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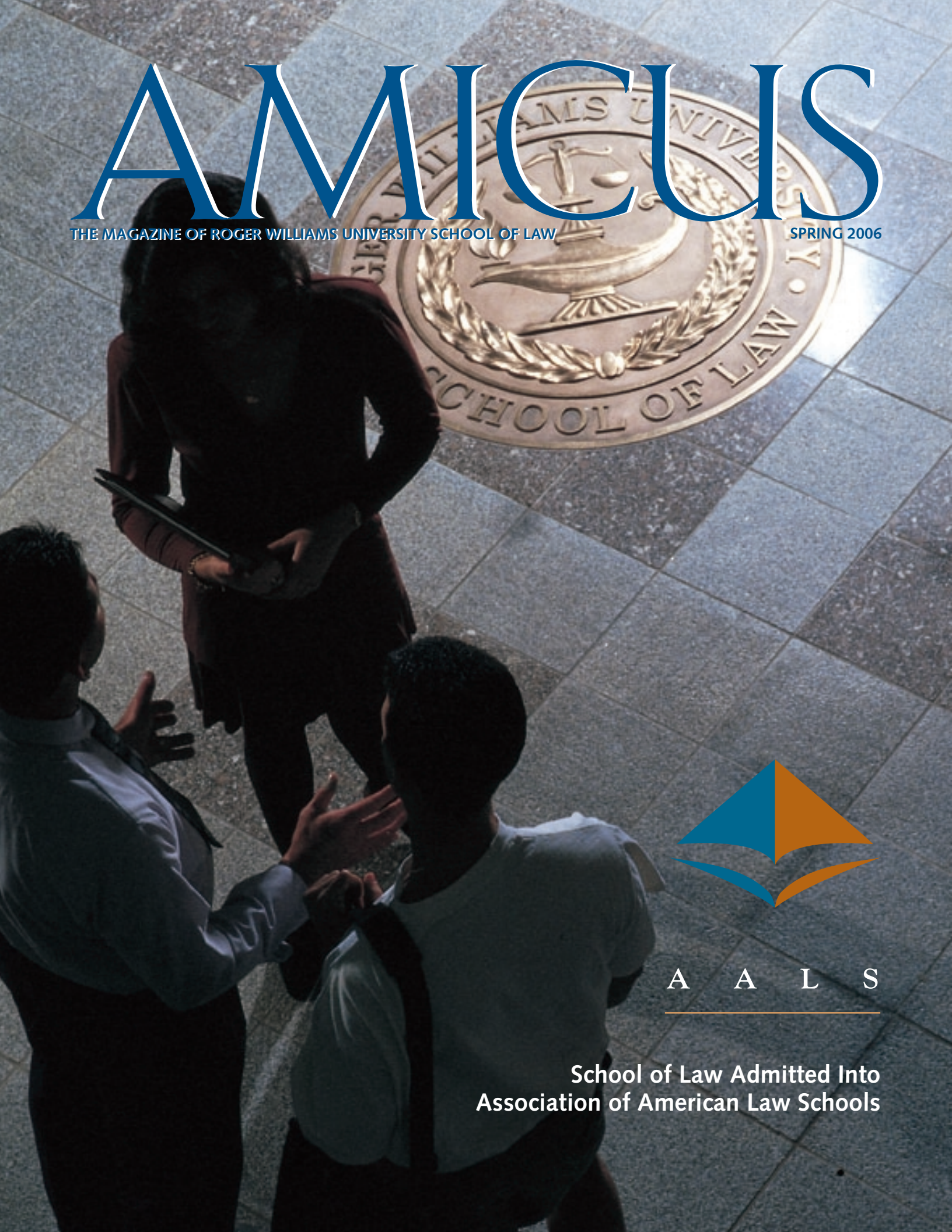
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School of Law Admitted Into
Association of American Law Schools



David A. Logan
Dean and Professor of Law

Friends,

I am delighted to report on an important step in the growth and development of our young law school: In January, we were awarded membership in the prestigious Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

The membership process was lengthy and rigorous. After a year-long self-study, a team of faculty from around the country pored over our report and then spent the better part of a week on campus last April verifying that the quality of the program we described in fact existed.

The team's favorable conclusions were then vetted by the Membership Review Committee (chaired by the Dean at Missouri) and then the Executive Committee (chaired by the former Dean at Iowa), both of which were preludes to the final step, a unanimous vote of the AALS House of Representatives.

Membership in the AALS is an endorsement of the high quality of a school's people and programs. Because the AALS is the learned society of legal education, such recognition is especially important to the heart of any professional school – its permanent faculty. So it is only fitting that this issue of *Amicus* focuses on the many accomplishments of the School of Law faculty. Please read on to learn more about the terrific teacher/scholars who prepare our students for the practice of law and through their work outside the classroom, improve the world.

David A Logan

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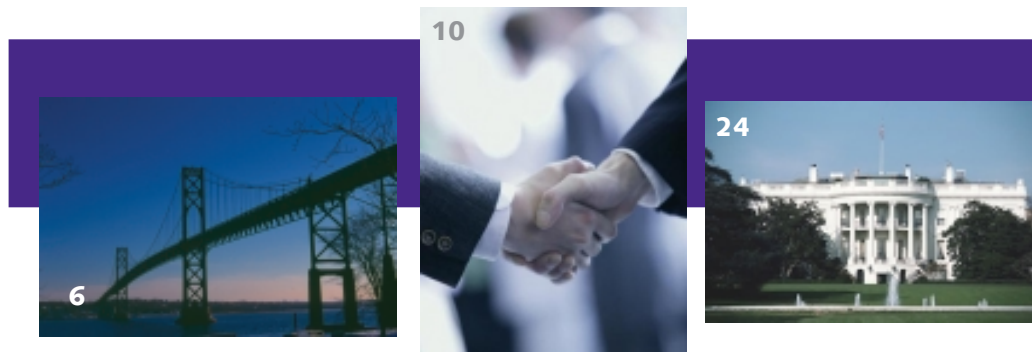
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Housing Law & Policy Class



Students in Professor Jorge Elorza's 'Housing Law and Policy' course were treated to a unique learning experience last fall, as they participated in walking tours through a number of Providence neighborhoods. The purpose of the tour was to give students a firsthand opportunity to see real-world applications of the concepts and theories they had discussed in class.

For example, students had studied the history and debated the social benefits of urban renewal and gentrification. On the tour, they walked through a downtown area that was in the process of being converted into loft apartments and continued through a neighborhood where the homes have undergone a great deal of rehabilitation and gentrification.

"I want students to have a fully informed idea of the concepts they are developing positions on," Elorza explained. "You can't debate the fate of neighborhoods if you have never seen the effects

of neighborhood change. I try to make sure that the concepts and theories we discuss in class are not divorced from reality."

"The idea behind this structure is that students have a lot to teach each other," Elorza said. "Students approach these legal and political issues from a number of different perspectives. It's important to understand how other people think so that you may incorporate some of their approaches and ideas into your own."

By the time students reached the point of studying and analyzing housing-law cases, they had developed a solid background on the history of neighborhood development and the formation of modern American cities.

"It's my goal to not only teach students housing law but to also teach them to become effective housing advocates," Elorza said. "By understanding this history and background, they're better able to shape law and policy for the future."

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National Moot Court Competition

Three third-year law students took top honors in November at the regional stage of the 56th Annual National Moot Court Competition, and then went on to compete against the winners of the 13 other regional competitions. This competition is the largest and most prestigious appellate moot court competition in the world.

The winning team consisted of **Heather Cornwell** of Phoenix, Ariz., **Victoria Moreno-Jackson** of Walpole, Mass., and **Jeffrey Ward** of North Dartmouth, Mass. Ward earned the “Best Oralist” award in the competition. The team is coached by Professor Larry Ritchie.

