaim for our environment-friendly campuses.

While much of the magazine is focused on our environmental law contributions, we do have our regular features and I am sure you will enjoy learning why Health Law Institute Director Professor John Culhane is considered nationally to be a “professor to take before you die.”

One of the joys of being in academia is welcoming the first-year class. Watching them arrive is always a source of energy for me. As this 2011-2012 school year gets under way, these new students and the more seasoned returning ones, who have entrusted their futures with us, remind me of our purpose and mission. I thank you for all your support in helping Widener Law provide the world with well-trained, ethical, legal professionals.

LINDA L. AMMONS, JD,
ASSOCIATE PROVOST AND DEAN

“I am still grateful for the opportunities I was given and about where my legal education at Widener has taken me.”

A message from
the alumni board president



DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

As Alumni Board President, I have the pleasure of greeting the first-year students at “Welcome to the Profession Day.” Even though it's been some time since I was a first-year student, I still remember the array of emotions I felt, ranging from nerves, to excitement at the opportunity to attend law school, to just being overwhelmed. Twenty-four years later, I am still grateful for the opportunities I was given and about where my legal education at Widener has taken me.

After an on-campus interview, I spent the summer between my second and third years clerking at the Philadelphia City Solicitor's Office, which ultimately led to full-time employment upon graduating. I remained at the City for about two years prior to joining Kogan, Trichon & Wertheimer, with whom I have practiced for almost 18 years. My legal education at Widener truly prepared me well for practice.

As for my commitment to Widener, it started the first year of law school when I was a student volunteer in the Office of Alumni Relations and Development. This was only the start of a long and rewarding relationship. After graduating in 1991, I joined the Alumni Board and about two years ago was elected Board President.

It has been most important to me to continue to grow my relationship with law school as I will never forget Widener for giving me the opportunity to fulfill my dream of becoming an attorney. It was they who had confidence in my ability and selected me to enroll in their school. For that, I will be forever grateful. Being involved as President of the Alumni Board has enabled me to have continued involvement in the future of our profession, to continue to grow my relationships with fellow alumni, to contribute in ways I never could have foreseen, and most importantly, to give back to the place I will always call “Home.”

I would love to hear from you about where Widener Law has taken you and how Widener continues to be a part of your life.

Sincerely,

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Widener Law Explores Environmental and Economic Implications of the Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Extraction

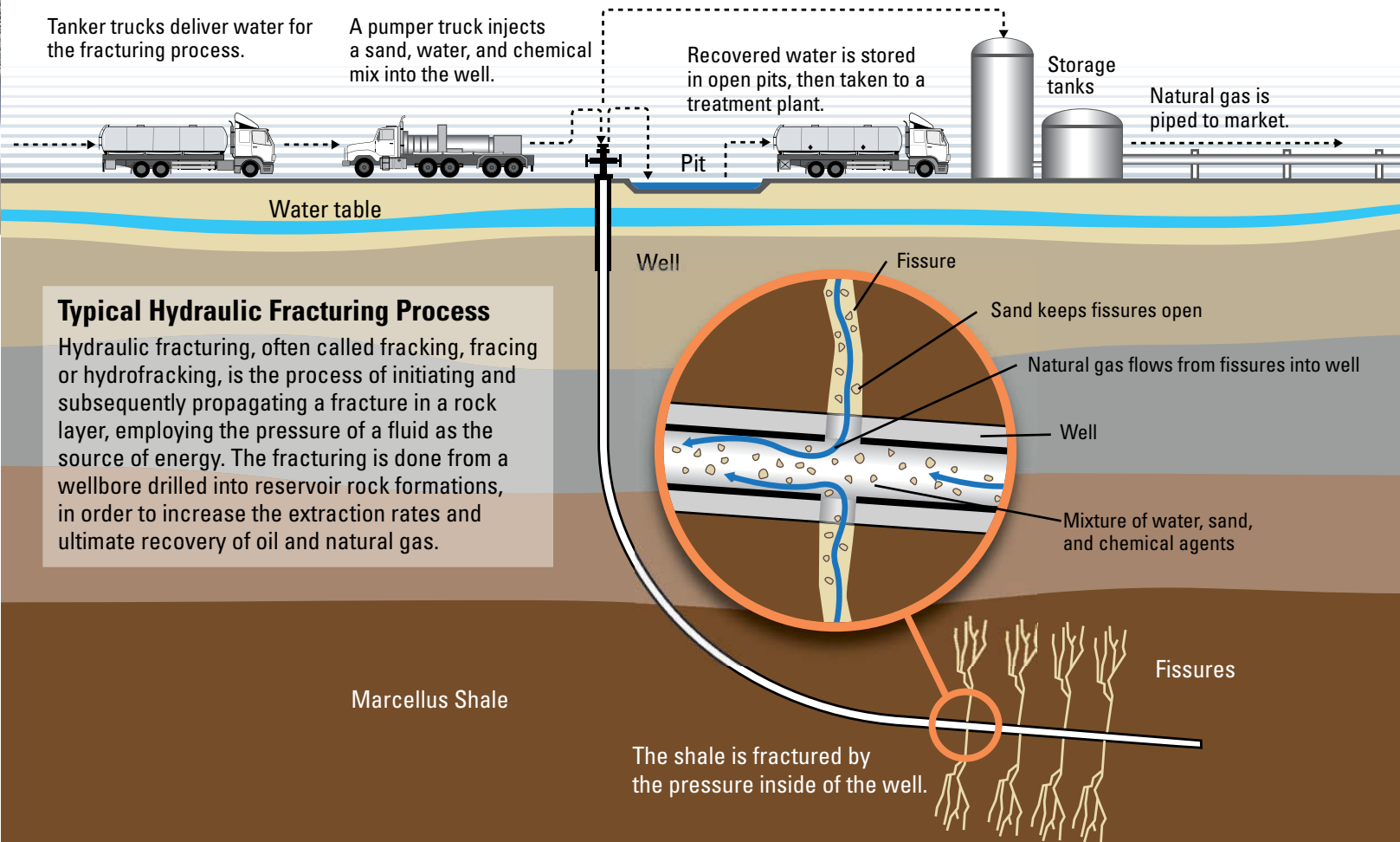
The Widener Law Center's motto is "Law for Sustainability." When it comes to America's energy demands, the question is: how can the country sustain a ready supply of affordable energy that meets the country's needs for economic growth, while minimizing environmental impact and over-reliance on foreign sourcing?

Some say the answer is more—and more aggressive—extraction of natural gas trapped within shale formations throughout the United States. Proponents refer to this energy source as clean—you may have seen the phrase "This bus runs on clean natural gas" on newer buses being added to city transit systems across the country. But many environmentalists and residents in areas where natural gas development has intensified in recent years claim that the process for getting to and releasing the gas is anything but clean.

At the heart of the controversy is hydraulic fracturing or "fracking," during which sand, chemicals, and water are pumped into the ground under high pressure to fracture the rock and free the gas.

Fracking has been going on for years in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Wyoming. It's recently moved into northern and central regions of Pennsylvania and surrounding areas thanks to the presence of the Marcellus Shale—a vast geological formation considered by geologists to be an enormous repository of potentially recoverable gas in the eastern United States.

In 2007, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection reported a total of 27 Marcellus Shale wells drilled in the state. In 2010, the number stood at 1,366. If the Marcellus Shale can produce to the expectations of some natural gas experts, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, and West Virginia could realize enormous economic advantages that may be sustainable for decades.



But does this economic boon come at the expense of the environment? Does it have to? Experts from Widener Law represent both sides of the issue.

Environmentalists claim that a wide range of toxic materials is used in the hydraulic fluids, and that people living in regions where fracking is prevalent are experiencing increased levels of illness. Others, including representatives of oil and gas companies, maintain that the process has been carefully engineered to extract the most available gas with a minimal degree of drilling and disruption.

"Some people have a misconception that the 'big, bad energy companies' want to come in and do some harm," said George Bibikos, an adjunct professor of Oil and Gas Law at Widener Law's Harrisburg campus and an associate at K&L Gates where he represents interests in the oil and gas industry. A 2003 graduate of Widener Law, Bibikos continued, "The companies actually want to—and do—build in environmental protections. They have to, by the way, because they're highly regulated, especially in the state of Pennsylvania. The PA Department of Environmental Protection administers the Oil and Gas Act, a statute designed to regulate the construction, development, and ultimate reclamation of oil and gas wells in the Commonwealth. Companies who do not comply with the law are subject to penalties, including fines, revocation of well permits, and administrative sanctions."

Environmentalists, energy company executives, regulators, and lawmakers are not the only parties with a heightened interest in natural gas extraction in Pennsylvania and

surrounding regions. Area residents are hungry for information. In 2009, Widener Law established the Harrisburg office of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic and created a Help Line for people to call with environmental questions and concerns.

According to Delaware Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic Director Professor Kenneth T. Kristl, Marcellus Shale issues have been by far the largest source of requests to the Help Line. One of the first orders of business was to put together a Citizens' Guide to explain the general legal issues related to the Marcellus Shale projects. Under Kristl's supervision, six students worked over the course of more than two semesters to draft the Guide and make it available online so that anyone can have access.

Professor Kristl said, "We've been contacted by individuals as far away as Ohio who are asking for permission to distribute the Guide to members of their organizations. So it certainly has had broad reach and impact in terms of how to educate the public about the complex issues related to Marcellus Shale gas drilling."

In addition to producing the Citizens' Guide, the Clinic is actively representing some people whose lives are being affected by Marcellus Shale gas extraction. "These people are right in the middle of this. They're dealing with these issues every day," Professor Kristl said.

One of the people whose life has been altered is Josh Fox, a documentary film producer who created the Oscar-nominated *Gasland* about reported effects of natural gas extraction, particularly from fracking. Fox, who grew up and still lives in rural Pennsylvania, was prompted to create the film after receiving a letter offering him a generous sum for rights to drill on family land. The two-hour documentary chronicled Fox's travels across the United States to visit people whose lives had been affected by natural gas drilling.

Josh Fox visited Widener Law in Harrisburg, where a special screening of *Gasland* was presented. Ken Kristl arranged the *Gasland* simulcast on the Delaware campus. "I could tell by the comments after the screening that the students were affected by the movie," Kristl said. "It prompted much thoughtful discussion about the issues."

Although delving into Marcellus Shale issues is currently the highest-profile work of the Clinic, it is by no means its only focus. "The Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic started on the Delaware campus in 1989," Kristl said. "Professor Dave Hodas was the first director; Jim May took it over and was director from 1992 until 2004 when I took over. So there have been three directors. At the time of the Clinic's twentieth anniversary, we estimated that there had been more than 200 cases involving 20 different federal courts, state courts, and administrative agencies, representing more than 20,000 hours of pro bono work."

"Those numbers have increased since that time," he continued. "We average about 3,500 to 4,000 hours of pro bono time per year. So we provide a lot of learning opportunities for students and do a lot of good out in the community. We're representing people who would not have representation otherwise, we're raising issues that would not have been raised, and we've had more than enough victories in which a judge agreed with the arguments we made. Those are things that would not have happened without the clinic. We have challenged regulators to do a better job, and we feel that it all has been beneficial to the environment."

Pennsylvania filmmaker Josh Fox participated in a special screening of his documentary *Gasland* at Widener Law's Harrisburg campus.

On the surface, Marcellus Shale extraction seems to be a classic case of economic versus environmental issues. But does it have to be a zero-sum game where one prevails at the expense of the other?

According to George Bibikos, "One of the goals under state law is to efficiently and economically develop the natural resources in Pennsylvania and to do it within a system that regulates the way it's done so as not to harm the environment or the health of the people."

Even the White House has weighed in on the subject. An official fact sheet titled "America's Energy Security" released on March 30, 2011, called for responsible development practices for natural gas. It states: "The Administration is committed to the use of this important domestic resource, but we must ensure it is developed safely and responsibly. To that end the Administration is focused on increasing transparency about the use of fracking chemicals, working with state regulators to offer technical assistance, and launching a new initiative to tap experts in industry, the environmental community and states to develop recommendations for shale extraction practices that will ensure the protection of public health and the environment."

Energy development that ensures the protection of public health and the environment—the very definition of sustainability. And law for sustainability is at the very foundation of Widener's Environmental Law teaching, scholarship, and practice.



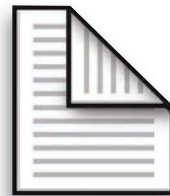
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Blue, Gold, & Green

Widener Law nationally recognized for environmental scholarship and initiatives.

*F*or decades, law schools have been ranked according to many measures, both qualitative and quantitative. The names are well known by administrators, faculty, and applicants alike. *U.S. News & World Report*. The Gourman Report. The Hylton and Leiter rankings.



"We have a great story to tell here about what we are doing for students, our community activities, our teaching, and our very active scholarship, and we are very happy that these magazines recognized that story," said Distinguished Professor John C. Dernbach, director of the school's Environmental Law Center.

Now there is a new ranking system that rates law schools according to their "green" initiatives and curriculum. An Honor Roll devised by *National Jurist* and *preLaw* magazines cites 20 law schools across the nation as the greenest, based on factors such as environmental curriculum, externships, summer programs, and earth-friendly campus buildings and programs.

Widener Law was awarded Magna Cum Laude distinction, one of only seven schools to merit that honor. The Honor Roll was segmented into four tiers: Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Cum Laude, and Honorable Mention. Schools were not ranked within each tier, but simply listed alphabetically.

The Center, an academic-civic initiative operating on both campuses since October 2009, is just part of that story. In addition to being a leader in Environmental Law curricula, Widener offers third-year students the opportunity to participate in actual cases through our Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic and is one of only five law schools in the nation to be accepted as a partner in the American Bar Association's U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Law Office Climate Challenge. Part of the ABA challenge specifies that recycling of office paper be increased to at least 90 percent.

In addition, both campuses have reduced paper consumption by making double-sided printing the default setting for campus printers and by circulating interoffice memos electronically. In addition, all offices on both campuses have been outfitted with recycling containers and are actively recycling cans, glass, cardboard, and newspapers.



In USSC case and Young lecture, Professor James R. May proves himself a formidable advocate for the environment.

May Shines in April

Through their teaching and scholarship, Professors Jim May (right) and John Dernbach are shaping the future of Environmental Law.

Professor James R. May is always busy, but April was an especially hectic month as he focused on two key areas of his recent work: a U.S. Supreme Court case centered on climate change and a lecture on the nexus of environmental and constitutional issues he's been studying during his term as H. Albert Young Fellow in Constitutional Law.



