Dear Prospective Members,

Congratulations on completing another semester of law school! Although you have just finished a busy and stressful semester, pursuing membership in *Widener Journal of Law, Economics & Race* will hopefully prove to be very educational and fulfilling. We encourage you to push through and take the time to compete in this competition. If you are offered membership, you will find the benefits of membership in the *Widener Journal of Law, Economics & Race* very rewarding.

The following packet includes the Competition Agreement for the Open Writing Competition, Directions for the Competition, and Bluebook Problems. For the Open Competition, you may submit any legal work, including a paper written for a Legal Methods course. If you choose to participate in the Open Writing Competition, you may be required to interview with members of the executive board before being offered admission. The Open Competition is not anonymous, please contact an executive board member if you are interested.

We want to make participating in this competition a positive experience, so please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for participating in the 2012 Winter Writing Competition of the *Widener Journal of Law, Economics & Race*!

Sincerely,

WJLER Board
Participants in the Open Writing Competition may submit any legal writing including a paper completed for Legal Methods. Open Writing Competition participants may be asked to interview with members of the executive board.

Please note the following date:

- **Friday, January 4th at 5:00 p.m.** is the latest time any paper can be submitted.

Please submit your work to Megan Hunsicker at mahunsicker@gmail.com. **No late papers will be accepted.**

In addition to a paper submitted after the deadline, the following conditions will disqualify a student for membership on WJLER:

1. If the participant’s cumulative GPA, after final grades are returned for the Fall 2012 semester, is below 2.7;
2. If the participant has not completed 30 credits of academic course work by the start of the Spring 2013 semester; or
3. If the paper contains evidence of plagiarism or other Honor Code violations (specifically Section 202(a), which includes (1) unauthorized giving or receiving of material aid or assistance; (2) the unauthorized use of information; and (3) the giving or obtaining of any unfair academic advantage) (NOTE: Honor Code Violations will also be referred to the Dean of Students).

**Open Competition Format:** All guidelines required by your Legal Methods course, other law course, or formatting required by an employer apply. If submitting a paper from a legal employer, be sure to change all names or confidential information.

**Plagiarism:** The paper you submit must be of your own creation. Any statement, idea, or concept NOT of your own creation must be properly footnoted. Please read carefully the following definition of plagiarism located in the 2010-2011 Student Handbook:

Plagiarism is defined as the unauthorized appropriation of the ideas or written work of another. Plagiarism on papers and other law school assignments includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Knowing or reckless copying or paraphrasing without attribution of any material written by another; (2) Knowing or reckless submission as one’s own of a research assignment, paper, classwork or other projects which have been prepared in part by another; (3) Knowing or reckless use of the exact language of
another without identification as a direct quotation, by quotation marks or otherwise, even though the source is cited in the student’s work.

Plagiarism cannot be tolerated and will be reported to the Dean of Students for appropriate action.

**Grading:** Your paper will be graded using the following criteria: writing style, legal analysis, organization, grammar/punctuation/word usage, and citation skills. All factors are weighed equally.

**Anonymity:** The Open Writing Competition is **not** anonymous. Please contact mabean@mail.widener.edu or any other board member, if you are interested. At this time you may be asked to schedule an interview.

**Questions during the competition:** Should be e-mailed to mabean@mail.widener.edu.

**Bluebook Problems:** All students competing in the Winter Competitions must complete the set of bluebook problems attached.

All instructions in this packet as to citation format, etc. **must be followed precisely.** The decision of Widener Journal of Law, Economics & Race is final and, consequently, there will be **no review of the Board’s decision in this matter**

Participants **MUST** electronically or manually sign this sheet and e-mail it to mabean@mail.widener.edu or you can mail it to: Megan Hunsicker, Student Box #431, P.O. Box 7309, Wilmington, DE 19803.

I have acknowledged that I have read this sheet, examined the enclosed materials, and I agree to abide by the terms of the competition.

________________________________________________________

Signature                              Date

(____)________________________________________

Telephone Number                        E-mail
Directions:
The following questions are designed to test your knowledge and use of proper citation. Each question will have a bracketed explanation of the context surrounding the footnote citation or textual sentence requiring correction. Please make the changes necessary to the non-bracketed text so that it conforms to proper Bluebook format (the case / article names and websites are fictitious, but the case reporters, journals, and law reviews are real and the way to cite to them should be looked up in the Bluebook). Feel free to refer to Bluebook for help, and if you are unsure and would like to add an explanation of the changes made, please add it below the problem. When finished, save your answers to these problems as the last page of the paper which is submitted in connection with the paper.

1. [The following appears in a textual sentence in a law review article]
Pursuant to the holding of Red Riding Hood, Inc. V. State of Pennsylvania, 111 US 222 (US, 2000), the formula for Snow White pesticides is protected under the law governing trade secrets.

2. [The following appears in a footnote citation]

3. [The following is a footnote citation to an article published on a website which is in html (not pdf) format and has no published printed version]
Jim Halpert and Pam Halpert, “Top Marriage Proposals,” The Office, 4, (May 1, 2006) http://www.theoffice.com/article1 (studies indicate that Niagara Falls is a great place to propose).

4. [The following appears in a footnote citation to an article in the Columbia Journal of Asian Law]

5. [The following is a short form citation to page 70 of Zoolander v. Pennsylvania, 666 U.S. 53 (1999) which has been consecutively cited to in the past 3 footnotes.]
PA., at 70.

6. [The following is a footnote citation to page 27 of an article which was cited more than five footnotes previously (specifically: footnote 18: Jim Brown, Understanding Cleveland, 1 CLEV. ST. L. REV 23, 25 (2003)].
Supra Brown, pg.27, FN 18.

7. [The following appears in a footnote citation referring to an audio recording.]

8. [The following is a footnote citation to a newspaper article to which it is also helpful to