Gloria Larson Named Lawyer of the Year

Roger Williams University School of Law congratulates Gloria C. Larson on being named a Lawyer of the Year by MASSACHUSETTS LAWYERS WEEKLY. Larson serves on the School of Law’s Board of Directors. She is co-chair of the Government Practices group at Foley Hoag LLP, Boston, and the chair of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority.



Second Annual Legal Career Options Day

The Second Annual Legal Career Options Day, co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services and the Rhode Island Bar Association, took place on November 18, 2005. The event hosts legal employers from the academic, private, corporate, government/public interest, judicial, and alternative legal sectors.



(second in from the right) Anthony L. Bastone II, Assistant Dean for the Office of Career Services, and (third from the right) Lydia R. Hanley, Esq., Associate Director for the Office of Career Services, and (back row on left) Chelsie L. Horne, CMP, Director for the Office of Alumni, Programs & Events, with several of the law school’s student ambassadors.



(l to r) Andrew M. Hodgkin, Esq., Executive Counsel to the Governor, State of Rhode Island, and Jonathan Greene, a first year law student.

Honors Program

The Honors Program enhances the educational experience of students through academic as well as professional opportunities. Honor students participate in four honors-perspective-series classes in their second and third years. These one-credit classes provide six weeks of in-depth discussion about one book offering a different perspective on the law. Past classes have focused on books including *No Constitutional Right to be Ladies: Women and the Obligations of Citizenship*; *The Future of Ideas: The Fate of the Commons in a Connected World*; and *Simple Justice: The History of Brown v. Board of Education* and *Black America's Struggle for Equality*.

In addition, students are given the opportunity to attend special events that offer both educational and networking possibilities. Faculty-development workshops with guest lecturers from across the country are open to honor students, and allow them to witness their faculty members engaging other top scholars on cutting edge legal issues.

Focused on first-year students, the Honors Roundtable series offers a forum for students to discuss theories, concepts, and insights about the law or practice of law that they might otherwise not encounter. Discussions are led by a member of the faculty, Rhode Island bar, or judiciary. The topics are selected by the facilitator and attendance is limited to 18 students. Recent topics have included "The Supreme Court's Use of Foreign Law to Decide Domestic Cases"; "Joys and Challenges of Life as a Public Defender"; and "Are Lawyers America's Aristocracy?"

Students in the Honors Program hail from across the country and bring not only excellent academic credentials, but often distinctive experiences to the classroom. This year's group, for example, includes an opera singer, a professional bodybuilder, a union organizer and a horse trainer. The Honors Program offers Roger Williams University School of Law students a forum in which to express fresh ideas and enthusiasm for enhancing their legal education.



"My experience at RWU has been greatly enhanced by the Honors Program. The course material has given me a more in-depth look at the cases by providing the real-life story behind each case. The program also offers the invaluable experience of meeting and networking with prominent attorneys and judges from around Rhode Island."

— Christine List, 2L

MLK Week

The newly created Office of Diversity and Outreach, in partnership with the Multi-Cultural Law Students Association and the Feinstein Institute for Legal Service, hosted a week-long celebration in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his contributions to the Civil Rights Movement.

The celebration, entitled “Bridging the Wisdom of the Past to a Vision of the Future,” highlighted the achievements of the Civil Rights movement of the 1960’s, and connected them to present efforts to achieve equal rights for all.

In the spirit of Dr. King, students were invited to begin the week by observing “A Day On” (instead of a day off) by dedicating their Monday holiday to active community service. The activities continued with the Multi-Cultural Law Students Association presenting the film *Crash*. The film, and a discussion afterward facilitated by Professor Jorge Elorza, challenged students to confront their own prejudices and America’s struggle with racial intolerance.

Professor David Hall of Northeastern University School of Law delivered the keynote address, “Embracing Dr. King’s Freedom River.” His talk tied themes of his new book, *The Spiritual Revitalization of the Legal Profession: A Search for Sacred Rivers*, to the work of Dr. King, and challenged the audience to continue to embrace and advance the work of the civil rights leader.

An intergenerational panel reflected on evolution of the Civil Rights movement. The panel, moderated by Dean David A. Logan, highlighted current challenges in the effort to obtain equal rights for all. It encouraged students, as current and future community leaders, to take an active role in advancing equality. Panelists included former Tuskegee Airman and civil rights activist, George Lima; Lynette Labinger, Esq., of Roney & Labinger; Barbara Margolis, Esq., Deputy Disciplinary Counsel of the R.I. Supreme Court; Domingo Morel, Esq., of the R.I. Latino Political Action Committee and the R.I. Latino Civic Fund; and LaVerne Singleton, a recent graduate of RWU School of Law.

Throughout the week, artwork on loan from the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society’s exhibit “Hand in Hand Together” was prominently displayed in the law school. The exhibit chronicles African-American and Jewish collaboration in the Civil Rights Movement.



The intergenerational panel discussed the impact of the Civil Rights movement on individuals affected by discrimination. Top row (l to r): Director of Diversity Programs Lorraine Lalli, Barbara Margolis, Lynette Labinger, Domingo Morel. Bottom row (l to r): Dean David A. Logan, George Lima, LaVerne Singleton

Marine Affairs Welcomes Research Counsel Van Dine

In October 2005, the Marine Affairs Institute appointed Katrina Van Dine, Esq., to the newly-created position of Research Counsel for the Institute. Kate is responsible for managing the Sea Grant Outreach component of the Institute, conducting research and overseeing law student research for coastal stakeholders in Rhode Island



(l to r) Kristen M. Fletcher, Director, Marine Affairs Institute and Katrina Van Dine, Esq.

and New England. Van Dine has her B.A. from the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine and her J.D. from Vermont School of Law. She was a solo practitioner before spending five years as Project Manager at the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary in Massachusetts. Van Dine served as a NOAA Marine Protected Area Center Tribal Fellow and has been active in ocean and coastal policy and research in New England for the last six years. She is a member of the Vermont Bar and serves on the leadership committee for the Federal Bar Association Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources section. Kate's position is funded by a grant from Rhode Island Sea Grant at the University of Rhode Island.



Marine Affairs Hosts Regional, National Ecosystem Symposia

In January, the Institute held a seminar entitled *Ecosystem Management in New England: An Assessment of Ecosystem Governance Structures*, bringing together regional experts to discuss the feasibility of regional ocean governance for New England, including its challenges and potential. Sponsored by Rhode Island Sea Grant and Leo's Ristorante in Bristol, the goal of the seminar was to discuss the effectiveness of current structures in advancing ecosystem based management for the region. Recommendations from the workshop were presented to authorities considering regional governance in New England, especially the office of Rhode Island Governor



Donald L. Carcieri, as he has taken the lead in advancing regional ocean issues for the Northeast.

Building on these recommendations, next fall the Institute will host its 6th Marine Law Symposium entitled *The Evolution of Ecosystem Based*

Management: From Theory to Practice, to bring the discussion to a national scale and present solutions for moving from the theory of Ecosystem Based Management to its implementation. Leading practitioners, policy-makers, researchers and

scholars will discuss problems and lessons learned from around the nation. Please join us for the symposium at the Law School on October 19-20, 2006. It is sponsored in part by the Institute, Rhode Island Sea Grant, and the University of Rhode Island Department of Marine Affairs.



Mark Your Calendar

6th MARINE LAW SYMPOSIUM
Thursday, October 19 – Friday, October 20, 2006
See Upcoming Events on the inside back cover for details.

School of Law Annual Fund



Eric Archer, School of Law Development Officer

I am pleased to more fully describe the Dean's Council – a program for donor recognition and appreciation, which was announced along with this year's Annual Fund.

The Dean's Council recognizes leadership donors in two ways:

(1) The Annual Giving Clubs recognize those who make lead gifts to the Annual Fund; these leaders will be offered benefits ranging from a gift of

appreciation, to a dinner with the Dean or an invitation to the Glen Manor reception during Commencement week. The events provide faculty and administration with an opportunity to personally offer their thanks to our most generous donors. The events – and the *Amicus* listing of Annual Fund participants by name – will also serve to highlight the growing number of Annual Fund donors. Increasingly, alumni have been choosing to share a portion of the financial benefit they have received from their legal education in the form of gifts to the Annual Fund.