A scholar, professor of law, and Co-Director of the Environmental Law Center at Widener, May is nationally recognized as an advocate for environmental causes, most recently in the case of *American Electric Power Co., Inc. v. Connecticut*, USSC Case No. 10-174 (*AEP*).

At issue: whether states and private parties can sue power companies under federal common law for contributing to global warming and compel them to limit greenhouse gas emissions. Professor May not only acted as Counsel of Record, coauthoring the Brief of Law Professors as Amici Curiae in Support of Respondents, he also served as a speaker at the Environmental Law Institute's panel discussion of the case in Washington, D.C., on April 13.

The plaintiffs sued under federal common and state public nuisance law, asking the court for injunctive relief to "cap" defendants' emissions, develop a schedule for reducing defendants' emissions on a percentage basis over time, assess and measure available alternative energy resources, and reconcile its relief with U.S. foreign and domestic policy. The utility defendants, on the other hand, contended that

federal courts should exercise judicial restraint in "resolving questions of high policy, which are for the political branches."

The landmark case on climate change was argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on April 19, 2011. Professor May and a group of students traveled to Washington to witness oral argument, which everyone found to be a fascinating event.

"The great part is that the case involved five constitutional law issues...seldom is it that the Supreme Court considers a case with that many constitutional law issues, much less environmental law issues, much less greenhouse gas issues. It helped me teach constitutional law."

May wrote, "At oral argument, none of the justices seriously questioned that climate change is occurring, that human activity is playing a role in that dynamic, that the Clean Air Act bestows upon EPA the authority to regulate greenhouse gases as a 'pollutant' under *Massachusetts v. EPA*, that at least the states possess both constitutional and prudential standing, or that the political question doctrine consigns climate cases to the political branches. On the other hand, a strong and perhaps unanimous majority of the

Court seemed to accept the notion that EPA's discretionary authority under the Clean Air Act to regulate greenhouse gas emissions displaces federal common law."

May continued, "Regardless, AEP could be one of the most important decisions ever issued in the field of environmental law. AEP stands astride several junctures: public and private law; environmental, constitutional, and international law; injunctive and legal relief; state and federal action; and judicially, legislatively, and administratively fashioned responses. With its cornucopian issues extraordinaire—separation of powers, federalism, standing, displacement, political question, tort, and prudence—it has something for nearly all legal tastes, temperaments, and talent. To complicate the picture, the 112th Congress has made blocking EPA action on climate change a priority, which informs the cases and actions above. If, for example, Congress suspends or upends EPA's authority, then the displacement issue discussed above would seem once again to be on the table. Whatever the Court decides in AEP is sure to rock the foundation of climate law and policy for many years, perhaps generations, to come."

The Supreme Court announced its ruling on June 20, siding with the positions Professor May and co-authors presented in the Amicus Brief. In a blog post written that day, May reported, "[T]he Court held that the Clean Air Act, when coupled with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) discretionary authority that the Court recognized in *Massachusetts v. EPA*, as well as the actions EPA has taken in the last two years to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, displaces federal common law causes of action for remedial action addressing climate change."



"In brief, the Court was unwilling to vest federal judges with the task of performing what it viewed to be primarily regulatory roles subject to democratic processes. Writing for an 8-0 majority of the Court (Justice Sotomayor recused herself), Justice Ginsburg reasoned: 'The judgments the plaintiffs would commit to federal judges, in suits that could be filed in any federal district, cannot be reconciled with the decision-making scheme Congress enacted. The Second Circuit erred, we hold, in ruling that federal judges may set limits on greenhouse gas emissions in face of a law empowering EPA to set the same limits, subject to judicial review only to ensure against action "arbitrary, capricious, ...or otherwise not in accordance with law." Thus, the Court concluded that "[a]ny such claim would be displaced by the federal legislation authorizing EPA to regulate carbon dioxide emissions. So seven years on the case returns to the district court, and possibly to state court, to consider the plaintiffs' state common law claims, and with them, preemption and a host of other constitutional and common law issues."

"It was a terrific experience...
we've been working with professors
from all around the country."



See Professor May's June 20 blog post at q-r.co/WIDELAW/EnviroLawBlog



Please Recycle this White Paper

Climate Change Law Students and Professor Seek to Increase Recycling and Reduce Waste in Pennsylvania

“I can’t remember a time when there wasn’t recycling, just like I can’t remember a time when there wasn’t *The Simpsons*.”

That’s a statement by Dan DiMaria ’11, born in 1985 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and one of five students who took John Dernbach’s spring 2010 Harrisburg campus seminar on climate change law.

Dan hopes that recycling will become as ingrained in American culture as Bart, Homer, Marge, and Lisa. As part of that seminar, he and his classmates, who all learned to “reduce, reuse, recycle” in elementary school, worked along with Professor Dernbach on the project that would become the research report, “Next Generation Recycling and Waste Reduction: Building on the Success of Pennsylvania’s 1988 Legislation.”

The White Paper was released in April of this year by Widener’s Environmental Law Center. Its conclusion: The Commonwealth’s recycling program is “rudderless and drifting.” Meaningful words from Dernbach, who spent his boyhood fishing with his dad in northern Wisconsin—the very thing that inspired his passion for protecting the environment.

In the late 1980s, while working as a lawyer for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, Dernbach helped draft Act 101, Pennsylvania’s Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act. The Act mandated recycling in Pennsylvania’s larger municipalities, required counties to develop municipal waste management plans, and provided for grants to offset expenses.

Today, Dernbach is Distinguished Professor of Law at Widener and director of its Environmental Law Center. “This was the first White Paper to come out of the Center,” Professor Dernbach said. “I had worked on drafting the original law for about three and a half years before it was passed. Now that it’s been in effect for more than 20 years, I wanted the class to revisit the statute and ask some questions about how well the law has worked, and how it can be made better.”

When originally passed, the goals of the Act were to reduce Pennsylvania’s municipal waste generation, recycle at least 25 percent of waste generated, procure and use recycled and recyclable materials in state governmental agencies, and educate the public as to the benefits of recycling and waste reduction. Those benefits include reduced pollution risks, conservation of natural resources, energy and landfill space, and reduced disposal costs.

Each student chose an aspect of the recycling law to research and write about. Once papers were graded, Professor Dernbach compiled the information in one document and spent several months editing and polishing. He then circulated the report to students, colleagues, and key people from various environmental, business, and government groups for feedback.

The result is a 46-page document that is part report card, part blueprint for the future of Pennsylvania recycling. It contains an ambitious set of recommendations to expand recycling and waste reduction in ways that would benefit Pennsylvania environmentally and economically—ideas that provide a platform for a serious conversation about the future of the state’s recycling program.

According to the report, Act 101 could be improved in significant ways to increase recycling and reduce waste, as well as foster economic development and job creation. The paper states that it is “for the next generation of Pennsylvanians who will learn about, and participate in, recycling and waste reduction because of Act 101. It is intended to strengthen the effectiveness of that Act and raise ‘next generation’ reasons to care about recycling and waste reduction—sustainability and climate change—that were not in clear focus when the Act was adopted in 1988.”

REPORT Recommendations

- Setting new and more ambitious recycling and waste reduction goals, using accurate and accessible data to measure progress, and once again giving priority to public education on recycling and waste reduction.
- Expanding the number of municipalities required to recycle, as well as the materials to be included in recycling.
- Placing greater emphasis on commercial and institutional recycling, requiring the use of “pay-as-you-throw” systems.
- Using the grant program to support innovations in recycling and waste reduction.
- Creating an honor roll to recognize companies for their contributions to recycling and waste reduction.
- Ensuring stable and permanent financial support for the program.

Dan looks to those who were raised to look for the recycling arrows to reignite the momentum and push for a stronger, more encompassing version of Act 101. “It was surprising to me to realize there was a point where people considered recycling futile or didn’t think about it at all. Now, when someone of my generation is looking to recycle something and doesn’t see that blue or green can, we’re going to ask questions. We want to make sure that the next generations consider recycling second nature, just like we do.”



Access the complete text of the White Paper at q-r.co/WIDELAW/WhitePaper

The report presents a broad range of reasons why stronger recycling measures would benefit Pennsylvania’s economy and environment. Those reasons include “a desire to move the economy in a greener and more job-creating direction, global economic competition, high and fluctuating oil prices, growing global demand for energy resources, the environmental effects of fossil fuels—an old issue made new by the BP Gulf of Mexico oil disaster—and, of greatest significance, climate change.”

The report concludes that its recommendations (*see box at left*) “would lead to a more dynamic and effective program—a program more capable of turning waste into economic opportunity and job creation” and “available to the next generation of Pennsylvanians, including children who are now in elementary school.”

When finished, the paper was posted online, and Professor Dernbach worked with Widener Law’s public relations and web professionals to help get the word out. “The staff worked very hard to make sure the report would be readily available to anyone who is interested,” Professor Dernbach remarked. “If you Google ‘PA Recycling Report,’ it’s the very first thing to appear in the search results.”

Dan DiMaria, the Simpsons fan and recycling advocate quoted in the opening paragraph, is optimistic that the report will have a far-reaching and lasting impact: “I would love to see recycling expanded to commercial enterprises,” Dan said. “Right now the Act just recommends recycling for businesses, even those as large as Walmart and McDonald’s. Yet private industry produces over half of the waste generated in the state. The ‘civilian’ market, so to speak, for recycling has a 25 to 30 percent diversion rate. In other words, 30 percent of the waste is taken out and recycled. How much more material could we get if these companies were not just strongly recommended, but compelled by law to recycle along with the municipalities in which they’re located? Right now, there’s absolutely no enforcement mechanism to make a commercial enterprise recycle, unless it’s a specific material like hazardous waste.”



New Faculty



ANDRE L. SMITH joins the Delaware campus faculty in a tenure-track capacity after serving as Visiting Professor in 2010-2011. Prior to joining Widener Law, Professor Smith taught at Florida International University College of Law and also served as Visiting Professor of Law at Pennsylvania State University Dickinson College of Law. While obtaining his J.D. from Howard University, Mr. Smith served on the *Howard Law Review*. Since graduating, he has earned his LLM from Georgetown University Law Center, served as an attorney-advisor to the Honorable Maurice B. Foley on the United States Tax Court, and authored law journal articles on tax, property, jurisprudence, and other areas of law. Professor Smith will teach tax and administrative law.



LUKE M. SCHEUER joins Widener’s Institute of Delaware Corporate and Business Law as an associate professor. Professor Scheuer is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Boston College Law School, where he served as editor of the *Boston College Law Review*. After law school, he practiced with Goodwin Procter as a Corporate Associate in Boston and clerked for Judge Judith Dein, Chief Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court of Massachusetts. Professor Scheuer has taught as an adjunct at Boston College Law School, University of Massachusetts School of Law, and Boston University School of Law. He was a Boston College Law School Eagle Scholar Fellow. Prior to law school, he earned his Master of Arts in English Literature from the University of Toronto, and danced professionally for the Opera Atelier, National Ballet of Canada, and Alberta Ballet.



REBECCA L. SCALIO joins the Delaware campus faculty as Assistant Professor of Legal Methods after serving as an adjunct Legal Methods Professor and Visiting Legal Methods Professor. Professor Scalio received her J.D. from Temple University Beasley School of Law, where she was an Executive Editor of the *Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review*. Before arriving at Widener, she taught Legal Writing and Appellate Advocacy at Temple and practiced with the firms of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. and Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP, where she focused on Chapter 11 debtor and creditor representation and corporate litigation, respectively. Professor Scalio’s research interests include legal writing pedagogy, ethics in legal writing, professional responsibility, and bankruptcy.



STEVEN H. STEINGLASS joins the Delaware campus faculty as Visiting Professor of Law. Professor Steinglass comes from Cleveland State University’s Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, where he is Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law. He first served as a faculty member at Cleveland-Marshall from 1980 until he was appointed Associate Dean in 1996, Interim Dean in 1996, and, the next year, the law school’s 12th Dean, in which capacity he served until his return to the faculty in 2005. Prior to joining Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, he practiced law in Wisconsin as Staff Attorney under the Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship Program and ultimately as Director of Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., the state’s largest legal services program. He also served as a Lecturer in Law at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Professor Steinglass is a 1964 graduate of the Wharton School of University of Pennsylvania as well as the Columbia University School of Law in 1967. Professor Steinglass is a nationally known expert on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation and a frequent lecturer at continuing legal and judicial education programs throughout the country. He is widely published and has argued several cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Faculty Profile

Professor John Culhane on the Law School Bucket List

Named one of the “23 Law Professors to Take Before You Die.”



Professor John Culhane with Shannon Mace '11.

You might say Professor John Culhane was born into the law. His father was in law enforcement—a New York City cop who moved the family out of the city to the small Westchester County (NY) town of Pearl River when Culhane was in sixth grade. A philosophy major at The College of William and Mary, Culhane ultimately decided to pursue a law degree and graduated from Fordham University Law School in 1982. After a year clerking for a Federal District Court judge, he spent several years practicing corporate litigation for a Wall Street law firm.

At law school, Culhane never imagined he would end up teaching. It was a casual remark from the judge he clerked for that determined the course of his career: “Well, you’ll be in law teaching within five years.” Culhane’s been teaching the law at Widener since 1987, loving every minute of it. Witnessing the transformation of wide-eyed, first-year students into budding legal professionals. Enjoying the camaraderie and intellectual sharing of fellow Widener Law professors. Serving as director of Widener’s nationally recognized Health Law Institute. Exploring, teaching, and publishing on a wide range of legal topics.

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The article, “23 Law Professors to Take Before You Die,” published in the March 2011 issue of *National Jurist* magazine, asks, “What if you could bring together some of the most entertaining, influential, and riveting professors in legal academia together under one roof?”

Professor Culhane joined 21 other law professors and one dean on the list of law faculty who “entertain, inspire and intrigue.”

Culhane readily acknowledges the teachers who inspired his own teaching philosophy. There was a ninth-grade social studies teacher and a high school philosophy teacher at Pearl River High School. His advisor at William and Mary. A first-year Civil Procedure professor at Fordham. All had different styles and interests, but all shared a passion for their subjects and for engaging students’ minds and hearts inside the classroom.

One of comments Culhane most treasures is a student’s remark to another Widener Law professor. She said, “In other classes, we learn information. In Professor Culhane’s class, we have a conversation.” It is, of course, an informed conversation structured

to cover the legal principles slated for a given day’s discussion. But it is a conversation in which students and professor come away with more and deeper insights, more knowledge, and more enthusiasm for analyzing and shaping arguments around the legal issues at hand.

