

### **Wills for Heroes Event at Widener Law Harrisburg Campus, April 17, 2010**

Volunteers drafted 62 wills and other estate documents for Dauphin County first responders in Harrisburg as Widener University School of Law joined the PBA's Young Lawyer Division in holding the first law school-based Wills for Heroes (WFH) event in Pennsylvania on Saturday, April 17, 2010. Widener law also became the official Delaware affiliate of the National Wills for Heroes Foundation, with the Delaware campus hosting a similar event in which volunteer attorneys and Widener law students prepared another 33 wills in addition to other important documents such as health care directives and living wills.

In Harrisburg, more than 30 law students joined 20 attorneys and three Widener law professors who volunteered their time to draft estate documents for first responders, including police officers, firemen, EMT personnel and other individuals who are also included in that category. The event was located in the main law building on the Harrisburg campus and was organized and sponsored on campus by the Trial Advocacy Honor Society of Widener Law. Montgomery County attorney Lisa Shearman, one of the PBA's certified WFH coordinators, made sure everything ran smoothly, with assistance from Christina Fisher, a Widener alumna who became the first certified coordinator from Dauphin County through her work at the event. Dunkin' Donuts, Bagel Lover's Café and the Atlanta Bread Company donated breakfast, while Christopher's Subs and Olive Garden provided lunch to feed everyone at the event that was also supported by the Dauphin County Bar Association and the EMS Federation.

Hillary Prutzman, a 3L member of the executive board of the Harrisburg Trial Advocacy Society who helped organize the Harrisburg event, said, "I am extremely appreciative that Widener University had the honor and opportunity to become involved in such a great event. Wills for Heroes gives back to those individuals who risk their lives every day. The event was truly a success; we had great a turnout across the board with attorneys, students and professors. I would just like to thank everyone who attended the event because without them we would not have been able to make this event such a success."

Originally founded by Anthony Hayes, a partner at Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough L.L.P. in Columbia, S.C., after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to present first responders with wills at no cost, the [Wills for Heroes Foundation](#) has spread to communities across the nation. Pennsylvania, thanks to partnerships like the ones on display April 17 and the leadership of statewide coordinator Dan McKenna, is a leader for the program nationally.