(2) The Dean's Council also recognizes cumulative giving. Thanks to a number of leadership gifts received at the inception of the Chief Justice Joseph R. Weisberger Chair Campaign, the Dean's Legacy Circle – for donors who have given \$25,000 or more – will list five names (a number that is likely to increase) when its first report is published. The Cumulative Giving

Recognition Societies were established in conjunction with the first Tenth-Year Reunion to facilitate class giving, starting with the class of 1996 and continuing for all classes to follow. Our hope is to welcome a majority of our Tenth-Year Anniversary alums as "Partners," and we will be contacting the members of the Class of 1996 to ask that they lay the groundwork for this tradition. The names of those who do so will be listed on a Wall of Appreciation in the School of Law, to be unveiled in the summer of 2006.

These forms of recognition offered by the Dean's Council can never, of course, fully convey the depth of the Law School's appreciation to those who have been the major supporters of the Annual Fund. Our thanks, again, go out to all who have chosen to support the School of Law. Many of the programs and events outlined in these pages are enhanced by your generous giving.

DEAN'S COUNCIL

The Dean's Council, established in 2005-2006, for the 10th reunion of the pioneering Class of 1996, honors and recognizes those who make leadership gifts to the School of Law.

Form of Appreciation and Recognition	Annual Giving Clubs				
	Advocates to \$99	Barristers \$100-249	Associates \$250-499	Senior Associates \$500-999	Counsellors \$1,000 and up
The satisfaction of giving	x	x	x	x	x
Honor Roll of Donors insert to <i>Amicus</i>	x	x	x	x	x
School of Law collectible		x	x	x	x
TGIF with current faculty			x	x	x
Dinner with the Dean				x	x
Glen Manor reception					x

Form of Appreciation and Recognition	Cumulative Giving Societies				
	Partners \$1,000 - 2,499	Senior Partners \$2,500 - 4,999	Founding Partners \$5,000-9,999	Jurists \$10,000 - 24,999	Dean's Legacy Circle \$25,000 and up
Listing on 10th Reunion Wall of Thanks	x	x	x	x	x
Dedication and plaque - Law Library carrell		x	x	x	x
Dedication and plaque - Law Library study room			x	x	x
Dedication and plaque - student activity rooms				x	x
Endowment threshold: programs, scholarships					x
Additional naming opportunities					x

Experts in Their Fields

Roger Williams University School of Law faculty are regularly called upon by news outlets around the state and the nation to provide expert opinion on a variety of legal, social and political topics.



David A. Logan
The Wall Street Journal
Vioxx Judge Wants Long-Use Cases Next
 (November 11, 2005)

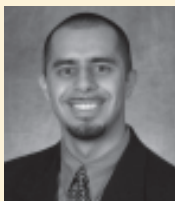
"[Merck] would much rather defend two-month [Vioxx-use] cases than 18-month [Vioxx-use] cases. If you want to hit Merck where it hurts, you hit them with their own study [that] made 18 months the magic number [for increased risk of heart attack]."

Marketplace National Public Radio Program
Judge declares a mistrial in the latest Vioxx case
 (December 12, 2005)

"Powerfully, every word that comes out of Merck's mouth now may well be shrouded in a taint. This is a brand-new ball game."

Jurors in Atlantic City set to begin deliberating the second Vioxx trial
 (November 1, 2005)

"At the end of the day, this is all about money. Both sides are making calculations based upon what the maximum damage award might be and how likely it is to actually happen."



Jorge Elorza
The Providence Journal (January 2, 2006)
To Cut House Prices, R.I., Try Rent Control

"[P]olicy makers and the residents of our cities and towns have to make a value judgment about who should benefit from home ownership. Should it be banks and real-estate investors, or should it be the hard-working middle-class. . . . By adopting a reasoned and moderate rent-control scheme, we could once again make the American dream of home ownership available to the most politically numerous and important group in our society: the hard-working middle class."

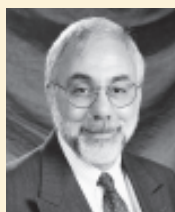


Andrew Horwitz
The Providence Journal (April 19, 2005)
Plastic face mask worn by Carpio seldom seen used on prisoners

"I have never seen or heard of a restraint on someone's face. With the most vicious and heinous crimes and most detestable defendants, that's when the quality of our criminal justice system gets tested."

The Providence Journal (August 18, 2005)
U.S. Court to Change "Gag Order" Proposal

In response to reports that the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit proposed a rule permitting trial judges to select the jury foreperson or leave the selection up to the jurors, "Horwitz, who just published a law review article [on the subject] urged the court to go further by requiring jurors to select a foreperson themselves. 'I argue that the judicial selection of the foreperson simply invites the jurors to draw conclusions about why that selection was made and permits the trial judge, not the jurors themselves, to grant to one juror a significant and disproportionate amount of power in the jury room.'"



Bruce Kogan
The Providence Journal (April 19, 2005)
East Greenwich Teachers OK Pact

"Linda Short, co-chairwoman of the union's negotiating committee, said the arrival of state appointed mediator Bruce Kogan . . . was key in jump-starting the talks. 'He was very organized, and he had done his homework. He worked very, very hard and took the job very seriously.'"



Timothy K. Kuhner
The Providence Journal (August 2, 2005)
Unprincipled Violence is no Answer to Terror

"Our task is indeed to eliminate terrorism; however, it is my position that we should uphold our morals as we go about the task; and, likewise, that our commitment to reason, science, and individual rights should serve as our guide. If we abandon our morals and our virtues . . . we would not only become terrorists ourselves, but we would also create incentives for Islamic extremism so strong and justifiable . . . that the war on terrorism would indeed become unwinnable."



Peter Margulies

New York Times (April 20, 2005)

Sept. 11 Suspect may be set to Agree to Plead Guilty

"There will be real issues about whether Moussaoui meets the competence standard. This is a man who's made erratic statements in the past and who's been confined for well over three years, and prolonged confinement can produce depression and cloud the decision-making process."

New York Times (December 7, 2005)

Setback for U.S. in Terror Trial

"For the prosecutors, this [acquittal of four defendants accused of operating a North American front for Palestinian terrorists] is clearly embarrassing, and they were clearly outmaneuvered by some very good defense attorneys."



Larry Ritchie

The Providence Journal (December 29, 2005)

Panel moves to block Cianci's pension

"The [Providence] Retirement Board asked Professor Larry J. Ritchie to find out whether the city can challenge [former Mayor Buddy] Cianci's pension before he applies for it. Yesterday, Ritchie reported back a resounding yes. 'There is no impediment,' Ritchie said. 'The [criminal] conviction should be the trigger to proceed.'"



Emily Sack

United States Supreme Court

Castle Rock v. Gonzalez, 125 S. Ct. 2796 (June 27, 2005)(Stevens, J. dissenting)

"The Colorado General Assembly joined a nationwide movement of States that took aim at the crisis of police under-enforcement in the domestic-violence sphere by implementing "mandatory arrest" statutes. . . . Sack, *Battered Women and the State: The Struggle for the Future of Domestic Violence Policy*, 2004 Wis. L. Rev. 1657, 1662-1663 ("Because these cases were considered noncriminal, police assigned domestic violence calls low priority and often did not respond to them for several hours or ignored them altogether"). . . .

"The movement to strengthen arrest policies was bolstered in 1984 by the publication of the results of a study on mandatory arrest in domestic violence cases that [concluded] arrest had a significantly greater impact on reducing domestic violence recidivism." Sack, at 1669.