“I use a lot of humor,” Culhane said. “I think students learn better when they’re having an enjoyable classroom experience. At the same time, I expect them to be rigorous in their thinking. I ask a lot of follow-up questions and try to get students to think about things in a different way—and also to get myself to think in a different way. If a class session goes by and I don’t learn something from my students, that’s not good either.”

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STUDENT REMARK

Culhane calls his scholarship “eclectic.” Since 9/11, he’s been exploring the issues surrounding compensation for victims of disasters. For example, he wondered why the government paid 9/11 victims so lavishly, while Hurricane Katrina victims received just enough to help them get back on their feet. His conclusion: In the 9/11 case, the government used a tort model of compensation, which is almost never done. His analysis led to several journal articles and an appearance in a documentary called *America Betrayed*.

He also contributes to the online magazine, Slate, and blogs at wordinedgewise.com. Currently, he’s working on a book on same-sex rights geared to the lay reader with the working title *Those Civil Union Things*, and he recently edited an article on marriage in the book *Reconsidering Law and Policy Debates: A Public Health Perspective*.

“I could not have found a better fit in terms of my skills and personality,” Professor Culhane says about his career in legal academia. “I’m not musical, I’m not artistic, I’m not mathematical. The two things I can do well are speak and write.” Not to mention engage, inspire, and provide a rigorous education for the Widener students lucky enough to participate in his classes.

Faculty News



LINDA L. AMMONS was interviewed about the Earl Bradley investigation on NPR's "All Things Considered" in June. She spoke about "Influence, Power, and Strategic Communication in Negotiations, the Courtroom, the Office & Beyond" at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Commission on Women in the Profession CLE and served as keynote speaker at the Widener Women's Network Harrisburg Chapter—one of many Widener Law alumni groups she addressed—at their April luncheon. She was also the keynote speaker at the national meeting of Law School Diversity Professionals in Harrisburg, was a guest at the invitation-only 2011 Women's Power Summit on Law & Leadership in Austin, Texas, and spoke to parents of African-American students at the Tower Hill School in Wilmington, where she discussed the value of a legal education, diversity in legal education and the legal profession, and her own path to becoming a law professor and dean.

DIONNE E. ANTHON, ANN E. FRUTH, and **AMANDA L. SMITH** presented "Adding Collaborative and Formative Feedback Opportunities to Your Classes: How Grading by Design and Working Together Save the Day" at the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning conference at New York Law School.



DANA HARRINGTON CONNER presented her article "Back to the Drawing Board: Barriers to Joint Decision-Making in Custody Cases Involving Intimate Partner Violence" at Duke Law School during February's Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy Symposium—The Changing Face of Families. In April, she spoke

at the Widener Women's Networking luncheon at McCarter & English in Wilmington, Delaware. Her topic: "Work Life Balance in the Practice of Law."



JOHN G. CULHANE was honored with the 2011 Douglas E. Ray Excellence in Scholarship Award for his work on cutting-edge issues, and particularly for his book, *Reconsidering Law and Policy Debates: A Public Health Perspective*, which invites innovative approaches to public policy issues from a public health perspective. Professor Culhane continues to blog prolifically on a range of issues via several websites, including his own, wordinedgewise.org/.



ERIN DALY was named H. Albert Young Fellow in Constitutional Law for 2011-2013. A Board Member of Common Cause/Delaware, a nonpartisan watchdog group whose mission is to promote open, ethical, and accountable government at the local, state, and national levels by educating and mobilizing the citizens of Delaware, she was recently named to the nominating committee of the national Common Cause. She continues to work with Professor **JAMES R. MAY** on the constitutionalization of environmental rights around the world. In July, she stepped down as Associate Dean of Faculty Research and Development.

JOHN C. DERNBACH was a panelist at the Sustainability Ethics Conference at Penn State University and moderated the panel "An Essential Pathway to Sustainability: Energy Efficiency," co-sponsored by the Environmental Law Institute and ABA Section

on Environment, Energy, and Resources. He also spoke about "Theory of Regulation and Standard Setting" at Environmental Law Forum 2011. In addition, he co-planned three teleconferences based on *Agenda for a Sustainable America*, cosponsored by ELI and ABA.



MICHAEL R. DIMINO, SR., was honored with the Douglas E. Ray Excellence in Faculty Scholarship Award. He has been appointed to the executive committee of the Federalist Society's Free Speech and Election Law Practice Group. He also testified at a hearing of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Constitutional Review Commission.



JEAN MACCHIAROLI EGGEN was honored with the 2011 Douglas E. Ray Excellence in Scholarship Award for her sophisticated and groundbreaking body of work, including her paradigm-shifting argument that punitive damages operate at the intersection of public law and private law (not criminal and civil law as is the conventional wisdom). She continues to work on her NanoLaw blog (blogs.law.widener.edu/nanolaw), which has been gaining increased attention.



TONYA M. EVANS served as a PBI faculty member for the annual speaker's training course "Presenting Excellence" in Philadelphia. She also conducted a session titled "Copyright for Writers in the 21st Century" at the Pennwriters Conference in Pittsburgh.



JILL E. FAMILY gave the lecture "Immigration Law: A Primer" to the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. She also spoke about "The Role of Immigration Enforcement in the Adjudication Crisis" at Rutgers University School of Law–Newark, and presented "Murky Immigration Law and the Challenges Facing Benefits Adjudication" at Widener Law. In addition, she received an ABA presidential appointment to serve on the Advisory Committee of the Commission on Immigration as well as a nomination to serve on the Council of the Administrative Law Section.



JOHN L. GEDID convened a hearing, held at the Harrisburg campus, of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Constitutional Review Commission on the topic of Legislative Reapportionment. He also organized and lectured at a symposium on the contributions of Commonwealth Court to Pennsylvania jurisprudence. All judges of that court attended. Other law school speakers at the symposium included Professors **G. RANDALL LEE** and **JOHN C. DERNBACH**.



MICHAEL J. GOLDBERG participated in a panel discussion at Swarthmore College on March 2 on the subject of card check and neutrality agreements, particularly as they pertain to Swarthmore's proposed hotel project and the accompanying debate over unionization.

LAWRENCE A. HAMERMESH'S article, "Loyalty's core demand: The defining role of good faith in corporation law," co-written with Vice Chancellor **LEO STRINE, R. FRANKLIN BALOTTI**, and **JEFFREY M. GORRIS**, was selected one of the top ten corporate and securities articles published in 2010, by the *Corporate Practice Commentator* through a peer-selection process.



ANNA P. HEMINGWAY made a presentation and served on a panel at the Association of Legal Writing Directors Leadership for the Second Wave conference in Sacramento, California. The panel was "Constructing a Scholarly Persona," and her presentation was titled "The Work of Leading a Law School Class Successfully: Re-envisioning Classroom Dynamics Under Leadership Principles."



LOUISE L. HILL presented a Continuing Legal Education program on Confidentiality and Privilege in Wilmington, Delaware, as part of a half-day Lorman Seminar devoted to Professionalism.

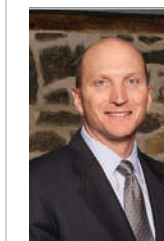
DAVID R. HODAS lectured on climate change "denialism" at Williams College on May 4. He moderated a public information meeting organized by Congressman John Carney (D–Del.) with the NRC Region 1 Administrator, President of PSE&G Power (its nuclear operations), and the director of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency on nuclear safety.



JENNIFER M. LEAR participated in a scholar's forum at George Washington University Law School as part of the Capital Area Legal Writing Conference. She discussed her article "Plain English for Legal Writing Professors—Creating Legal Writers Through 6-Trait Instruction and Assessment," for which she received a grant from the Legal Writing Institute, the Association of Legal Writing Directors, and Lexis-Nexis last summer. She also presented "Made Ya Look—Using Detail to Persuade" at the Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference at Mercer Law School.



G. RANDALL LEE presented an ethics program for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute before a Philadelphia 76ers game. The topic: whether NCAA regulations deny high school and college athletes their right to effective legal representation. He also conducted CLE programs at Fordham Law School and throughout Pennsylvania on "Bob Dylan and the Art of Taking Legal Ethics Seriously." In addition, he helped coordinate the Pennsylvania Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Conference for the deans of students at Pennsylvania law schools.



JAMES R. MAY was counsel-of-record and coauthored the "Brief of Law Professors as Amici Curiae in Support of Respondents in *American Electric Power v. Connecticut*." Professor May's recent presentations include: "Environmental Citizen Suit Update" at the American Law Institute/American Bar Association Annual

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Environmental Law Court of Study in Washington; “Justiciability and Climate Litigation” at the Valparaiso Law School; and “Environmental Rights and Constitutional Reformation in Hungary,” at a consultation for the Hungarian Parliamentarian Ombudsman in Budapest. He also gave the H. Albert Young Lecture at the Hotel du Pont in Wilmington in April 2011.

**NICHOLAS A. MIRKAY**

received the Student Bar Association’s 2011 President’s Award for his assistance with the Delaware chapter of

Wills for Heroes and for his efforts to help students obtain practical experience in client interviewing, counseling, and drafting of estate planning documents. Professor Mirkay co-coordinated the Wills for Heroes event held on the Delaware Campus in March. He also received, by vote of the Delaware class of 2011, the Outstanding Faculty Award. Professor Mirkay presented his current work-in-progress, “International Philanthropy and the Public Policy Doctrine: A Modern Conundrum,” at the Law and Society annual meeting in San Francisco on June 2.

**JULIET M. MORINGIELLO**

presented “The Past, Present, and Future of Electronic Contracting,” at the Sixth International Conference on Contracts

in Gulfport, Florida. She also served as a panelist on “Uniform Commercial Code—Stump the Chumps,” at the American Bar Association Business Law Section Spring Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, and “Repossession and Foreclosure,” at the National Association of Consumer Advocates, Pennsylvania Chapter Annual Meeting in Harrisburg.

**WESLEY M. OLIVER**

interviewed former governor Edward G. Rendell on *In-Session*, the Law and Government Institute’s public affairs cable television

show, about his changing perceptions on the criminal justice system as he went from district attorney to mayor of Philadelphia to governor of Pennsylvania and now to former governor. He also spoke at the National Judicial College meeting at the University of Mississippi and to the Harrisburg Inn of Court.

**THADDEUS MASON POPE**

delivered the 12th annual Z. Stanley Stys Memorial Lecture for the Princeton University Medical Center; traveled to Denver as legal

consultant to American Thoracic Society committees, drafting policy statements on medical futility and conscientious objection; and presented to the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys in Las Vegas.

**ROBERT C. POWER**

lectured and served on a panel of scholars and practitioners on first amendment issues before a delegation of visiting

scholars and government officials from Kyrgyzstan. He stepped down as Associate Dean of Faculty Research and Development for the Harrisburg Campus in July.

**CHRISTOPHER J. ROBINETTE**

received, by vote of the Harrisburg class of 2011, the Outstanding Faculty Award. He was named editor of the



D. BENJAMIN BARROS and **ANDREW L. STRAUSS** were appointed Associate Deans of Faculty Research and Development for the Harrisburg and Delaware campuses, respectively. We look forward to their leadership.

Automobile Insurance volume of the *New Appleman on Insurance Law, Library Edition*, a 15-volume update of the 68-volume leading insurance law treatise, and will write the introductory chapter to that volume. He was also consulted about a no-fault auto insurance plan for Malaysia.

**JEAN K. SBARGE** and **MARY ANN ROBINSON**

were among the presenters at the inaugural Capital Area Legal Writing Conference held on February 25–26, 2011, at George Washington School of Law. Professors Sbarge and Robinson spoke about “Teaching Professionalism in the Legal Writing Classroom and Beyond.”

**STARLA J. WILLIAMS**

directed the founding class of the JURIST Academy on the Harrisburg Campus. She also served as Keynote

Speaker at the 20th Annual Pennsylvania Career Association Awards & Appreciation Banquet. She was also the Lead Workshop Facilitator at the Dauphin County Department of Human Services Faith-Based Summit.

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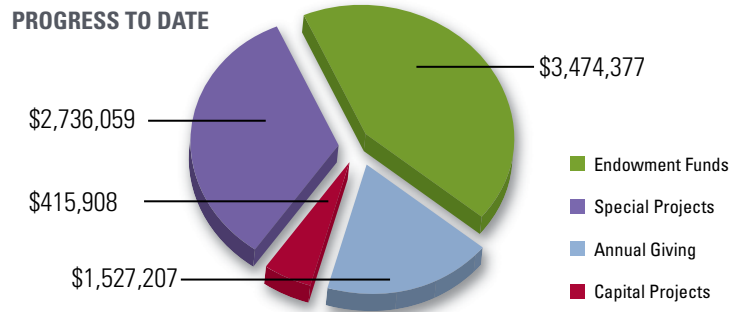
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Taking the Lead

PROGRESS TO DATE



Campaign Update

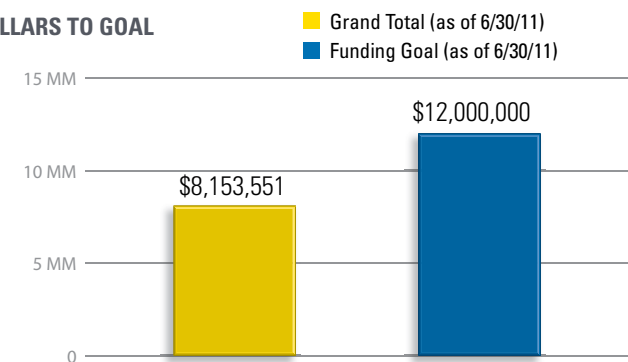
As of Fiscal Year End (June 30, 2011)

Less than a year after publicly launching *Taking the Lead*, our comprehensive campaign, a broad array of alumni and friends have pushed the fundraising total to \$8.1 million, more than two-thirds of our \$12 million goal. We are grateful both to those who have, through their generosity, brought us this far and to those who will take us the rest of the way.

SELECTED 2011 GIFTS AND PLEDGES

Welfare Foundation, Inc.	
Polishook Hall Renovation	\$75,000
AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals	
The AstraZeneca Regulatory Compliance & Analysis Program	\$50,000
Douglas J. Steinhardt, '94	
The Douglas J. Steinhardt Scholarship	\$50,000
Douglas M. Wolfberg '96	
The Douglas M. Wolfberg Health Law Scholarship	\$50,000
The Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Inc.	
The Bank of America Financial Literacy Program	\$30,000
Lee A. Solomon, '78	
The Lee and Diane Solomon Scholarship Fund	\$25,000
Polsinelli Shughart PC	
The Helen S. Balick Bankruptcy Chair	\$25,000
Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP	
The Helen S. Balick Bankruptcy Chair	\$25,000
The Walter M Strine and Alice Washco Strine Foundation	
The Widener Law Fund	\$25,000
Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC	
The Helen S. Balick Bankruptcy Chair	\$25,000
E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company	
Diversity and Public Interest Programming	\$20,000

DOLLARS TO GOAL



A portrait of Judge Helen S. Balick, commissioned by Delaware State Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section and dedicated in May 2010, now hangs temporarily in the Delaware Campus's Legal Information Center.

