



Widener Law
Taishoff Advocacy,
Technology,
and Public Service
Institute

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The Taishoff Advocacy, Technology, and Public Service Institute at Widener Law educates aspiring attorneys in the fundamental skills essential to becoming trial advocates. The institute also provides specialized instruction on the applied uses of legal technology and best practices for public service.

Since 1988, the institute has focused on teaching trial advocacy skills. With the generous bequest of a \$1.2 million grant from the Taishoff Family Foundation in 2009, the former Trial Advocacy Institute adopted a new name and its core program expanded.

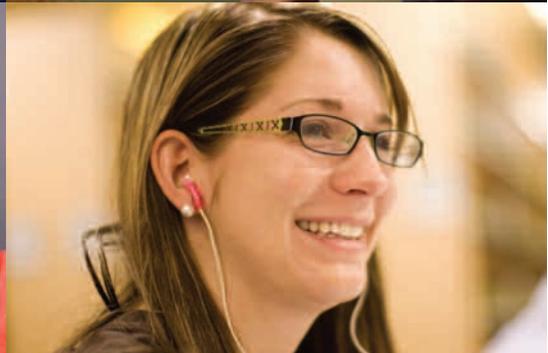
The institute now offers the best of legal training in basic forensic skills and the use of technology in the discovery process, turning out graduates who help others through advocacy. A full range of opportunities awaits students in Widener Law's Taishoff Advocacy, Technology and Public Service Institute.

Advocacy Learning Opportunities in the Classroom and Beyond

The institute grounds students in the core competencies of the trial process from beginning to end, from the initial client interviews through summation. Our dedicated and experienced faculty provide instruction on critical topics including pre-trial motions, discovery requests, opening statements, and closing arguments.

If your goal is to become an expert trial advocate, the Taishoff Advocacy, Technology, and Public Service Institute can provide you with the foundational skills and the opportunity to put those skills into practice.





Trial Advocacy Certificate Programs on Two Campuses

On the **Delaware Campus**, Widener’s Taishoff Advocacy, Technology and Public Service Institute offers JD students an opportunity to develop their knowledge of and proficiency in the fundamental skills essential to becoming competent, professionally responsible advocates. Students have access to courses covering all basic trial advocacy skills, culminating in a trial advocacy certificate. These courses are presented in a clearly integrated sequence and are taught by institute-selected instructors using approved material and course outlines.

On Widener Law’s **Harrisburg Campus**, the advocacy certificate program provides students with course work and hands-on learning opportunities

in litigation (civil, criminal, and administrative) and dispute resolution. The program is designed to enhance placement opportunities in the region’s district attorney and public defender offices, public agencies that conduct administrative hearings, and private law firms.



“The experience in trial advocacy I gained at Widener has been beneficial throughout my career. The program helped me to develop strong advocacy skills before I even stepped into a courtroom and instilled the confidence needed to represent a large corporation in a variety of cases.”

—Vera Holmes '89, counsel
Ashland, Inc.

Certificate of Concentration in Advocacy—Specialization in Criminal Law

Widener's specialization in criminal law provides students on the Delaware Campus the opportunity to learn the ropes of criminal law. This certificate in criminal law focuses on criminal procedure, and trial and appellate advocacy. Nationally recognized full-time and adjunct faculty lecture on topics such as the death penalty, electronic surveillance and privacy issues, forensic science, and criminal law advocacy. Students can choose from a wide selection of elective courses in areas as diverse as white collar crime, cyber-crime, sentencing, and advanced criminal problems.

Intensive Trial Advocacy Programs

Conducted on both the Harrisburg and Delaware campuses after the conclusion

of spring semester final examinations, the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP) is a seven-day course designed to sharpen trial advocacy skills. The ITAP faculty consist of highly experienced trial attorneys, judges, and law professors who offer detailed and valuable insight into trial law. The intensive program culminates with a simulated jury trial enabling students to put their newly learned skills into action.

Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society

Named for the late Morris (Moe) Levine, a trial advocate who inspired the growth of trial advocacy education, the Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society offers students the chance to develop courtroom skills. Students participate in training sessions, workshops, and mock trial competitions.

Clinics

Widener's legal clinics invite students to experience what it is like to be a lawyer—handling real cases for real clients while building professional skills and confidence.

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

Externships

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

Corporate Counsel Technology Institute

The Corporate Counsel Technology Institute (CCTI) offers instruction in applied legal technology. If you're interested in how technology interacts with corporate law, you will find that the CCTI has a wealth of valuable resources.





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