Anthony Santoro

Boston Globe (April 17, 2005)

Unhappy with Courts? That's Old News

"[H]eated attacks on the judiciary are nothing new, and they have come from both the right and the left. But these attacks are dangerous, and we must all resist them regardless of our opinion of current judicial rulings. . . . [W]e must not only endure, but treasure this independent judiciary, even when — perhaps especially when — it rankles or offends us."



David Zlotnick

Chicago Tribune (July 10, 2005)

Lawmaker Prods Court, Raises Brows; Demands Longer Term in Chicago Drug Case

"I think it's completely inappropriate for a congressman [Representative James Sensenbrenner] to send a letter to a court [the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit] telling them to change a ruling."

The Providence Journal (November 20, 2005)

Judge Rails against Drug Sentencing

"The overwhelming majority of judges, both Republican and Democrat, believe that the 100-1 ratio [in the federal sentencing guidelines, which treats 1 gram of crack cocaine the same as 100 grams of powder cocaine for sentencing purposes] is irrational. . . . [C]rack provides a crucible for the whole problem [of judges' power to deviate from the guidelines after Booker]."



Welcome to the Club!



School of Law Admitted Into Association of American Law Schools

By MICHAEL M. BOWDEN

Amid praise for its “culture of scholarship” and “commitment to excellence in teaching,” the School of Law recently won membership in the prestigious Association of American Law Schools (AALS), the learned society of American legal education.

With admission into this selective organization, Roger Williams became the 168th law school to receive coveted AALS recognition – an honor that Roger Williams University President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D., called “the good housekeeping seal of approval for law” – and significantly reinforced the strong foundation that was laid when the School of Law earned full ABA accreditation in 1997.

“We are very pleased with the AALS vote for our law school, which – though less than 15 years old – has in recent years received recognition both regionally and now nationally for the quality of its faculty and programs,” said School of Law Dean David A. Logan.

“AALS membership is both an end and a beginning,” added Michael J. Yelnosky, associate dean for academic affairs. “I think of it as our launching pad. For our first decade, various external bodies set the agenda for what we needed to do to get into ‘the club.’ Now that we’re in, we can begin making strategic decisions from the inside out.”

They were decidedly impressed. The team's report noted: "The students at the School are improving and becoming more diverse with each class."

Long, Intensive Process

AALS membership comes as the culmination of a rigorous 2 1/2-year application process that provided a valuable mirror on just how far the law school has come, and what challenges and successes may lie ahead.

"The AALS application process looks at every aspect of a law school's operation – from the quality of its faculty, scholarship and students to the diversity of those students and faculty members, to the depth of support the school enjoys both from the larger University community and within the region's bench and bar," Logan explained.

That process began in 2004 with a thorough, comprehensive self-study, which is required by the AALS as a prelude to formal application. This self-

study was reviewed by an AALS consultant, Judith Wegner, Dean Emeritus of the University of North Carolina School of Law, who gave the thumbs up for application.

"I served on the [AALS] membership review committee for six years, and also reviewed requirements for member schools during my tenure on the executive committee and as president of the association in 1995," Wegner noted in her letter of recommendation. "I rarely had the opportunity to review a school which seemed as clearly ready for membership as I believe Roger Williams now to be."

The application procedure began in earnest last April with an intensive review by an AALS team of five legal professionals who spent four days in Rhode Island studying the School of

Law in detail, "leaving no stone unturned," Yelnosky said.

They were decidedly impressed. The team's report noted:

"The students at the School are improving and becoming more diverse with each class. Much attention is given to admissions, and tireless efforts and procedures are in place to insure the faculty's goals and the law school mission is met.

Students are pleased with course offerings, student organizations, publications, and opportunities in clinics and externships. Faculty and staff are committed to being a student-centered place and many examples were evidenced of this during the visit. The team was very pleased with the quality of the School's faculty and the faculty seemed very satisfied with the administration of the School by the Dean and his staff."

AUTHOR, SCHOLAR, TEACHER

The accomplishments of **Robert B. Kent**, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, in his 55 years in legal education, are simply too numerous to mention in this space.

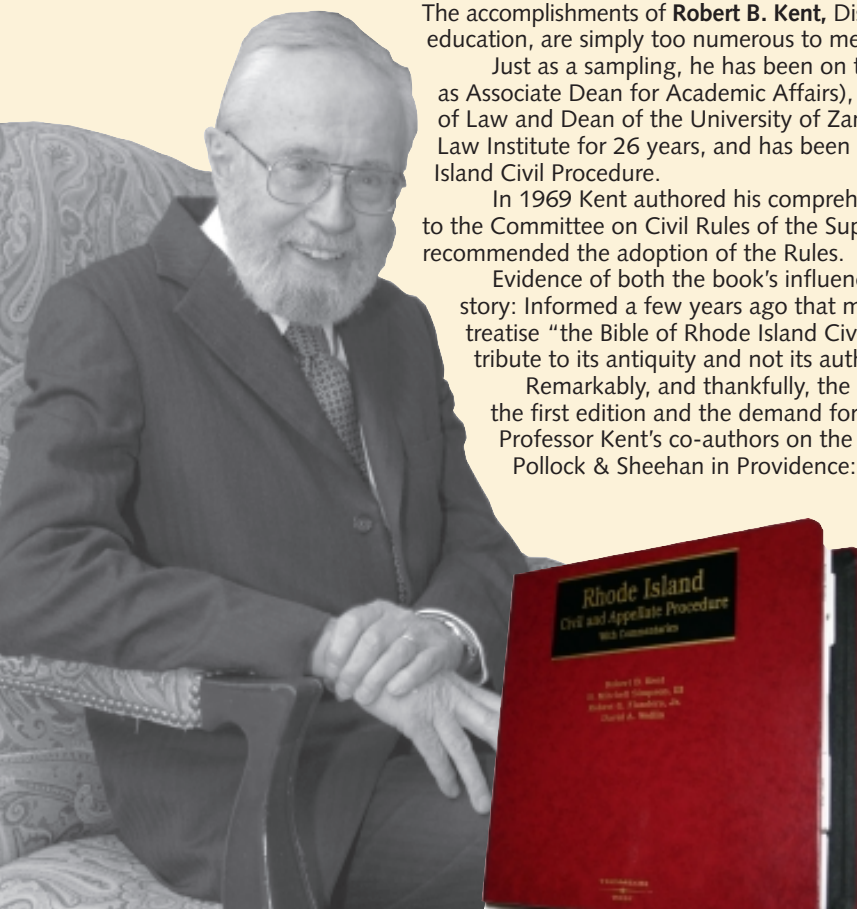
Just as a sampling, he has been on the faculties at Boston University, Cornell (where he also served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs), and Roger Williams University School of Law; he was Professor of Law and Dean of the University of Zambia School of Law; he has been a member of the American Law Institute for 26 years, and has been recognized since at least 1969 as the leading expert on Rhode Island Civil Procedure.

In 1969 Kent authored his comprehensive treatise, *RHODE ISLAND PRACTICE*, after serving as Reporter to the Committee on Civil Rules of the Supreme, Superior, and District Courts of Rhode Island, all of which recommended the adoption of the Rules.

Evidence of both the book's influence and the modesty of its author can be found in this apocryphal story: Informed a few years ago that many members of the Rhode Island bench and bar considered his treatise "the Bible of Rhode Island Civil Procedure," Kent reportedly quipped, "That is no doubt a tribute to its antiquity and not its authority."

Remarkably, and thankfully, the second edition has been released. No doubt the popularity of the first edition and the demand for the second can better be captured in the words of one of Professor Kent's co-authors on the latest edition, David A. Wollin, a partner at the firm of Adler Pollock & Sheehan in Providence:

"It has been 35 years since Professor Robert B. Kent wrote his seminal treatise on Rhode Island Civil Practice. As a testament to its value, [the] treatise has been cited in over a hundred published opinions. The treatise has provided inestimable value to Rhode Island practitioners and the judiciary, not only by canvassing what the law was at the time, but by forecasting what Rhode Island practice should be in so many areas. The value of Professor Kent's treatise is reflected in the fact that, in the intervening 35 years, the Supreme Court has adopted many of his commentaries as governing law in Rhode Island." David A. Wollin, *RHODE ISLAND CIVIL AND APPELLATE PROCEDURE* (2004).