When Helen S. Balick stepped down from the federal bench in 1998, she left an indelible legacy; during her tenure, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the District of Delaware had become the nation's preferred venue for business bankruptcy proceedings and its legal community a hub for practice in this fast-growing area of the law. Soon, Widener Law will honor Judge Balick by endowing a range of programming in business bankruptcy law—research, publications, symposia, and coursework—for attorneys, jurists, students, and other stakeholders. Housed in the Widener Institute of Delaware Corporate and Business Law, the program will be headed by a new member of the faculty, the Helen S. Balick Chair in Business Bankruptcy Law.

Led by several of Delaware's top firms and the State of Delaware, we have raised more than 75% of the \$1 million necessary to endow this effort. We are very grateful for the Delaware and regional communities' broad and growing support of this effort and hope that you will join the more than 40 law firms, individuals, and other organizations that have made this effort such a success.

Leadership Contributors

- Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP
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- Morris, Nichols, Arsh & Tunnell LLP
- Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.
- The State of Delaware



While an intern with the Center for Missing and Exploited Children, J.D./Psy.D student Jennette von Barga '13 searched for long-missing children. "We found two kids," she said. "I'm still trying to find the others. I follow up in my spare time." As an intern with Delaware Department of Justice's Child Predator Unit she put her Psychology training to use providing police information about what kind of predators might be targeting children. As an undergraduate at Gettysburg College, she was trained by the domestic violence agency Survivors Inc. So, when she approached Professor Dana Harrington Conner '92, Director of the Delaware Civil Law Clinic, about opportunities in domestic violence law, she was not going in blind. "I wanted to get involved in family court here," she said.

Professor Harrington Conner wanted to involve her as well. She had for some time been looking for ways to help more victims of domestic violence, had ideas about how to do it better, but didn't have the funds.

In 2010, longtime law school supporter and National Advisory Council member Leslee Silverman Tabas '79, who practices family law in Narberth, Pennsylvania, was looking for a meaningful way to make a contribution to the law school's campaign. Dean Linda Ammons suggested she meet with Professor Harrington Conner.

The result was a generous gift from the Harriet S. and Charles L. Tabas Family Foundation, through which Ms. Tabas and her husband Richard established the *Leslee Silverman Tabas and Richard S. Tabas COVEAR Community Awareness Project*. Ms. Tabas said, "When this came on the radar, I said this is the perfect way to jump in. Domestic violence is a problem everywhere... in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Alaska...I said to my husband and the [foundation's] trustees, 'I'd like to help the students become involved in the court system in a hands on way—let's do it.' And we did. Family law is a passion for me... helping families and children. My commitment has always been to protect children."

The gift endowed a student coordinator position to assist with the Delaware Civil Clinic's domestic violence efforts. Professor Harrington Conner was thrilled and immediately began meeting with prospective student coordinators. It became very clear that Ms. von Barga would be a strong contender. As it turns out, "She was the perfect candidate. She has a heart for service," she said.

"She let me know about the clinic and the program, said Ms. von Barga, "It really kind of struck a chord."

Transforming the program from idea to reality took work on Ms. von Barga's part. Professor Harrington Conner said,

"She spent a tremendous amount of time in the first semester putting together and coordinating the program—really putting into practice what she'd learned here—so we could hit the ground running."

The program sends student volunteers into the courts to educate battered individuals about their rights and to provide them support on the day of their protection hearing. It also provides valuable assistance to Delaware Volunteer Legal Services (DVLS), with which the Delaware Civil Law Clinic partners. "DVLS is able to provide representation, said Ms. von Barga, but because of the limited number of [volunteer] attorneys, they're unable to provide outreach to the victims. So we created a program where students would come in and provide the outreach...making sure survivors understand their rights..." As the student coordinator, Ms. von Barga recruited student volunteers, created a manual to guide them, and oversaw their efforts throughout the academic year.

The students helped a number of domestic abuse victims and, in the process, learned how to serve. Ms. von Barga notes, "It was helpful to have a rapport with children; we sometimes used Spiderman terminology... We also were able to have students advise clients about child custody matters... It let students get a taste of it. It gave them insight into what clients understood, how to convey information."

Ms. von Barga is grateful. "This was one of the most rewarding experiences I've had," she said, "I want to thank the donors. I wouldn't have been able to take the position without the financial support."

Professor Harrington Conner adds, "We really do appreciate the gift. The support was invaluable in commencing the program. The gift is the reason we are able to provide enhanced services to survivors of intimate partner violence. Without it, victims of domestic violence would not have the guidance necessary to better understand their rights... Without question the program has made an incredible impact in not only assisting victims but also creating a whole new generation of lawyers who want to provide access to justice. Jennette has done an absolutely fantastic job...she's been a wonderful asset."



Fox Rothschild and Cozen O'Connor Square Off

The Ballroom at the Ben was the setting for pre-fight posturing as two of Philadelphia's premier firms—and the Widener Law graduates who work for them—launched a rivalry for the benefit of law school programming. Alumni serving as representatives at area firms have for years worked to garner their colleagues' support for their law school, but Anne Madonia '94 of Cozen O'Connor and Patrick Murphy '99 of Fox Rothschild brought new intensity to the effort, each vowing to outdo the other in terms of alumni participation in the law school's fundraising efforts and total dollars raised. At the end of FY11, Fox led in alumni participation with 45.5% to Cozen's 42.1%. Alumni at Cozen led in overall dollars raised. "This is a great rivalry," said Dean Linda Ammons. "All of us here really enjoy their spirit, and I can't say enough how helpful this is to the law school."



Patrick Murphy '99 of Fox Rothschild and Anne Madonia '94 of Cozen O'Connor weigh in at the 2011 Philadelphia Alumni Reception.

Only three years after graduating from Widener Law, Professor Leslie Johnson '92 joined the faculty as an adjunct. She was quickly given a daunting task: stepping in for a student favorite, the late Professor Joseph DeFuria, when he became ill. Since then, she has herself become a favorite with Delaware campus students, receiving the Outstanding Faculty Award five times. She has also supported the law school in many ways, contributing financially every year since joining the faculty and receiving the Outstanding Alumna Award in 2007 for her efforts. She kindly answered a few questions before heading to Africa with the law school's Nairobi program in June.

"Knowing what I know now that I am almost 20 years out, if I had to do it all over again, I would choose Widener."

PROFESSOR LESLIE JOHNSON, '92



"Much More Than I Can Ever Repay"

Do you feel being an alumna has affected the way you teach here?

Yes, I do. My background is in education—I was a teacher before I went to law school—I think of myself as a teacher who teaches law. I think about problems I had as a law student and try to address them proactively when teaching. It's been a great experience working with the colleagues I have because they were my teachers. It's a great faculty—I can't imagine working anywhere else.

Where do you see the law school in 5 years? In 10?

Under the leadership of Linda Ammons we have come miles—literally and figuratively. I think we've come a long way toward establishing ourselves as one of the best law schools in the area. I believe we are poised to really take it to the next level.

You've been contributing consistently for 15 years. Why do you continue to give back?

Why wouldn't I? This school has given me a fabulous education and a job that most people can only dream about in terms of happiness ratio. I owe them much more than I can ever repay. And that is the truth. If I ever win the lottery, Widener is going to have a whole new building.

Is there anything in particular you hope your support will accomplish?

For many years I've tried to balance my financial support between the Widener Law Fund and the Moot Court Honor Society. I've been the [honor society's] faculty advisor for 11 years now. I've seen the society grow and grow and grow in terms of what it's producing. I hope it will be part of my permanent legacy.

Student Profile

Ryann M. Buckman, '11



From Alaska → to Delaware → to the 2011 Dean's Award

Born to a military family, she was the first in her family to graduate from college, let alone law school. In the spring of 2008, she received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. A few months later, she unpacked her bags in Delaware and started learning her way around the Widener Law campus.

Why Widener? In addition to its outstanding professors and legal curricula, the school had an additional draw: it allowed Ryann to be close to her family. (Her grandmother and parents were now living in Newark, Delaware.) Family togetherness was a good idea in theory, but Ryann immersed herself so deeply in academics and community service that her mother, upon hearing of all of Ryann's accomplishments during the commencement ceremony, remarked, "No wonder we never see you."

It was those accomplishments that inspired Dean Linda Ammons to select Ryann as the 2011 Dean's Award honoree. Not only did Ryann graduate *magna cum laude* and in the top five percent

of her class, she also served as vice president of academics and community service for the Student Bar Association and as a board member and styles editor of the Delaware Journal of Corporate Law. And she still managed to log 395 hours of pro bono service over the course of her three years.

"I have a legal mind in that I like to be in court, I like to write, I like those aspects of legal education that you might not get if you go on to get an advanced degree in something besides law," Ryann said. "I got really jazzed about going

It's a classic American story. Ryann Buckman proves that the American dream of seizing opportunity and working hard can still lead to achieving great things.

to class when the professor was excited about the subject matter and worked hard to get the students engaged instead of just lecturing from the podium. One of the best things Widener has going for it is that it has really great professors, and they're always willing to help you outside of class."

Ryann is excited about beginning her career as a lawyer. She started her first job on August 15 as an associate at Wolf and Brown, LLC, a private law firm in Haddonfield, New Jersey. She represents clients seeking Social Security and Veterans' disability benefits.



2011 Dean's Award recipient Ryann Buckman, left, is congratulated by Dean Linda Ammons for her exceptional scholarship, leadership, and community service.

Alumnus Profile

Blaine Phillips, '94

Blaine Phillips enjoys the outdoors with his wife, Eliza, and sons Witt (left) and Jack (right).



“If you’re in the conservation business, there’s no better place to practice than where you grew up.”



Conservation Nation

1994 Alumnus Uses Law Degree to Preserve Open Lands for Future Generations.

As a boy, Blaine Phillips must have taken the words of the American folksong “This Land is Your Land” to heart, because at a very young age, he set his sights on a career in conservation.

Phillips is now Vice President and Mid-Atlantic Regional Director of The Conservation Fund. The Fund operates in all 50 states and acts as a buyer of crucial properties that need to be protected — and usually properties that need to be protected quickly.

The job is a perfect fit for his background and aspirations. “I swam upstream to find a job in the nonprofit conservation world,” Phillips said. “They’re difficult jobs to find, but I was committed to working in conservation so I stuck to it until I found a job in the nonprofit world. My first job after law school was at Southern Environmental Law Center in Charlottesville, Virginia, as a law fellow. I eventually became a staff attorney and later a senior attorney and worked

there for about nine years. My focus was on public land management, which translates mostly into national forests and national parks. I worked throughout the southern Appalachians representing environmental interests concerned with how our public lands are managed.

“By chance I met Patrick Noonan, the founder of The Conservation Fund. We clicked and, before I knew it, I was moving back to my home state of Delaware to open an office for the Fund. If you’re in the conservation business, there’s no better place to practice than where you grew up. That’s where it means the most to you personally and that’s where the changes that occur are most obvious to you.”

The Fund functions as a bank that provides funds to buy properties for permanent protection. For example, Delaware’s Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge might call Phillips with the news that an adjacent property is going to be sold

for development and, as part of the federal government, they can’t move quickly enough and don’t have the funds to protect it.

In operation since 1985, The Conservation Fund has protected approximately seven million acres across the country, including areas of Brandywine Battlefield, Gettysburg National Historic Park, and the Flight 93 9/11 crash site in Shanksville, all in Pennsylvania; Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge, Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, and the Redden State Forest in Delaware; and the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area on the border of Maryland and Pennsylvania.

“It’s a wonderful job, and I feel very fortunate to work in conservation,” Phillips said. “My professors at Widener Law, including Jim May and David Hodas, were great mentors and instrumental in supporting my aspirations.

“What’s gratifying is taking your kids out to one of these places, watching them enjoy it, and realizing that someday they’ll know I had a part of that. My sons Witt, 8, and Jack, 6, love to be outdoors, love to get muddy, and love to help dad look at potential properties. I’ve been lucky to find something that is rewarding, fulfilling, and interesting.”

Alumni Join National Advisory Board

JEFFREY B. KILLINO '00

is the founder and managing partner of The Killino Firm, P.C. Having practiced personal injury law since his graduation from Widener Law in 2000, he has litigated numerous medical-malpractice, products liability, motor vehicle, and other injury cases, including a litigation resulting in a national recall of 450,000 tires manufactured in China. Mr. Killino has devoted a significant part of his practice to advocating for children’s rights, aggressively litigating to ensure child safety when parents entrust their children to the care of others or purchase a product for their children. He has been recognized in *Super Lawyers Magazine* and has made appearances in conjunction with his cases on a number of network and cable news networks. Mr. Killino is a regular contributor to the American Association for Justice Exchange legal education program, both as a speaker and in preparing papers and litigation support packages.

**JOSEPH M. ASHER '93**

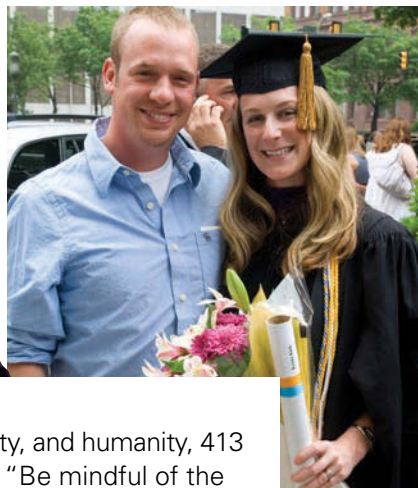
is President and CEO of Brandywine Bookmaking in Las Vegas, Nevada. He has a deep background in the gaming industry and a lifelong passion for the race and sports betting business. Starting when he was a teenager, Mr. Asher held management positions at several racetracks, including Brandywine Raceway, Dover Downs, Harrington Raceway, and Foxboro Raceway, and was the *News Journal's* thoroughbred racing handicapper for Delaware Park. He became the youngest track announcer in North America, calling races at Harrington, Foxboro, Brandywine, and Dover Downs. Prior to forming Brandywine Bookmaking, Mr. Asher was Managing Director of the gaming affiliate of a global financial services company, before which he was an attorney with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. He has been featured in numerous media outlets, including *The New York Times*, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The News Journal*, CNBC, and *Gaming Today*. Mr. Asher is a passionate Philadelphia Eagles fan.





