Dear Law Student

We invite you to consider spending part of your summer participating in Widener’s Summer Abroad program in beautiful Venice, Italy. Widener’s Venice program offers the opportunity to study law and to absorb the local culture in one of the most beautiful and unusual cities in the world. With a variety of course offerings covering Torts in Global Perspective, Comparative Corporate Law, and European Union law, combined with a wonderful location from which to visit Rome, Florence, or elsewhere in Italy or Europe, our Venice Summer Institute offers a perfect blend of academics and world travel.

We have organized an array of attractive options which provide you the ability to fashion a summer abroad specific to your interests and schedule. With our programs in Europe, you have the choice of earning up to three credits in just two weeks; if you have a bit more time, you can earn up to six credits in four weeks by also taking advantage of our two-week program in Lausanne, Switzerland. Our program in Venice is set at Venice International University and our courses include one taught by Italian law faculty.

Some of the noteworthy aspects of the program this summer include:

- You have the choice of finding your own apartment in the heart of Venice (we can help get you pointed in the right direction) or you can reserve a residence room on the campus of Venice International University. The University is a short vaporetto (water bus) ride across the lagoon from Piazza San Marco in one direction, and The Lido, with its beautiful beaches, in the other.
• Our course on comparative corporate law will be taught this summer by Justice Randy J. Holland, who is a member of the Delaware Supreme Court and teaches at Widener Law. The Honorable Randy J. Holland is the youngest person to serve on the Delaware Supreme Court, having been recommended to the Governor by a bipartisan merit selection committee. In January 1999, he was reappointed and confirmed unanimously for a second twelve-year term. The Delaware Supreme Court is the leading corporate law court in the United States. This is a fabulous opportunity for those interested in corporate law.

• The program begins on June 22nd and ends on July 3rd. Before or after our program, you may wish to visit other parts of Italy or elsewhere in Europe. Florence, Rome, Milan, and the gorgeous countryside of Tuscany, with its wineries, castles, and medieval cities, are easily accessible by train from Venice. A short ferry ride across the Adriatic Sea takes you to the beautiful (and inexpensive) beaches and historical sites of Croatia, and discount flights are available from Venice to Paris, Barcelona, and other cities across Europe.

Widener's Venice program is well suited to novice travelers as well as seasoned veterans of foreign travel, particularly now that residence rooms are available as an alternative to finding your own apartment. You don’t need to know any Italian to make your way around Venice or any of the tourist destinations in Italy; it seems almost everyone who deals with the public speaks some English.

Hope to see you in Venice this summer!

Sincerely,

Professor Christopher J. Robinette
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Venice Summer Law Institute