In October, President Nirschel traveled with Deans Logan and Yelnosky to Washington, D.C., to make a formal presentation on the school to the AALS membership review committee.

"It was fairly intense," Yelnosky recalled. "It definitely didn't feel like a fait accompli, but overall it went very well. Just two hours after our appearance before the committee, [AALS executive director Carl C. Monk] called David [Logan] to report a vote to recommend us to the Executive Committee, and that the vote in our favor was 'lopsided.'"

'A Culture of Scholarship'

With that hard-won recommendation in hand, Logan returned to Washington in November to appear before the Executive Committee, which was chaired by then-

AALS president N. William Hines, Dean Emeritus and Joseph F. Rosenfield Professor at the University of Iowa College of Law, and which included deans from Boston College, Georgetown and Texas.

"David had arranged to host a reception for Roger Williams law alumni in the D.C. area following his committee appearance, during which he received a call from Monk saying the Committee had voted to recommend our admission as a member in the Association," Yelnosky said. Logan announced the decision to the gathered alums, and an "impromptu party" ensued. Shortly afterward, a formal confirmation letter from Monk arrived, stating:

"The Executive Committee congratulates [Roger Williams University School of Law] on its accomplishments and recognizes [its] strengths These

include a culture of scholarship that has yielded increased scholarly production in recent years, a capacious modern facility, and the school's increase in the credentials of its entering classes. Accordingly, the Executive committee has asked me to advise you that it recommends to the AALS House of Representatives the admission of Roger Williams School of Law to membership in the Association of American Law Schools."

On January 4, 2006, the AALS House of Representatives unanimously voted to approve the Committee's recommendation.

Shared Values

In analyzing Roger Williams' relatively swift ascension to membership, Yelnosky noted that the AALS and the School of Law *(continued on pg. 16)*

HEALTH CARE LAW

Alyssa V. Boss '97, is Associate Vice President and General Counsel of Care New England Health System and Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island.

Boss became interested in health care law because it was an area that was specialized, while at the same time encompassing a vast variety of transactional and regulatory issues – and all with "meaningful purposes and missions."

While attending Roger Williams School of Law, Boss interned with Connie Howes, then vice president and general counsel for Women & Infants Hospital (W&I) and Care New England Health System (CNE). Howes, now the CEO of W&I, "was an outstanding mentor who nurtured my interest in health care law and helped me to develop my own professional and leadership qualities, long term career goals, and a path to achieving them," Boss said.

After graduating from Roger Williams in 1997, first in her class, Boss worked as an associate for the law firm of Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein and Peirce for two years before taking a job with Hinckley Allen Snyder, where she eventually made partner.

Boss explains that "while I was very happy working at Hinckley Allen Snyder, I was always committed to my relationship to W&I and CNE, and the idea of one day working there had always appealed to me."

So when the opportunity came knocking, Boss left her partnership at Hinckley Allen to practice health care law with CNE and W&I.

"It was hard saying goodbye to Hinckley Allen Snyder, but the chance to return to CNE was everything I had hoped for, and was just too good to pass up," Boss said.

Boss said some of the important issues facing lawyers in the health care field today include aggressive enforcement of health care fraud and abuse laws, increased scrutiny of non-profit taxation matters and corporate governance practices, and legal and security challenges associated with the development of health-information technology.

Boss said she enjoys tackling these issues in support of the mission of the CNE organizations.



Roger Williams University School of Law Faculty

Front row: (l to r) Associate Professor of Law David M. Zlotnick, Associate Professor of Law George C. Nnona, Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor of Law Gail I. Winson, Dean and Professor of Law David A. Logan, Professor of Law David A. Rice, Director of the Criminal Justice and Legal Assistance Clinic and Associate Professor of Law Nancy L. Cook.

Second row: (l to r) Professor of Legal Writing Jane E. Rindsberg, Professor of Legal Writing Ellen M. Saideman, Professor of Law Bruce I. Kogan, Professor of Law Edward J. Eberle, Assistant Professor of Law Timothy K. Kuhner, Professor of Law Larry J. Ritchie, Associate Professor of Law Jonathan M. Guttoff, Director of the Criminal Defense Clinic and Professor of Law Andrew Horwitz, Professor of Legal Writing and Director of Legal Writing Program Jessica G. Elliott, Professor of Law Anthony J. Santoro.



Third Row: (l to r) Assistant Professor of Law Jorge O. Elorza, Professor of Law Colleen P. Murphy, Associate Professor of Law Jared A. Goldstein, Associate Professor of Law Emily J. Sack, Professor of Legal Writing B. Mitchell Simpson III, Professor of Law Peter S. Margulies, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law Michael J. Yelnosky, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law Robert B. Kent, Associate Professor of Law Keeva L. Terry, Professor of Legal Writing Cecily V. Banks, Professor of Legal Writing Elizabeth Colt, Professor of Law Carl T. Bogus, Associate Professor of Law Niki Kuckes, Associate Professor of Law Diana J. Hassel, and Professor of Law Louise Ellen Teitz.



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share several important areas of focus – notably scholarship, academic rigor, diversity, and strong student body (See below: *Missions and Goals of the School of Law*, and *From the Bylaws of the Association of American Law Schools*).

"The scholarship of our productive faculty is obviously one of our great strengths," Yelnosky said, pointing to the faculty's roster of published books and papers.

As for academic rigor, students themselves attested to it in surveys published in *The Princeton Review's* most recent listing of "159 Best Law Schools."

One third-year student stated, "The faculty are among the best and they don't take 'pass' for an answer. Preparedness is expected, and we're grilled and graded as if we were at Harvard." A 2L added, "The law school is extremely challenging, and

the professors coax more from me than I ever believed I could give."

The quality of student performance, Yelnosky said, results from a number of factors – including the student body's ever-increasing diversity and the burgeoning number of applications received, which allows an ever-greater selectivity in choosing each entering class.

The School of Law's excellent relations with the local bench and bar impressed the AALS as well. For example, when the AALS team was visiting the Providence campus, a number of local legal luminaries stepped forward to voice their support, including Robert C. Corrente, United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island; Joseph M. Fernandez, Solicitor for the City of Providence; Judge Edward C. Clifton, Associate Justice of

the Rhode Island Superior Court; and Jametta O. Alston, then-president of the Rhode Island Bar Association.

"The bench and bar have been supportive throughout this entire process," Yelnosky said. "I think the extraordinary support we have in the community made a strong impression."

A productive and increasingly diverse faculty, staff, and student body, a continually improving student profile, and a legal community that considers the school an ally and partner: Put all of those pieces (and more) together, and membership in AALS – a goal since the School of Law's inception – now seems an almost inevitable part of the Roger Williams story.

"Approval by the ABA and AALS means that we now have a seat at the table for legal education nationally," said Logan, "But we are not finished building

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

David T. MacDuffee '01, is Marine Policy Analyst of the Office of Habitat Conservation at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service.

It all started on a whale-watching cruise in Gloucester, Mass., during the summer of 2000.

MacDuffee was a law-school intern at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Northeast Regional office, working on issues related to endangered whales – and the whale-watching cruises deepened his understanding of the challenges facing the largest mammals. That internship opened doors, and today he is the Marine Policy Analyst at NOAA headquarters in Silver Spring, Md.

MacDuffee works on national policy issues related to the protection of marine and coastal fish habitats. He develops and provides guidance to the six regional offices around the country on the implementation of the fish-habitat protection mandates under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

During the past year and a half, however, a large amount of his time has been spent on the "hot topic" of liquefied natural gas (LNG) proposals. NOAA's involvement in LNG proposals stems from congressional mandates to protect and conserve endangered and threatened species, fish habitat, marine mammals, and national marine sanctuary resources. The issue hits close to home for Roger Williams University, due to a controversial current proposal to locate an onshore LNG terminal in nearby Fall River, Mass. NOAA has concerns about the amount of dredging that has been proposed to deepen the navigation channel for huge LNG tankers.