Harrisburg Student Bar Association President Deyn Zachary and Law Dean Linda L. Ammons.

Harrisburg valedictorian Kirsten Kutler addresses her classmates.



Delaware graduates from left, Ryann M. Buckman, Kristin H. Buddle, Sarah A. Burton, and Brendan M. Callahan.



Delaware campus valedictorian David B. DiDonato addresses his class.



Delaware campus commencement speaker Jack B. Jacobs, Delaware Supreme Court Justice.



Delaware graduates begin their procession into commencement.

With speakers urging optimism, flexibility, and humanity, 413 graduates received degrees in May. "Be mindful of the human element of being a lawyer," Michael J. Aiello '94, a corporate partner at Weil, Gotshal and Manges LLP in New York, advised Harrisburg graduates. "This is the 'something else' clients are looking for, often without even knowing it." Delaware Supreme Court Justice Jack Jacobs told Delaware graduates to be optimistic in the face of challenges and provided them with a list of tips for success.

The commencements, held on the Delaware campus green and at the Harrisburg Capitol Forum, also featured, among many others, remarks by Delaware valedictorian David B. DiDonato and Harrisburg valedictorian Kirsten Kutler. Dean Linda Ammons presented the



Harrisburg commencement speaker Michael J. Aiello '94.

Delaware campus alumna Catherine S. Wilson '82 presents her daughter Nichole Wilson with her law degree at the Harrisburg commencement, as Widener University President James T. Harris III looks on.



Outstanding Faculty Awards—decided by vote of the graduating class—to Professors Nicholas Mirkay in Delaware and Christopher Robinette in Harrisburg. Distinguished Professor Jean Eggen and Professor John Culhane in Delaware received Douglas E. Ray Excellence in Faculty Scholarship awards, as did Associate Professor Michael Dimino in Harrisburg.

Dean Ammons commended the classes' public service—Delaware campus graduates donated 11,952 pro bono hours of service during law school, and Harrisburg campus graduates donated 4,585. "Lawyers have the awesome capacity to change lives and affect history," she said.

Widener University President James T. Harris III told graduates that, in a world where people are quick to judge and to criticize, character counts. "Never lose your moral compass," Harris said. "Words are inspiring, but deeds really matter."



Harrisburg



Harrisburg graduate Anthony Czuchnicki and family.

Harrisburg graduates await their degrees.



Wilmington

Delaware campus graduates.



Delaware campus Student Bar Association President Damiano del Pino presents the class of 2011 gift to Law Dean Linda L. Ammons.





Delaware Legislators Visit

The Delaware campus hosted members of the Delaware General Assembly in February for the law school's first Legislators Day. The senators and representatives met with student, administration, and faculty leaders, toured the campus, and enjoyed a luncheon in the Barristers Club.

Dean Linda L. Ammons speaks to the group in the Alfred Avins Special Collections Library.

BLSA holds "Pioneers and Trailblazers" Awards Banquet

The Delaware Campus Black Law Students Association celebrated Black History Month with the "Pioneers and Trailblazers" dinner honoring some of the law school's first African-American graduates. BLSA President Asmaham Akam addressed the group, saying, "We're happy and humbled to have you here and sincerely thank you for allowing us the opportunity to show you our appreciation for blazing the trail so that we may have the opportunity to attend this fine institution."

Seated from left, Pamela Coveney '79, Dean Linda L. Ammons, Vivienne Crawford '77, and her mother Mary Crawford. Standing from left, students Nadege Tandoh, Morrison Fairbairn, Brandi Everett, Asmaham Akam, Brandon Richardson, and Ashley Taylor.



Health Law Institute Partners with AstraZeneca to Hold Compliance Training

The Health Law Institute presented the AstraZeneca Regulatory Compliance & Analysis Program for the Pharmaceutical Industry the week of March 7 on the Delaware campus. Geared specifically to the corporate compliance officer, the four-day program simulated the experience of encountering legal and ethical problems in the pharmaceutical industry and provided guidance in formulating response strategies, preparing for audits, and ultimately developing a comprehensive compliance program. An AstraZeneca educational grant made the program possible.

Eugene D. McGurk Jr. '78 (left), chairman of the Board of Overseers, taught during the compliance program, which was organized by Senior Adjunct Faculty Member Andrew J. Fichter (right).



Innocence Symposium Features Former Death Row Inmate

An April 15 symposium—"Innocence, Conviction Integrity, and Reliability"—attracted hundreds of participants to the Delaware campus on April 15. The event featured keynote speaker Kirk Bloodsworth, the nation's first death row inmate exonerated by DNA evidence, and presentations by the co-founder of the Vidocq Society—an exclusive crime-solving organization—and a member of the Dallas District Attorney's Office, who discussed ways prosecutors can correct mistaken convictions and prevent new ones.

Kirk Bloodsworth speaks in the Ruby R. Vale Moot Courtroom.

All-Star Lineup Convenes for Delaware Journal of Corporate Law Symposium

The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law gathered a powerhouse of corporate and business law practitioners, judges, and academics on April 11 for a symposium addressing conflicts that arise in corporate takeovers. The event, "Irreconcilable Differences: Director, Manager, and Shareholder Conflicts in Takeover Transactions," featured nearly three dozen speakers on topics including current case law on takeover conflicts, appropriate standards to regulate them, and related research. Speakers and panelists included, among others, Chancellor William B. Chandler III of the Delaware Court of Chancery; *New York Times* "Dealbook" columnist and event organizer Steven Davidoff; Morgan Stanley Vice Chairman of Investment Banking Robert Kindler; Ruby R. Vale visiting scholar of Corporate and Business Law Caroline M. Gentile; Delaware Court of Chancery Vice Chancellor Leo E. Strine; co-head of North American M&A for J.P. Morgan Chase James Woolery; Harvard Professor Lucian Bebchuk; and a number of top Delaware corporate attorneys, including Francis G.X. Pileggi '86, Kevin Brady '82, Mark Morton, and law school Overseer Edward Micheletti '97.



Clockwise from top left: Chancellor William B. Chandler III of the Delaware Court of Chancery delivers the keynote address; one panel discussion featured, from left, Francis G.X. Pileggi '86, Kevin Brady '82, Mark Morton, Associate Professor and Acting Director of the Institute of Delaware Corporate and Business Law Paul Regan, and Edward Micheletti '97; Steven Davidoff introduces Robert Kindler, Vice Chairman of Investment Banking at Morgan Stanley.

Annual Student Awards Ceremonies Celebrate High Achievement



Both campuses celebrated student achievement with annual awards ceremonies held in April. The Dean's Award and President's Award are two of the most prestigious honors. In Delaware, the Dean's award went to Ryann M. Buckman, while Ashley S. Harron received the President's Award. In Harrisburg, the Dean's Award went to Peri Flugger, Esq., and Steven Jones received the President's Award.

Delaware campus President's Award winner Ashley S. Harron (left) and Dean's Award winner Ryann M. Buckman pose with President Harris and Dean Ammons.

Harrisburg campus President's Award Winner Steven Jones (left), valedictorian Kirsten Kutler, and Dean's Award winner Peri Flugger, Esq. pose with President Harris and Dean Ammons.



Priest-Penitent Privilege Program

The Delaware campus Christian Legal Society presented "Priest-Penitent Privilege: Balancing Confession with Justice" on March 31. The panel discussion explored questions of how and when spiritual leaders should be compelled to testify.

The Rev. John Grimm, a Catholic priest who is also a 1993 graduate of Widener Law, spoke at the event. Grimm is an Assistant Professor of Moral Theology in the School of Theology at Seton Hall University.



Delaware Supreme Court Hears Oral Arguments on the Delaware Campus

For the fifth consecutive year, the Ruby R. Vale Moot Courtroom served as the backdrop for the Delaware Supreme Court, which heard oral arguments in three cases there on April 20. Justices Randy J. Holland, Jack B. Jacobs, and Henry duPont Ridgely heard arguments from, among others, Santino Ceccotti '06 and Abby Adams '07. It marked the fifth consecutive year the court has visited the law school.

Delaware Supreme Court Justices Jack B. Jacobs, Randy J. Holland, and Henry duPont Ridgely.



Court of Federal Claims Hears Oral Arguments on the Delaware Campus

U.S. Court of Federal Claims Judge Loren A. Smith, a member of the law school's faculty from 1976 to 1984, returned to the Delaware campus on February 25. Judge Smith heard oral arguments in a case involving Veterans Law clinic client and Widener Law student Michael Urban. The event marked the first time the court, which often travels to hear cases, had done so at a law school. "It's a great school, and it's become even greater since I left," Smith said.

From left, student Jialiang "Garland" Huang, Student Bar Association President Damiano Del Pino, Hon. Loren A. Smith, Laura Barbour, Esq., career law clerk to Judge Smith, and students Raymond Thomas and Prema Roddam.



Gasland Creator Visits Harrisburg Campus

Josh Fox, writer and director of the documentary *Gasland*, a 2011 Academy Award nominee for Best Documentary Feature, visited the Harrisburg campus on April 18 for a screening of the film followed by a question-and-answer session. The Student Bar Association, the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic, and the Environmental Law and Policy Society sponsored the event.

Filmmaker Josh Fox talks about his documentary *Gasland* after a screening of the film.



John L. Gedid Lecture Investigates Bias

The fifth annual John L. Gedid Lecture focused on bias and how to use law to prevent biased decisions by jurors, judges, physicians, and scientists. The lecture was given April 5 on the Harrisburg campus by Christopher Robertson, Associate Professor of Law at the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law.

From left, Associate Professor Wesley M. Oliver, Professor John L. Gedid, Christopher Robertson, Associate Professor of Law at the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law and the 2011 Gedid Lecturer, and Associate Professor Jill E. Family.



23rd Annual Ruby R. Vale Interschool Corporate Moot Court Competition

The Moot Court Honor Society hosted the 23rd annual Ruby R. Vale Interschool Corporate Moot Court Competition over four days in March. The University of Miami School of Law's team emerged as the winner, defeating the University of Nevada Las Vegas—William S. Boyd School of Law in the final round. William Bratton, professor and co-director of the Institute for Law and Economics at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, delivered the Distinguished Scholar Lecture.

The team from University of Miami School of Law stands with the final-round judges, who included Bratton, Delaware Supreme Court Justices Jack B. Jacobs and Henry duPont Ridgely, and Delaware Court of Chancery Vice Chancellors John W. Noble and J. Travis Laster.



James May Presents Young Fellowship Lecture

The intersection of environmental and constitutional law was the subject of the 2011 H. Albert Young Lecture, a biannual event that is a highlight at Widener Law. Delaware campus Professor James R. May, the H. Albert Young Fellow in Constitutional Law through June 30, delivered the lecture in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel duPont on Wednesday, April 6 before a crowd of about 80 people. Professor Erin Daly has succeeded May in the fellowship.

Back row from left, Professor Erin Daly, Dean Linda L. Ammons, and H. Albert Young Fellow in Constitutional Law James R. May. Seated from left, Toni Young, Richard Douglass, Stuart B. Young, Esq.



Harrisburg Symposium Explores Commonwealth Court's Impact

The *Widener Law Journal* and the Law & Government Institute jointly hosted the symposium, "The Contribution of the Commonwealth Court to Pennsylvania Jurisprudence Since 1970," at the school's Harrisburg campus on February 17. The event focused on several fields of administrative law impacted by the Commonwealth Court and featured a number of distinguished speakers.

From left, Former Commonwealth Court President Judge James Gardner, President Judge Bonnie Leadbetter, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Thomas G. Saylor, and Former Commonwealth Court President Judge Ted Doyle.



Justice Saylor Delivers Second Annual Lecture

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Thomas G. Saylor gave his second lecture in his role as the school's distinguished jurist in residence. Saylor's remarks, "Power and Prerogative: Reflections on Judicial Suspension of Laws," were delivered to law students, professors, and members of the Pennsylvania legal community on Tuesday, March 22, on the Harrisburg campus.

From left, Associate Professor Wesley M. Oliver, Professor and Harrisburg Vice Dean Robyn L. Meadows, Law Dean Linda L. Ammons, Justice Thomas G. Saylor, Associate Professor Jill E. Family.



Harrisburg Campus Hosts Law School Diversity Professionals Conference

In April, the Harrisburg campus welcomed law school diversity professionals from around the country for the fifth annual Law School Diversity Professionals meeting. It featured several panel discussions on topics exploring law school diversity and the economy, women pioneers in the legal field, and religious diversity. Eric M. Kniskern, director of Harrisburg campus admissions, coordinated the event. Dean Linda Ammons delivered the keynote address.

Shirley Jefferson of Vermont Law School.



Delaware Campus Student Named Skadden Rothschild Fellow

Daniel C. W. Lang '11 was named a 2011 Skadden Rothschild Fellow. The prestigious Skadden Rothschild Fellowship Program was designed to make it financially possible for graduating law students to begin careers providing legal services to the poor, elderly, homeless, and disabled, as well as those deprived of civil or human rights. Lang is working at the Community Legal Aid Society Inc. in Wilmington, Delaware, representing children involved in the juvenile justice system. A special fund, established in memory of the late Steven J. Rothschild by law firms in Wilmington, underwrites the fellowship.



Delaware State Representative Rebecca Walker '04 Visits Campus

Delaware State Representative Rebecca Walker '04 joined Dean Linda Ammons and administrative staff for lunch and discussion of current events in the state and at the law school.

From left, Eileen Grena-Piretti, executive director of institutes, Law Dean Linda L. Ammons, and Rebecca Walker '04.



Lancaster Alumni Reception

In February, area alumni gathered at the Red Rose in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to network and socialize, the fifth such annual event. Pennsylvania Bar Association President-Elect Matthew J. Creme, Jr., addressed the attendees, noting the importance of networking with fellow Pennsylvania attorneys and highlighting some of the special practice area groups offered by the state's bar association. Elizabeth Flaherty '07, Sharon López '93, and Angela Rieck '05 hosted and helped plan the reception.

Jeffrey Conrad '99 (left) and Professor James Diehm.



Graduates Gather in Washington, DC

In May, Washington-area alumni joined Dean Linda L. Ammons for a networking social at the Phoenix Park Hotel. Event attendee Catherine "Candy" Wilson '82 had the special honor of being joined at the reception by her daughter, Nichole Wilson '11. Dean Ammons congratulated both Nichole and Mark Wieder, also class of 2011, on their May graduation. She also shared campus news from both Delaware and Harrisburg before opening the floor for questions from alumni.