MacDuffee's personal opinion? Offshore LNG terminals are a better solution.

"In general, off-shore marine environments tend to be less sensitive than near-shore marine environments, and offshore facilities would significantly reduce the risk of terrorism causing explosions near populated areas," he explained.

MacDuffee's interest in marine law stems from his bachelor's degree in marine biology, his master's degree in marine affairs, and the advice of a college professor (a former head of NOAA) who encouraged him to attend law school.

"I had never even considered law school," MacDuffee said. "But I figured he knew what he was talking about – and as it turns out, he did!"





a great law school in Bristol. For the Roger Williams University School of Law, the best is yet to come.” ■

Mission and Goals of the School of Law

The mission of the School of Law is to offer an excellent legal education that enables its graduates to apply the skills and knowledge acquired in the study of law to their own personal development and to the good of society through the competent and ethical practice of law or through meaningful pursuits other than traditional legal practice. The School of Law is thus dedicated to preserving, transmitting, and advancing the current state of legal knowl-

edge. The School of Law strives to fulfill its mission by adopting the following goals, which will guide its future development:

- Impart to students general knowledge of the broad field of law to prepare them for the diversity of options available to law graduates;
- Instill in students the highest sense of professionalism and an understanding of the ethical and moral issues faced by members of the law school community and the larger legal community;
- Attract and retain a diverse student body, faculty, and staff;
- Teach students the skills required to succeed in the legal profession;
- Provide students with meaningful opportunities, including off-campus opportunities, to apply and refine the legal knowledge and skills learned in the classroom;
- Develop student awareness of the domestic and global philosophical, social, economic, political, and moral forces shaping development of the law and legal institutions;
- Prepare students for their role in future development of the law;
- Support students who may experience academic difficulties;
- Help students identify and enhance their academic and career goals, and help them to develop the means for achieving their goals;
- Guarantee the academic freedom of both faculty and students and commit resources to support faculty members in their teaching, scholarship, and service to the community, including law reform efforts and the provision of legal services to individuals and organizations in need;

INSIDE THE GRAND JURY

Niki Kuckes, Associate Professor of Law, joined the faculty at Roger Williams less than three years ago, but she has already established herself as an important scholar on the subject of federal grand juries.

She brings to bear on this subject a formidable intellect: Having graduated with honors from Cornell University, she went on to Yale Law School, where she was a senior editor of the *YALE LAW JOURNAL*; and thereafter clerked for Justice Antonin Scalia of the D.C. Circuit just before his elevation to the United States Supreme Court.

Following her clerkship, Kuckes rose to partnership at the top firm Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin (later merging with Baker Botts), where she cultivated a sophisticated white-collar criminal practice. While in practice she was also chair of the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Standards Committee and the Criminal Law and Individual Rights section of the District of Columbia Bar Association.

Her first academic article on the subject of grand juries separates fictions about grand juries from the realities of grand jury operation. This ambitious project sets the stage for future work by explaining that the touchstone principle of grand jury independence is a myth. Professor Kuckes explained that grand juries operate not as an important protector of civil rights from prosecutorial overreaching, but instead as a key tool of federal prosecutors in law enforcement. Niki Kuckes, *The Useful, Dangerous Fiction of Grand Jury Independence*, 41 *AMERICAN CRIMINAL LAW REVIEW* 1 (2003).

She expands on this theme in her most recent article, *The Democratic Prosecutor: Explaining the Constitutional Function of the Federal Grand Jury* (forthcoming in the *GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL*). She uses the crucible of the current debate over the instructions given to grand jurors about their function to further reveal the “schizophrenic” nature of the grand juries role – both as an arm of the prosecutor and a neutral check on a prosecutor seeking an indictment.

Her solution? To integrate the primary functions of the grand jury and understand it as a “Democratic Prosecutor” with the power to indict or not, as it sees fit, while abandoning the fiction that the grand jury functions in a “judicial role” as a neutral arbiter of whether there is probable cause to support an indictment.



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- Provide full-time faculty members the opportunity to participate in a meaningful way in making decisions affecting the academic program;
- Share the resources of the School of Law with the legal profession in Rhode Island and beyond, and share the resources of the School of Law with the local community and beyond, including through the provision of legal services by students and faculty to individuals and organizations in need;
- Provide opportunities for students, faculty, and others, including faculty and students from other institutions, both foreign and domestic, to come together to discuss ideas of mutual interest;
- Encourage, whenever possible, the participation by the student body through its representatives, in the making of decisions appropriate for its input; and

- Perform an ongoing self-assessment to determine if the institution is accomplishing its mission and meeting its stated goals. ■

From the Bylaws of the Association of American Law Schools

Section 6-1.b Core Values

The Association values and expects its member schools to value:

- (i) a faculty composed primarily of full-time teachers/scholars who constitute a self-governing intellectual community engaged in the creation and dissemination of knowledge about law, legal process, and legal systems, and who are devoted to fostering justice and public service in the legal community;
- (ii) scholarship, academic freedom, and diversity of viewpoints;
- (iii) a rigorous academic program built upon strong teaching in the context of a dynamic curriculum that is both broad and deep;
- (iv) a diverse faculty and staff hired, promoted, and retained based on meeting and supporting high standards of teaching and scholarship and in accordance with principles of non-discrimination; and
- (v) selection of students based upon intellectual ability and personal potential for success in the study and practice of law, through a fair and non-discriminatory process designed to produce a diverse student body and a broadly representative legal profession. ■

MULTIDISCIPLINARY PRACTICE

George Nnona, Associate Professor of Law, brings an international and comparative-law perspective to the current controversy surrounding multidisciplinary practice (MDP).

Multidisciplinary practice – which Nnona describes as “joint professional practice by two or more professionals, one of whom is a lawyer, where the practice involves the offer of legal services to the public” – is prohibited by the rules of professional conduct governing American lawyers. That prohibition has been the subject of much deliberation and debate over the last several years, as critics have advocated loosening the restriction, which is based largely on the perceived need to protect lawyers’ independence from the influence of non-lawyers.

Bringing to bear his unique educational and professional experiences (Nnona received his Bachelor and Master of Laws degrees in Nigeria before earning an SJD at Harvard Law School; he later worked as a legal manager for the accounting firm of Arthur Andersen, advising multinational corporations and international institutions) – Nnona is an important new voice in the debate over MDP.

In two recent articles, he challenges MDP supporters who point to comparative and international law and suggest that the U.S. prohibition is idiosyncratic and out of touch with prevailing norms elsewhere, particularly in the European Union. Professor Nnona concludes that MDP, though accepted domestically in some EU states, is in fact very far from being dominant or prevalent. *Multidisciplinary Practice in International Context: Realigning the Perspective on the European Union's Regulatory Regime*, 36 CORNELL INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 116 (2004).

In an upcoming article, he demonstrates that nothing in the General Agreement on Trade for Services Treaty (“GATS”), enforceable by the World Trade Organization, constrains the regulatory authorities of the U.S. legal profession in their response to the MDP question. Nnona argues: “While the value of convergence in many aspects of modern life can hardly be gainsaid, the case for MDP as an instance of that convergence within the broader system of professions is less than persuasive.” *Multidisciplinary Practice Under the WTO's Services Regime*, INDIANA INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW (forthcoming).





OF JUDGES AND JURIES

Colleen P. Murphy, Professor of Law, is a leading scholar on the question of allocating decisional authority between judges and juries.