Dean Linda L. Ammons, center, poses with Catherine "Candy" Wilson '82 (left) and her daughter Nichole Wilson '11.

Central Pennsylvania Alumni & Friends Golf Outing Reaches Five-Year Milestone

Braving colder than anticipated temperatures, 16 foursomes comprised of alumni, friends, and students competed in the fifth annual Central Pennsylvania Alumni & Friends Golf Outing at Manada Golf Course in Grantville, Pennsylvania. Winning by just one stroke, with a score of 60, were George Bibikos '03, Joshua Feldman '04, Adam Zei '10, and guest Zach Prowant. Bibikos and Zei were also members of the 2010 winning foursome.

Golf committee member Christian Davis '92 lines up a putt



Widener Women's Network Harrisburg Chapter Luncheon

At the Widener Women's Network Harrisburg Chapter luncheon in April, attendees enjoyed lunch, networking, and a keynote address by Dean Linda L. Ammons, who discussed the nature of effective leadership. Event sponsor ROBINSON & GERALDO hosted the program at its Harrisburg office. Class Agent Amy Miller '09 helped organize the event. The Harrisburg Chapter's next event will occur in the fall of 2011.

Left to right: Amy Miller '09, Gerald Robinson of ROBINSON & GERALDO, Dean Linda L. Ammons.



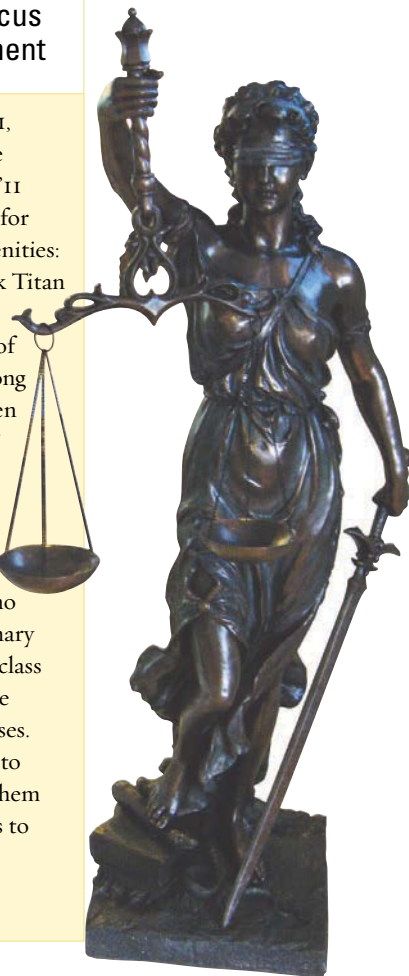
Harrisburg Alumni at the River

The Susquehanna River served as the backdrop for the June 2 alumni gathering at Duke's Bar & Grill in Wormleysburg, Pennsylvania. The Harrisburg area alumni event attracted 40 guests who enjoyed the warm sun while catching up with fellow grads and faculty.

Left to right: Joel Hopkins '99, Antoinette Flora '04, Eid Qaqish '10.

Class of 2011 Gifts Focus on Campus Improvement

The Harrisburg class of 2011, led by Class Gift Committee Chairwoman Valerie Sylves '11 and volunteers, raised funds for two Harrisburg campus amenities: a statue of the ancient Greek Titan Themis as well as a bird and butterfly garden. Meaning "of good counsel," Themis is among the mythological figures often referred to as "Lady Justice." The Delaware class of 2011 raised funds for the purchase of picnic tables and a bench for Shipley Field. SBA presidents Damiano Del Pino (Delaware) and Devyn Zachary (Harrisburg) presented the class gifts to Dean Ammons at the 2011 commencement exercises. We extend our appreciation to the class of 2011 and thank them for their generous donations to the class gift fund.



The Greek Titan Themis.



Harrisburg Alumni Dinner

In March, Dean Linda L. Ammons hosted a dinner for alumni and faculty at Zia's Trattoria at Red Door in downtown Harrisburg. Attendees networked and mingled prior to sitting down with their classmates and former professors for a fine Italian dinner. After the meal, Dean Ammons shared remarks during which she acknowledged Jonathan Koltash '07 as the Harrisburg campus recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award.

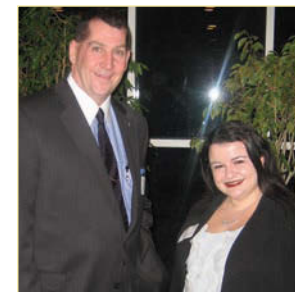
Left to right: Student Ashley Gottron, Rosemary R. Pall, Director of Development, Jonathan Koltash '07, Alaina Koltash '10, Michael Krimmel '95.



Dean Linda Ammons visits Rhoads & Sinon

Dean Linda L. Ammons joined alumni at Rhoads & Sinon LLP in Harrisburg for a luncheon on April 13. Widener Law graduates at the firm were invited to meet with the Dean to learn about recent law school news and to take part in a question-and-answer session. The group enjoyed a lively conversation about enrollment, diversity, capital projects, reputation, and alumni giving among other topics.

Left to right: Karen Salvemini '09, Benjamin Ried '09, Todd Shill '93, Cory Iannacone '05, Vincent Champion '01, Alicia Duke '08, Dean Linda L. Ammons, Michael Winfield '94, Jillian Petrosky '07, Peri Fluger '10.



New Jersey Alumni Gather in Mt. Laurel

In February, the New Jersey Alumni Chapter gathered at the DoubleTree Guest Suites in Mt. Laurel to congratulate alumni recently admitted to the New Jersey Bar. The reception provided an opportunity for accepted applicants and first year students to meet and network with law school staff, alumni, and judges. Dean Linda Ammons welcomed the group and provided law school updates. Jennifer Stonerod '05, Chair of the New Jersey Alumni Chapter, spoke about future New Jersey events and encouraged the alumni and students to take advantage of the networking opportunities the school offers.

Left to right: Stephen Wenger '03 and Jennifer Stonerod '05, New Jersey Alumni Chapter Chair.



Widener Women's Network New Jersey Chapter Luncheon

The New Jersey Chapter of the Widener Women's Network held a networking luncheon in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, on April 4. Sponsored by Kimberley Kluchnick '99 at the offices of Mattleman, Weinroth & Miller, where she is a partner, the luncheon featured Tasha Delaney, a business coach who spoke about assisting women in defining and achieving their professional goals.

Widener Women's Network New Jersey attendees.



Annual Philadelphia Alumni Reception

More than 200 alumni, judges, students, faculty, and staff gathered in March to reunite, reconnect, and network. Hosted by the Alumni Association's Board of Directors, the Annual Philadelphia Alumni Reception was held, for the first time, in the Ballroom of the Benjamin Franklin House in Philadelphia and was preceded by a reception for alumni judges. "What a wonderful event...all who attended seemed to have had a fantastic time" said Renae Axelrod, President of the Widener University School of Law Alumni Association. "It was great seeing so many alumni come out to our annual event!"

Dean Linda Ammons poses with alumni judges.



Happy Hour in Wilmington

Alumni convened for a happy hour at Kelly's Logan House in Wilmington on April 14. The event provided an opportunity for alumni to relax after a long day, reconnect, and network while enjoying great food, drinks, and conversation.

Wilmington Happy Hour (left to right) Tasha Thompson '07, Tara DiRocco '05, Sally Veghte '05, and John Kirk '09.



NYC Alumni Event

On May 9, Alumni in New York City gathered at the offices of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP to network and hear Dean Ammons speak about recent developments at the law school. Willkie Farr & Gallagher partner Mark Abrams '78 hosted the event.

New York alumni pose with Dean Linda Ammons.

Delaware County Alumni Chapter Luncheon and CLE Program

In March, the Delaware County Alumni Chapter hosted a luncheon and CLE program at D'Ignazio's Townhouse Restaurant in Media. The CLE program, entitled "Animal Law: The Basics and Beyond," was presented by the law school's Assistant Dean for Business and Administration, Verne R. Smith, Esq. Mr. Smith teaches Animal Law at Widener, is a faculty advisor for Widener's Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, is the Vice Chair of the Animal Law Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and also serves on the Executive Board of the Animal Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

Left to right: Assistant Dean for Business and Administration, Professor Verne Smith and Delaware County Alumni Chapter Chair Jonathan Peri '99.



Widener Women's Network Delaware Chapter Luncheon

On April 13, the Delaware Chapter of the Widener Women's Network held a luncheon at McCarter and English in Wilmington. Sponsored by Katherine Mayer '98 and Donna Harris '98, the luncheon allowed 28 attendees to network and listen to a panel of four women—Dana Harrington Conner, Adria B. Martinelli, Christine S. Azar, and Kimberly A. Harrison—discuss the topic: "Work/Life Balance in the Practice of Law in Delaware."

Left to right: Christine Azar, Adria Martinelli, Donna Harris '98, Dana Harrington Connor '92, Kim Harrison '96, Laura Beth Taylor '00, Deborah Galonsky '02.

Widener Law at the Opera

On May 1, Widener Law alumni and their guests joined Dean Linda Ammons for a delicious brunch at XIX, followed by an afternoon at the opera to see Giacomo Puccini's *Tosca* at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. Following the performance, the group was treated to a personal backstage tour and had the opportunity to meet cast members Adina Nutescu (*Tosca*), Thiago Arancam (*Cavaradossi*), and Boris Statsenko (*Scarpia*).

Dean Linda Ammons, alumni, and friends at the opera performance of *Tosca*.



Crystal Balling Electronic Discovery.

By Richard Herrmann



Electronic Discovery has been on most litigators' minds during the last several years. It began with the series of *Zululake* cases from the Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York beginning in 2003 and evolved into a significant amendment to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in December of 2006. In less than a decade, an entire new legal industry has been created. Hundreds of vendors have built products and services around it; thousands of hours of CLE credits have been issued on the subject; and millions of dollars have been earned in fees as a result of it. Why?

The short answer is fear of sanctions. The law firm of K&L Gates maintains the most popular of the Electronic Discovery Blogs on the Internet. Of the more than 1,500 electronic discovery opinions

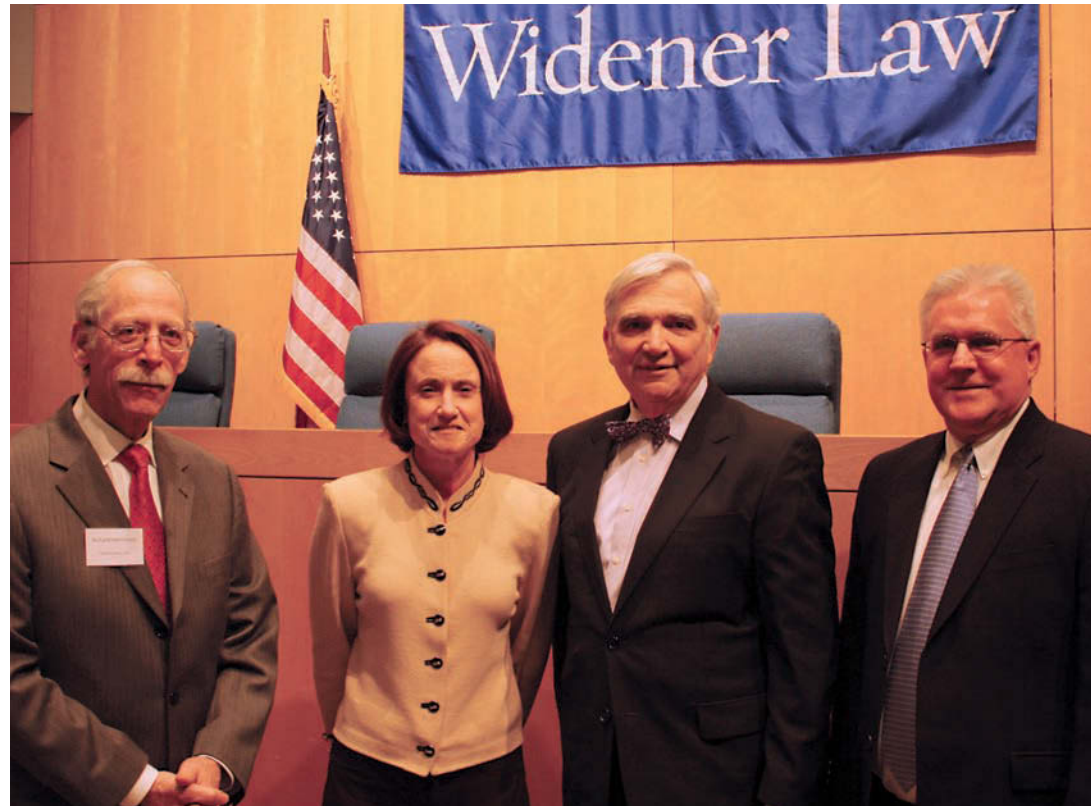
it has summarized, greater than 25% of them relate in some way to sanctions. In many cases the sanctions have been most severe, such as dismissal or default judgement. In others, adverse inferences have been issued; and, yes, lawyers have been criticized, chastised, and sent to disciplinary counsel as a result of sanctions.

This fear of sanctions has increased the stakes in litigation significantly. The threat of sanctions and increased cost of electronic discovery has been used as a club to extract settlements early in litigation. When the cost of discovery and attorneys' fees exceed the value of the law suit, it makes business sense to avoid the litigation at all cost.

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Lawyers and judges know the system is broken and have been struggling with what to do about it. The obvious answer is to limit the volume and the cost of electronic discovery. This conclusion is deceptively obvious. Rule 1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure calls for their administration to secure the "speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding." Indeed, Rule 26 provides the Court with the authority and the tools to limit discovery by applying a standard that has become known as the proportionality test; keeping the cost and burden of discovery proportional to what is at stake in the litigation.

Visiting Professor Richard K. Herrmann is chair of the law school's Corporate Counsel Technology Institute (CCTI), and a partner at Morris James LLP, where he handles a variety of complex litigation. Mr. Herrmann is on the Special Discovery Master Panel for the United States District Court of the District of Delaware. He also serves on the District Court's eDiscovery Committee. He has been appointed as Special Discovery Master for the Delaware Superior Court. Here, Mr. Herrmann (on left) appears with (left to right) Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court in the District of Delaware Mary Pat Thyng, Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia John M. Facciola, and Kevin Brady '82, president of the Richard K. Herrmann Technology Inn of Court at the eDiscovery Superstars CLE in January 2011.