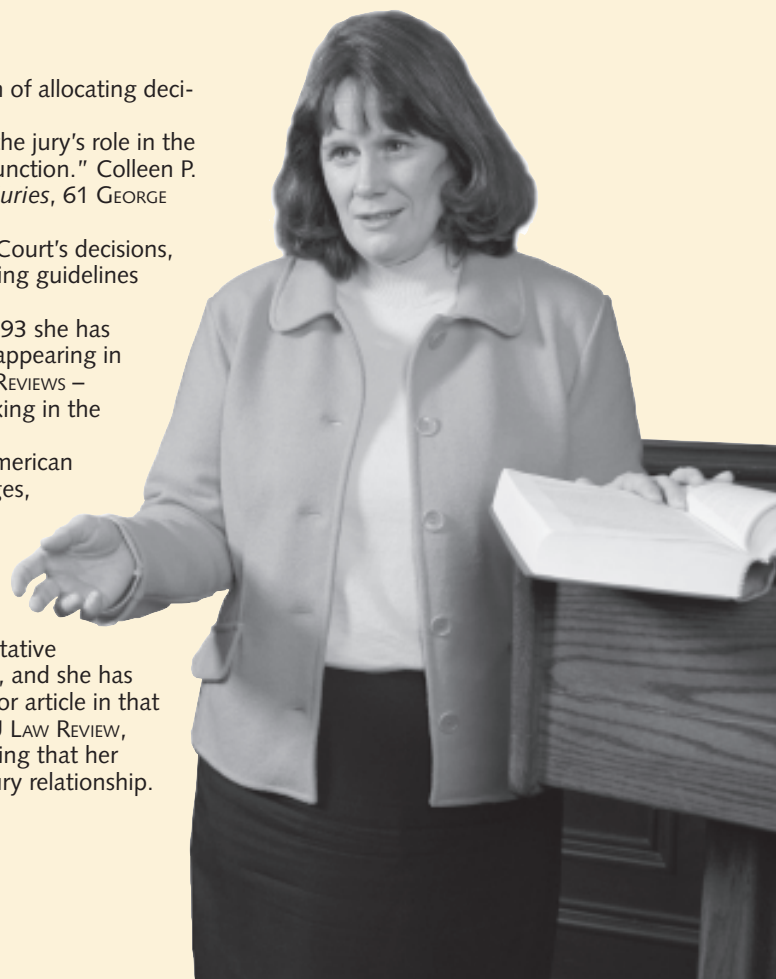
Murphy argued in 1993 that "[t]he Supreme Court should expand the jury's role in the sentencing context by recognizing the jury's constitutional fact-finding function." Colleen P. Murphy, *Integrating the Constitutional Authority of Civil and Criminal Juries*, 61 *GEORGE WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW* 723 (1993).

She thus became the first legal scholar to foreshadow the Supreme Court's decisions, just last term, in *Booker* and *Fanfan*, which held that the federal sentencing guidelines violate a criminal defendant's right to a jury trial.

Murphy's expertise extends to the civil context as well, and since 1993 she has explored the judge/jury relationship in civil and criminal cases in articles appearing in the *VIRGINIA*, *NORTHWESTERN*, *TEXAS*, *WISCONSIN*, *U.C. DAVIS*, and *TULANE LAW REVIEWS* – articles that have been cited more than 100 times by other scholars working in the field.

The influence of her work can also be seen by her election to the American Law Institute (ALI), whose membership consists of a select group of judges, lawyers, and law teachers from all areas of the United States, as well as some foreign countries, who are selected on the basis of professional achievement and demonstrated interest in the improvement of the law. (Other ALI members at RWU are Dean David Logan, Professors Robert Kent, David Rice, and Louise Ellen Teitz.)

Presently, Professor Murphy serves as a member of the ALI's Consultative Group on the *Restatement (Third) of Restitution and Unjust Enrichment*, and she has turned her formidable scholarly focus to issues of remedies. Her first major article in that area, *Misclassifying Monetary Restitution*, recently appeared in the *SMU LAW REVIEW*, and it has already been cited by several federal and state courts, suggesting that her work on remedies will be as influential as her scholarship on the judge/jury relationship.





Mark W. Gemma '97
President
Law Alumni Association

As you've read in this edition of *Amicus*, the School of Law has taken a huge step forward in its quest for excellence by becoming a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). This achievement places Roger Williams University in the company of top law schools in America. Dean Logan, the faculty, and administration are to be applauded for their efforts over the last 2-1/2 years with regard to making AALS membership possible.

You, the alumni, are to be applauded as well. I cannot help but look back on 2005 and see what a great year our Law Alumni Association has had. The School of Law could not have made the strides it has, after only 14 years in existence, without

great alumni support. Your contributions and participation in our Annual Fund, alumni golf tournament, and holiday party (where we raised over \$3,000 for the Annual Fund), to name just a few, have allowed the Law Alumni Association to form connections with the School of Law that will last for years to come.

However, while reflecting on the accomplishments of the past year, we must also keep a keen eye on the future of the institution. It is only with your support that the School of Law can continue to achieve success. It is with that in mind that I encourage you to get actively involved in our association.

Whether that includes a financial donation, providing the Alumni Board of Directors with your input, or simply attending alumni events in the state in which you live, please become a part of the great happenings at the School of Law. In the past year, we have hosted alumni gatherings in Boston, Washington, D.C., New York, Philadelphia, and Rhode Island. To become more involved, feel free to contact me at mark@gemmalaw.com or contact the alumni office directly.

Online Alumni Community!

Check out:

<http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/RWU/>

This Online Alumni Community is available only to Roger Williams University undergraduate alumni and School of Law alumni. You must register with the community to gain access. The directory contains contact information on alumni. Alumni can update their own profile and hide any information they do not want listed. A simple search function and an advanced search function allow alumni to search for other alumni, based on various criteria.

Alumni may access the directory via a secure seven-digit access code, which is located above your name on the mailing address on this *Amicus* issue. There are no fees or obligations associated with the directory.

If you have any questions or comments about the Online Directory, please e-mail lawalumni@rwu.edu.



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Sixth Annual Law Alumni Association Golf Tournament Exceeds Goal

The Sixth Annual Law Alumni Golf Tournament, held on Sunday, August 28, 2005, exceeded its goal of raising \$13,000. This event brought together more than 130 alumni and friends at the Cranston Country Club for a day full of golf, food, fun, and reminiscing. Continued support for this fundraising event has enabled the Law Alumni Association to award outstanding law students with an annual Law Alumni Association Scholarship.

"Our golf tournament is the embodiment of the Roger Williams University Law Alumni Association," said Golf Tournament Chairperson Anthony Leone, II, '97. "The hard work and dedication of our committee, volunteers, and the Alumni Office makes the day possible. It is a privilege to help the Law Alumni Association run the tournament."

Each year the committee seeks to grow the tournament and they have succeeded. If you wish to become involved with the planning of golf tournament activities, silent auction, raffle, or volunteer for the day, please email your interest to lawevents@rwu.edu.

Special Thanks to the Golf Tournament Committee & Volunteers:

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1996

Stephen Maguire and his wife Laura welcomed the birth of their son Charles on October 12, 2005.

Vincent J. Mitchell has relocated the Law Office of Vincent J. Mitchell to Warwick, R.I. The practice concentrates in asset-protection planning as well as estate planning, and elder law matters.

1997

Kristin Vokey Muratore and her husband Matthew have two children, Alexis and Emma. She works at Triffletti & Costa, P.C., in Plymouth, Mass.

Jennifer L. Perkins left the office of Senator Chafee to become counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and advisor to Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME), on issues involving the Federal Budget, Pensions and Social Security.

Jeffrey Wishik published a book titled *Medical and Legal Aspects of Neurology*.

1998

Eugene G. Bernardo II was promoted to partner at the law firm of Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP. He concentrates a significant portion of his practice in the area of tax-exempt financing and municipal law.

David Habich has been promoted to assistant general counsel/supervisory special agent in the Office of General Counsel National Security Law Branch for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C.

1999

Stacy R. Cohen has joined the law firm, Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP as an associate in the Real Estate Department. Cohen works at the firm's Woodbridge, N.J., location and is also a member of the firm's Planned Real Estate Practice Group.