It is quite clear that the next few years will result in efforts by the bench and bar to tame this eDiscovery Hydra. Limits will be placed of the discovery permitted. The parties will be required not only to meet and confer about the scope of discovery, they will have to reach agreement about how to limit the scope of discovery. Discovery limits will be based on time and the number of witnesses (custodians) from whom documents must be collected. Litigation holds (the requirement to freeze standard records management procedures) will be redefined to permit businesses to continue operating in an efficient and more risk-friendly environment.

We are beginning to see these efforts take shape through the creation of new court rules, guidelines, and default standards. It will take time, but the tide will indeed turn. I know there is a jurist out there who sees this as an opportunity to become the next Judge Shira Scheindlin (of *Zululake* fame) of this decade. As I gaze into my crystal, I see this judge will issue a series of two opinions and a standing order. Together they will bring a sense of efficiency, order, and certainty to the field of electronic discovery. To many of us it will be like a new world order, and I welcome it.

ATTENTION ALUMNI

Class Notes invites alumni to write to the Office of Alumni Relations and Development with news of interest. If your name has not appeared recently in Class Notes, take a moment to share some news about yourself for an upcoming issue. If you wish, include a photograph with your information (digital 300 dpi or hard copy). The deadline for the spring issue is December 31, 2011.

Send your Class Note to:
Alumni Office
Widener University School of Law
P.O. Box 7474
Wilmington, DE 19803-0474
Or use our handy online form at
law.widener.edu/alumninotes

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KEVIN P. MCCANN of the Bridgeton law firm Chance & McCann is president-elect of the New Jersey State Bar Association. As an officer of the NJSBA, Mr. McCann will also serve as trustee for the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, the NJSBA's philanthropic arm.

GREGORY E. SCIOLLA and **JOHN D. CIRRIKIONE** presented a CLE for the Burlington County Bar Association's Civil Practice Section on "Back to the Basics: Preparation and Performance of the Cross Examination of Opposing Medical Experts."



JAMES J. VENERUSO of Veneruso, Curto, Schwartz & Curto was named "Yonkers Corporate Citizen" in the May 2, 2011 edition of the *Westchester County Business Journal*, which noted that he has been "a strong defender for the city's business community and a tireless advocate for community service."

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MICHAEL T. SELLERS, liaison to the Newtown, Pennsylvania Borough Planning Commission and Zoning Office, has announced plans to run for reelection for a Borough Council seat in Ward 2. Mr. Sellers has been practicing law in Newtown for 30 years and looks forward to the town's bright future.

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SPIROS E. ANGELOS has announced his candidacy for a seat on the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County.

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KAREN L. SEMMELMAN of Hoffmeyer & Semmelman in York, Pennsylvania, has been named a 2011 top attorney by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers. Ms. Semmelman practices family law.

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CARY L. FLITTER of Lundy, Flitter, Beldecos & Berger in Narberth, Pennsylvania, discussed "Consumer Rights and Protection" with the employees of the Human Services Center in Norristown, Pennsylvania during a Lunch-n-Learn. Mr. Flitter spoke and offered suggestions about Debt Collection Abuse and Credit Reporting Problems.

LEE A. SCHWARTZ has been elected President of the Nicholas A. Cipriani Family Law Inn of Court for a two-year term, effective September, 2011.

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JAMES J. MCELDREW, a 15-year partner of McEldrew & Fullman, has formed McEldrew Law. Mr. McEldrew's firm will focus on serving individuals in

the railroad workplace and personal injury, medical malpractice, and other civil litigation issues.

ROBERT T. SZOSTAK of Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg and Gifford, P.C., in Landsdale was named a “Pennsylvania Super Lawyer” for the fourth consecutive year by *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*. Mr. Szostak practices catastrophic injury litigation.

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MICHAEL J. D’ANIELLO of Norristown was elected on the 2011 slate of officers by The Board of Trustees of Montgomery County Community College. Mr. D’Aniello will serve as chairman.

EDWARD J. STOLARSKI has been named partner of Post & Post. Mr. Stolarski focuses his practice on medical malpractice defense litigation and general liability litigation matters.

ROBERT W. WEIDNER, JOHN J. HUBBERT, HARRY MCMUNIGAL, and BARRY J. TOMLINSON teamed up to take on the field of entrants in a scramble golf tournament. The outing, held at the Town & Country Golf Links in Woodstown, New Jersey, was for the benefit of the Greater Swedesboro Business Association. The classmates were guests of event sponsor Mattioni, Ltd., the Philadelphia/Swedesboro law firm in which Bob is a principal attorney. Despite a slow start, the team came on to finish the tournament one stroke off the

lead. Jack and Barry were no worse for wear at the end of a very hot day, especially considering that they carried Bob and Harry for most of the 18 holes. The group, which golfed together often during law school, played together for the first time in 28 years.

CATHY A. WILSON of West Chester, Pennsylvania, is a Wealth Management Consultant and Private Banker for First National Bank of Chester County. She currently serves on the boards of the West Chester Public Library, Planned Parenthood Southeastern Pennsylvania, and the Kennett Symphony.

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MARK T. GALLAGHER, founding member of Weber Gallagher Simpson Stapleton Fires & Newby, was appointed to the Albright College Board of Trustees. Mark currently focuses his practice on defending workers’ compensation and liability matters.

ANNE COVEY, a lawyer in Upper Makefield Township, won the Republican primary for Commonwealth Court judge.

RAYMOND M. THOMAS is running for judge on the Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas in Pennsylvania.

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JOHN D. BALAGUER has been named a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

CAROLYN T. CARLUCCIO of Whippany has been installed as the head of the Montgomery County (Pennsylvania) Bar Association. Carolyn will be the first sitting judge to serve as the association’s president.

THOMAS M. NORTH was renominated as the judge for the Westville National Park Joint Municipal Court. Mr. North currently manages his own firm in Woodbury.



JOHN E. SAVOTH of Saltz Mongeluzzi Barrett & Bendesky will serve as the 2011 Chancellor-Elect of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Mr. Savoth was Vice Chancellor in 2010 and will serve as Chancellor in 2012.

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FRANCIS G.X. PILEGGI joined Eckert Seamans as the Member-in Charge of the Wilmington office. Mr. Pileggi was the founding partner of Fox Rothchild’s Wilmington office and focuses his practice in the areas of corporate and commercial litigation.

THOMAS F. SACCHETTA and Bruce H. MacKnight ’04 of Sacchetta & Baldino in Media, Pennsylvania, secured a \$12 million verdict for their client, an accident victim hit by a stolen vehicle.

PETER E. WARSHAW, First Assistant Monmouth County Prosecutor, was confirmed by the Senate to head the office. Mr. Warshaw has been an assistant prosecutor in Monmouth since graduating from Widener Law.

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SHARON H. CAFFREY of Duane Morris moderated the telebriefing, “New Changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: How Has the Litigation Landscape Changed?”



JAMES D. FATTORINI, a criminal defense attorney in Lumberton, New Jersey, was elected as a member of the Burlington County Bridge Commission by the Burlington County Board of Freeholders.

JOSEPH J. MCGOVERN has announced that he has published his third novel, *The Genesis Halo*. Third in a series of books, *The Genesis Halo* deals with the debate of Creationism versus Darwinism. Mr. McGovern’s book can be purchased on www.Lulu.com

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JOHN P. CAPUZZI has announced his candidacy for a seat on the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County, Pennsylvania

TERESA A. CHEEK was appointed Community Legal Aid Society Inc.’s Executive Director in Delaware.

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MARC D. KELLER has joined Advanced Call Center Technologies in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, as Chief Compliance Officer. Mr. Keller will be responsible for the guarantee of ACT’s compliance with all internal, client, and governmental requirements.

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ANDREW F. GARRUTO has formed a partnership with Joseph T. Calabria. The firm, Garruto & Calabria, Attorneys at Law, has its primary office in Nutley, New Jersey.

CRAIG A. STYER has been appointed office managing partner of Fox Rothschild’s Chester County office.

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ERIC N. RUBINO was hired at Ohana Companies as the President and Chief Operating Officer at its Wilmington, Delaware headquarters. Mr. Rubino will help with strategic problem solving, infrastructure development, and corporate governance.

CYNTHIA F. TOWERS, CEO and cofounder of JuriStaff, was recognized in Philadelphia *SmartCEO* magazine. Juristaff, a provider of legal support, recruitment and consulting services, was noted as one of Greater Philadelphia’s 60 fastest growing companies.

DAVID M. GORENBERG is Senior Vice President at Citibank and national director of IRC Section 1031 tax-deferred exchange services. He works with individuals and businesses who utilize the deferral offered by IRC 1031 when they are upgraded business or investment assets and travels the country providing CLE and CPE courses. He looks forward to hearing from classmates and other alumni.

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VALENCIA L. BEATY was named Chief Human Resources Director of the Unclaimed Property Compliance division of the Delaware Department of Finance. Ms. Beaty will be responsible for the receipt and reconciliation of nearly \$495 million in property and the refunding of nearly \$15 million annually. Additionally, she will be in charge of employee recruitment and retention,

negotiation and administration of collective bargaining agreements, labor relations, pension and benefits programs, training, and policy development and implementation.

HARRY P. MCGRATH was appointed co-chairman of the judicial nomination advisory panels for Pennsylvania's Middle District by Senator Bob Casey.

DONALD J. DETWEILER joined Pepper Hamilton as a partner in the Corporate Restructuring and Bankruptcy Practice Group. Donald focuses his practice on bankruptcy, corporate restructuring, insolvency, creditor's rights and post-confirmation litigation trusts and litigation.

RISA VETRI FERMAN, Montgomery County District Attorney and nationally known anti-child abuse advocate, wrote a book titled *The Mouse Who Went Surfing Alone*. Her book is meant to bring awareness to children and parents about the dangers of browsing the web. All proceeds from the book will be given to Mission Kids, a nonprofit that provides numerous support services to children who are victims of abuse.

JOSEPH J. MCHALE of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young was named to the Board of Directors for the Central and South-eastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey regions of the American Diabetes Association.

REGINA FOLEY TATLONGHARI was elected Chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Board of Governors.

MICHAEL P. BONNER, a partner at Stradley Ronon, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia chapter of the Commercial Finance Association.

MARY H. BURCHIK of Buzgon Davis Law Offices in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, has been named a "Pennsylvania Super Lawyer" for the sixth time.

RAFAEL X. ZAHRALADDIN-ARAVENA was the moderator and chair of the Business Bankruptcy Committees Chapter 11 Luncheon in April. Topics included jurisdiction, distressed-assets sales, tax refunds and new operating loss allocation disputes, intercompany claims, and the treatment of creditors.

RICHARD Q. HARK of Hark & Hark in Philadelphia coauthored "Sexting: Criminal Prosecution, Juvenile Adjudication and Megan's Law" for the *Legal Intelligencer*, discussing how the era of Smartphones has created complex parenting and legal issues and also altered the social and workplace dynamic.

MEGHAN A. ADAMS joined Proctor Heyman in Wilmington, Delaware. Ms. Adams focuses her practice on corporate and commercial litigation in the Delaware Court of Chancery.

TRACY L. BOAK, former Director of the Pennsylvania Department of State's Bureau of Charitable Organizations, has joined Perlman and Perlman in New York City.



JASON A. COPLEY has been named Managing Partner at Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman in Philadelphia. Mr. Copley will direct the day-to-day management of the firm and its eight offices.

CHRISTINE C. FIZZANO-CANNON has announced her candidacy for one of five open seats on the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County.

GINA R. FURIA RUBEL, president and CEO of Furia Rubel Communications, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Governors for the Philadelphia Bar Association. Furia Rubel Communications was recently honored with three awards at the 2011 Corporate Philanthropy Summit.

MARK J. KOGAN, a partner of Weinstein, Schleifer & Kupersmith P.C., was one of the founding members of the Latino Hispanic American Community Center in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

JENNIFER L. MILLER, partner at Ballard Spahr, edited *How to Start and Grow a Life Sciences Company: Practical Advice for Start-up Companies & Incubators*, a collection of writings by CEOs of start-ups, accountants, venture capital and angel investors, and others who have experience working with entrepreneurs. Ms. Miller helps lead the firm's Life Sciences/Technology Group.

DOUGLAS J. STEINHARDT of Florio, Perrucci, Steinhart & Fader, in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, was nominated to the New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission by Governor Chris Christie and approved unanimously by the state senate. The Advisory Commission oversees the selection process of individuals for admission to the Hall of Fame, as well as the creation and operation of the Hall itself.

CHRISTOPHER P. GERBER of Siana, Bellwoar & McAndrew in Chester County, Pennsylvania, presented seminars about successful risk management strategies for police chiefs and administrators of municipal police departments to the Adams County Association of Township Officials in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in May.

TERRY M. HENRY has joined Blank Rome in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as Vice-Chair of the Life Sciences industry team and Partner in the Product Liability, Mass Torts, Insurance group.

GREGORY P. LAMONACA, founding member of the Law Office of Gregory P. LaMonaca P.C., was named to *Suburban Main Line Life's* "Awesome Attorney" edition under the category of family law.

CHRISTOPHER D. MCDEMUS, owner of MCD Law Partners, and MatchStick Partners, was appointed Director of VENTURESeries, a track for entrepreneurship in Lehigh University's MBA program, and as Professor of Practice, Entrepreneurship.

GREGORY J. PALAKOW, chairman of the immigration law practice group at Archer & Greiner in Haddonfield, New Jersey, wrote an article titled "Labor & Employment Immigration Enforcement: Government Increases Efforts to Curb Illegal Employment of Immigrants," which appeared in the *Legal Intelligencer* on June 14, 2011.



RICHARD J. SHOCH of Sunbury won the May 2011 primary race for the Northumberland County commissioner. Mr. Shoch has worked as a solicitor for local municipalities and was the Vice President and member of Morgan Stanley's law division.

JULIA SWAIN, partner of Fox Rothschild, family law practice group, presented "Overview of the Divorce Process: How the Personal Accountant and Financial Adviser Can Assist" to 65 accountants and financial advisers on May 10 in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Ms. Swain focuses her practice on divorce, custody, support, equitable distribution, and abuse.

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PATRICK C. BARRY

of Morowitz & Barry, Ltd., completed his one-year term as President of the Rhode Island Association for Justice. Mr. Barry was honored with an AV rating by the national lawyer review publication *Martindale-Hubbell* and was selected to be a part of the 2010 New England Super Lawyers list.

JASON L. BRODSKY secured a \$3 million award for his client—the superintendent for the general contractor of a Philadelphia construction site—who was injured falling through an unmarked hole.

STEVEN L. CAPONI of Blank Rome's Wilmington, Delaware, office, coauthored "A Dispatch from the 'State of the Union' for Corporate Lawyers" in the April 29 issue of the *Legal Intelligencer*.

KAREN C. DEL VESCOVO is the general manager for Microsoft Corp.'s Mid-Atlantic Enterprise District and is the first woman in this regional role.



ERIN S. HENNESSY joined Bracewell & Giuliani in Seattle, Washington. She focuses her practice on trademark law with an emphasis on the media and telecommunications industries. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Hennessey managed worldwide trademark matters, served as assistant general counsel and chief trademark counsel for Time Warner, recently served as member of the Board of Directors of the International Trademark Association, and is a member of INTA's New gTLD Subcommittee.

CHRISTOPHER J. MARZZACCO has joined Anapol Schwartz Weiss Cohan Feldman & Smalley in Philadelphia.

MITCHELL A. NEWMARK has been named partner at Morrison & Foerster. Mr. Newmark focuses his practice on state and local tax litigation, is currently a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on the Tax Court, and is both Secretary and member of the Executive Committee of the Tax Section of the New Jersey Bar Association.

JENNIFER L. ROGERS of Harveys Lake, Pennsylvania, secured a spot on the 2011 ballot for Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas judge. Ms. Rogers practices family law and civil litigation at her own practice in Kingston, Pennsylvania.

JENNIFER LEVY-TATUM was named partner of Binder & Canno, a law firm in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD B. MICHELETTI, a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in Wilmington, Delaware, was named a "Rising Star" by Law360. In addition, he authored an article, which was featured in *The News Journal*, about his experience at Widener Law and the first-rate education, experience, and services that students, faculty and community members receive there.

LISA A. PUGLISI has been named Assistant Counsel in Governor Christie's Appointment Office. Ms. Puglisi will be responsible for judicial and prosecutorial appointments.



JUSTIN B. WINEBURGH, the head of media, entertainment, and sports law practice at Cozen O'Connor, was named one of the "Faces of the New Philly" by *Philadelphia Magazine*. Mr. Wineburgh was noted for his representation of film and TV projects throughout Philadelphia.

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KRISTINE BUTLER of Volpe and Koenig, P.C., was promoted from Barrister level to the highest Masters of the Bench level at John C. Liflan American Inn of Court. Such a promotion is reserved solely for judges, experienced lawyers, and law professors.



CHRISTOPHER A. BROWN, an attorney at his own Atlantic City firm, is running for Assemblyman for the New Jersey 2nd Legislative District. Mr. Brown is a veteran, is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, serves in the Local Government Law Section of the Atlantic County Bar Association, and serves as Arbitrator for the Superior Court in Atlantic County.

NANCY J. KIPPENHAN, an Assistant Professor of Law at Liberty University, published "Seeking Truth on the Other Side of the Wall: Greenleaf's Evangelists Meet the Federal Rules, Naturalism, and Judas." Ms. Kippenhan presented her paper at the 2010 Annual Conference for the Study of the Association of Law, Culture and the Humanities.

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KELLY HOOVER THOMPSON and her husband Desmond Thompson welcomed their second child, Victoria Grace Thompson, in April 2011.

PATRICK J. MURPHY, partner at Fox Rothschild, was honored with the Keystone Progress Profiles in Courage award in conjunction with the 2011 Pennsylvania Progressive Summit, where he also served as a panelist for the "Making a Place for Veterans at the Progressive Table" discussion. Mr. Murphy delivered the keynote address at the Third Circuit Spring Meeting and Governor Election, where he was also awarded a plaque for his work with Widener Law. In March, he was given the Human Rights Campaign National Leadership Award during the HRC Los Angeles Gala Dinner, and co-chaired the Service Members Legal Defense Network's 19th Annual National Dinner with Sen. Joe Lieberman. In April, Mr. Murphy announced his candidacy for Pennsylvania Attorney General.

CHRISTOPHER A. WARD, managing shareholder of Polsinelli Shughart's Wilmington, Delaware office, was named Vice Chair of the firm's Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Practice. He represents clients in various bankruptcy matters before courts in Delaware and nationally.

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ROBERT J. FITZGERALD, Supervisor of the Workers' Compensation Department at Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin's Cherry Hill, New Jersey office, spoke about current developments in Workers' Compensation law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey at the April 2011 Workers' Compensation Law Update.

J. WESLEY KOCSIS of Kocsis Law Office in Athens, Pennsylvania, has been named a "Super Lawyers Rising Star" by *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* magazine and *Philadelphia Magazine*. Mr. Kocsis focuses his practice on injury law and family law.

BRIAN L. NAGLE has been named President of the Chester County Pennsylvania Bar Foundation. Mr. Nagle will also head the charitable division for the organization. His duties will include maintaining funding for schools and individual students as well as keeping up with school programs.

CHRISTINA M. THOMPSON has joined Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz in Wilmington, Delaware. Ms. Thompson is of counsel in the firm's Business Law Group, practicing in Commercial Bankruptcy.

2001

MATTHEW R. DICLEMENTE of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young in Philadelphia served as a panelist on the Webinar, "The New Form ADV Delivery Requirements, Contracts and Insider Trading Under the Advisers Act."

SARAH E. DILUZIO was appointed of counsel to Potter Anderson & Corroon in Wilmington, Delaware.

DELIA A. DOUGHERTY has joined Rawle & Henderson's Marlton, New Jersey office as an associate.

COREY FIELD of Ballard Spahr was highlighted in a *Philadelphia Inquirer* article about Philadelphia firms expanding to Los Angeles and into entertainment law. Mr. Field specializes in copyright and intellectual-property issues.

GEORGE N. MARROS has joined Hoffmeyer & Semmelman in York, Pennsylvania. Prior to joining Hoffmeyer & Semmelman, Mr. Marros was Senior Deputy Prosecutor for the York County District Attorney's Office and a former Prosecutor for the Dauphin County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Marros focuses his practice in all areas of criminal defense and family law.

PATRICK M. MCKENNA was for the third time named a “Rising Star” in the Land Use/Zoning category by *Super Lawyers* magazine. Mr. McKenna, of Gawthrop Greenwood in West Chester, Pennsylvania, focuses his practice on municipal law, land use, zoning, real estate, tax assessment appeals, and business litigation.

MARK A. SHIAVO was named partner of Dilworth Paxson in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Mr. Shivo concentrates his practice on complex commercial litigation in the state and federal courts of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

2002



RICHARD L. ALLOWAY, State Senator for Pennsylvania's

33rd District, was elected to the Senate Judiciary Committee for the 2011-12 legislative session. Senator Alloway was also reappointed Chairman of the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee for the 2011-12 legislative sessions.

JANAKI R. CATANZARITE of Pepper Hamilton was recognized by Philadelphia VIP as “Volunteer of the Month” for her exceptional volunteer service to the organization.

TRACY C. STOHR recently had the vacation of a lifetime in Australia. Ms. Stoehr says, “It was one the best experiences of my life...every student should do it!”

CHARLES T. WILLIAMS has joined Saul Ewing's Wilmington, Delaware, office as special counsel in the Business and Finance Department and a member in the Corporate Group.

2003

MARISA A. FACCILO has joined Northern Trust, a provider of financial services for institutions and affluent individuals, as vice president and wealth strategist in the Delaware office. Ms. Facciolo's expertise is in new business development throughout the Northeast Region.

2004

JONATHON H. LOMURRO, a senior associate in Lomurro Davison's Litigation Department, has been named Young Lawyer of the Year by the New Jersey State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.

BRUCE H. MACKNIGHT and Thomas F. Sacchetta '86, of Sacchetta & Baldino in Media, Pennsylvania, secured a \$12 million verdict for their client, an accident victim hit by a stolen vehicle.

2005

VERNON T. ANASTASIO of The Anastasio Law Firm in Philadelphia will be opening a satellite office in Port Richmond.

DEBORAH E. BALLANTYNE of White and Williams served as a panelist at the 2011 Healthcare Summit: Healthcare Reform and the Future in Philadelphia. Her topic: “Technology and Social Media—Evolving Issues for Healthcare.”



CHRISTOPHER J. CABOTT, entertainment lawyer and sports agent with Zane Management Inc. in Philadelphia, appeared on Fox News to discuss the legality of the NFL lockout.

ADAM J. NOAH has joined the American Insurance Association (AIA) as vice president of federal affairs. Most recently, Mr. Noah served in the office of Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) as a legislative assistant.

2006

ERIC M. BROWN of Siana, Bellwoar & McAndrew in Chester County, Pennsylvania, presented seminars about successful risk management strategies for police chiefs and administrators of municipal police departments to the Adams County Association of Township Officials in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in May.



MAUREEN M. FARRELL chairs and is editor of the Philadelphia Bar Association's new “Women in the Profession Newsletter.”

The inaugural issue, published in July 2011, featured writings by a number of regionally prominent women in the law.

RYAN W. GALLAGHER is a candidate for Newtown Township, Pennsylvania, Supervisor.

SEAN P. NEWELL reports that, after living the litigation lifestyle for more than three years, he decided to put his degree to a different use, get out of the office, and start pounding the Manhattan pavement as a real estate broker with Bond New York. He notes that, aside from his three years in Delaware for law school, he has lived in New York all his life and knows the area well.



GRAIG M. SCHULTZ joined the Lehigh Valley firm Gross McGinley as a member of the Litigation Practice Group. Mr. Schultz's

practice focuses on civil litigation, including commercial litigation, medical malpractice defense, and personal injury.

2007

TRAVIS W. BLISS, an associate in Potter Anderson's intellectual property practice, was honored with the 2010 David B. Brown Pro Bono Award. Mr. Bliss was recognized for his far-reaching and outstanding service in child custody cases.

JOHN D. CIRRINICIONE and Gregory E. Sciolla '75, presented a CLE for the Burlington County Bar Association's Civil Practice Section on “Back to the Basics: Preparation and Performance of the Cross Examination of Opposing Medical Experts.”

2008

JOHN P. SANDERSON III, attorney at Sanderson, Sanderson & Sanderson Law Firm in Olyphant, Pennsylvania, was recently named a “Pennsylvania Super Lawyer Rising Star” for 2011, an honor recognized in *Law & Politics* and *Philadelphia* magazines published in June 2011.

WHITNEY W. DEENEY of Saul Ewing's litigation department co-wrote “One Share, One Vote? Not Necessarily” for the February 25 edition of the *Legal Intelligencer*.

LEE C. DURIVAGE of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin in Philadelphia co-wrote an article titled “Undue Hardship: The Employer's Burden Under the ADA,” which appeared in the *Legal Intelligencer* on June 14, 2011. Mr. Durivage concentrates his practice on the defense of employers in discrimination-related lawsuits in federal and state court and administrative agencies.

DAVID S. KELLER, an incumbent Franklin County, Pennsylvania, Commissioner, will seek reelection in November 2011.

ROBERT T. MCCLINTOCK, an associate with Lamb McErlane's municipal group, co-wrote the article, “What Does the Public Have a Right to Know About Gaming Applicants?” The article was published in the *Legal Intelligencer* in March 2011.

STEPHEN W. RIES and his wife welcomed their baby boy, Anthony Steven, on May 21, 2011.

CHRISTINA M. FISHER has opened her own practice, Fisher Law Office, in the Harrisburg area. She will focus her practice on professional license defense, labor law, and wills and estates.

RENAE L. KLUK KEIHL is the new assistant corporate secretary for Capital BlueCross. As an officer of the company, Ms. Kiehl supports the corporate secretary and the Board of Directors and is also responsible for corporate governance issues regarding the company and its subsidiaries.

TRACY WARGA was appointed and sworn in as a Kent County, Delaware, Justice of the Peace by Governor Jack Markell.

2009

THEODORE Y. CHOI has joined the Law Office of Faye Riva Cohen. He focuses his practice on employment, disability, and civil rights.

SARA L. MCGEEVER is a board member of and volunteer for Mission Kids, a nonprofit organization dedicated to child abuse investigation and intervention, as well as the protection of children from duplicative interviews through a multidisciplinary team approach. In 2010, Ms. McGeever launched Young Friends of Mission Kids, a group of fundraisers, ages 35 and below, dedicated to the vision of Mission Kids. She chairs Young Friends of Mission Kids' board.

2010

JENNIFER IACONO of Mattioni Counselors at Law published her note, “The Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act and its Commerce Clause Implications,” in *Widener Law Review* Volume XVII, Issue I, where it was chosen “Most Outstanding Paper of Publishable Quality.”

IN MEMORIAM

MICHAEL B. EGAN '78

JEFFREY M. KOHLHAS '81

RUTH A. COURTNEY '91

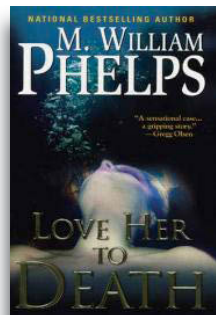
CHRISTOPHER M. FASCETTA '91

CARTER S. SHIELDS '93

CHARLES K. GRABER '95

ALEXANDER M. STIRTON '96

JOSEPH F. GULA '01



CHRISTOPHER P. LARSEN '99, KELLY SEKULA '99, and **ANDREW GONZALES '05** are mentioned in the book *Love Her to Death* by M. William Phelps. The book tells the true story of a local murder.

Alumni Land Corbett Administration Posts



When assembling his new administration, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett included **Michael F. Consedine '94**, who was appointed the commonwealth's Insurance Commissioner, and **Annamarie Kaiser '93**, who will serve as Secretary of Legislative Affairs. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Consedine, who was confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate in April, served as partner and vice chairman of Saul Ewing's insurance practice group. Ms. Kaiser served as Acting Chief of Staff in the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, Ms. Kaiser was the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association.

Ms. Kaiser and Mr. Consedine join a large contingent of Widener Law graduates in Pennsylvania's government. If you have a role in the Corbett administration—or anywhere in government—we'd like to know. Please send us your news at law_alumni@mail.widener.edu.

Widener Law Alumni Dominate “Main Line Area’s Best”

Eight of the 15 attorneys named the “Main Line Area’s Best” in their specialties by *Main Line Today* magazine are Widener Law alumni. Congratulations!

Michael J. Malloy '76

Criminal Defense

Timothy F. Rayne '95

Personal Injury

Gregory P. LaMonaca '95

Divorce

Scott R. Reidenbach '97

Real Estate Law

Duke Schneider '90

Elder Law

James B. Urie '00

Tax Law

Mark Blank Jr. '75

Personal Bankruptcy

David R. Cherry '95

Workers' Compensation

The magazine also named **Lindsey J. Conan '07** and **David Concannon '91** among “The Main Line Area's 250 Best Attorneys.”