Christine Fraser and Jason Sturtevant welcomed a baby girl, Olivia Jaye, on November 8, 2005.

Maria J. Marley is pleased to announce the opening of her new law office in Westerly, R.I. The office is open to the general practice of law with a concentration on immigration issues.

2000

Marc R. Colagiovanni announced his engagement to Lauren E. Moretti, both of Cranston, R.I. A February 18, 2006, wedding was planned.

Katheryn Ford married James Gemma on August 13, 2005. They make their home in Providence.

John Garry serves Of Counsel to the Affiliated Law Offices of Nicholson & Associates. He is an active member of the R.I. Young Republicans, the East Bay Republicans, and the Bristol Town Committee. John has experience lobbying both the state legislative and executive branches of government. He continues to serve as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves.

Sarah K. Hunter has been appointed vice president/counsel for human resources at Citizens Bank, Providence, R.I.

Olayinka Oredugba married David Cooper on May 29, 2005. Olayinka works for the City of Providence overseeing the City's Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action, and Minority & Women's Business Enterprise Compliance programs.

2001

Eric Miller and his wife, Jenny, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Lily Grace, on August 26, 2005. Lily joins her older sister Lucy, 2.

Lisa S. Holley was reappointed by Governor Donald L. Carcieri as chairperson of the Rhode Island Parole Board. She is married to **David Holley '99** and they reside in East Greenwich, R.I.

Todd Lindmark and his wife Joann have three children, Katherine, Kiera, and Aidan. He is senior vice president for the Meridien Benefits Group, Inc.

Sheila Lombardi and her husband welcomed a daughter, Samantha, on October 11, 2005. Samantha joins her older brother Jack.

David MacDuffee and his wife, Andrea, welcomed their first child, Trevor Ian, on November 11, 2005.

Jamie Snyder is a domestic violence prosecutor in the State Attorney's office, Jackson County, Ill. He was nominated for the National Commission Against Drunk Driving Award for Adjudication, for his work in prosecuting and education on driving under the influence. He was married November 29, 2003.

Maurene Souza announced the opening of the Law Offices of Maurene Souza located at the historic Joseph Brown House in Providence, R.I. The office will specialize in appellate writing and business litigation.

2003

Neville J. Bedford is pleased to announce the opening of his law practice in Providence. He will represent clients in civil, criminal, family, and bankruptcy matters in Mass. and R.I.

Bathsheba Carde is pleased to announce the opening of Roman and Carde, LLC, located in Perth Amboy, N.J. The office specializes in bankruptcy, family law, municipal law, landlord/tenant matters, real estate transactions, criminal matters, and general practice. She was married to Keith Welsch, a New York City police officer, on September 2, 2005. They reside in Staten Island, N.Y.

Mark P. Gagliardi announces the opening of the Law Office of Mark P. Gagliardi, located in Providence, R.I.

Rebecca MacGregor married Thomas Long on July 4, 2003. Rebecca is an associate at Charmoy, Stolzberg & Holian, LLP, Boston.

Felicia A. Manni-Paquette and her husband, Michael, and daughter Amber Rose, welcomed a baby boy, Michael Anthony, on April 6, 2005. She is currently in private general practice, concentrating in real estate, collections and corporate matters. She is licensed to practice law in R.I., Mass., and Conn. The family resides in Cranston.

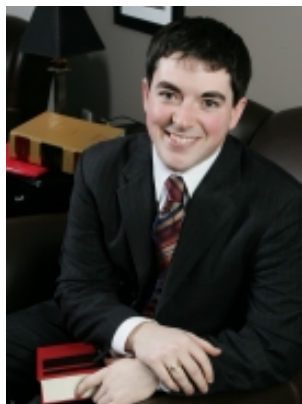
Josh J. Stewart works at the law offices of Carlson & Meissner in New Port Richey, Fla., where he leads the worker's compensation litigation group. He resides in Odessa, Fla.

2004

Lauren Bergheimer and Peter Tekippe are engaged to be married in July of 2006. Peter works at the law office of Casey and Thompson, P.C. in Attleboro, Mass. Lauren works at the Law Office of Ready, Kiernan & McNally, LLP in Wareham, Mass.

Andrew Bilodeau was appointed as a board member to the Clean Water Finance Agency by Governor Carcieri in June 2005. He also sits on the finance committee for Save the Bay and is the secretary of the South Kingstown Republican Town committee. He is an associate with the Providence law firm of MacAdams & Wiecek, Inc.

STUDENT PROFILE



Patrick Cullinan '06

By Meghan L. Hansen

During the fall semester of his third year, Patrick Cullinan was a judicial extern for the Honorable Allen P. Rubine, Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court. He most enjoyed interacting with the judge, staff, and lawyers during his time at the Washington County Superior Courthouse.

"It gave me a chance to observe and participate in civil matters," Cullinan

said. "Prior to the externship, all of my experience in the law had been working in the criminal arena."

In addition, the externship afforded him an opportunity to observe lawyers at work during trials at the courthouse.

"I had the unique opportunity of talking with lawyers during breaks and learning why they asked certain questions or presented evidence in a certain way," Cullinan said.

He said he's taken the lessons to heart, and feels they will be valuable resources in his future legal work – especially if he works in a district attorney's office after graduation.

"I always thought that a judge's job was not easy, but now I really appreciate just how difficult it can be," Cullinan said. "The externship provided me the opportunity to form a close relationship with a judge, to experience the thought process of a judge, and to put the knowledge I have gained through law school into practice."

Cullinan recommends that anyone who gets a chance to work for a judge should seize the opportunity, because "it will be a phenomenal learning experience and you will gain a mentor."

He also feels the clerkship provided him with a superb opportunity to hone his analytical and writing skills. He states it best, saying: "Who better to critique your writing skills than a judge who is currently on the bench deciding cases?"

Susan L. B. Darnell, Major, USAF (Ret.) announces the opening of the law office of Darnell Law located in Newport, R.I. The office will concentrate in military and family law, and QDROs and military retirement. She published an article in the ABA Family Advocate on military retirement divisions, and serves on the Military Family Law committee.

Melissa DuBose was appointed Special Assistant Attorney General for the R.I. Office of the Attorney General.

Chandra Forshey graduated from the School of Justice Studies at RWU with a Masters of Science degree in criminal justice. She is employed at the law firm of McClure & Associates, Cambridge, Ohio, where she handles trust cases and is the firm's funding coordinator.

Richard A. Foster and Amanda Bertrand were married on July 2, 2005 in Endicott, N.Y. Several law school alums were in attendance at the wedding, **Keri (Pluck) Claeys '03**, **Amy (Puccio) Minchillo '04**, and **Ashley Barriger '04**. Richard is an associate attorney at Robinson, Burns & McCarthy in Bridgewater, N.J. The couple resides in Plainsboro, N.J.

Alissa Gearhart was appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Rotary International Club of La Salle, Ill., on July 6, 2005. She is the youngest member of the Club, and the youngest member ever appointed to the Board in the Club's 85-year history.

Vaughn R. Pickell and his wife, Judi, welcomed their first child, James R. Pickell on August 3, 2005. Vaughn, a graduate of the joint-degree program in law and community planning from URI, is an associate with Smith Hartvigsen, PLLC, in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he specializes in land use, zoning, redevelopment, and eminent domain.

Siobhan Stephens-Katala and her husband Gerard welcomed a baby girl, Brooklyn Liat Katala, on August 4, 2005.

Brian Terlinsky joined the law firm of Buonassissi, Henning and Lash, P.C. in Reston, Va. He will focus on commercial litigation, bankruptcy, creditor's rights, and foreclosures throughout the D.C. metropolitan area.

Kelly (Christian) Sullivan is an associate with the law firm of Warr & Warr, P.C., in Providence, R.I.

Larry White is teaching law & politics classes at Cankaya University in Ankara, Turkey.

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Lara Corrente has been named the director of regulatory affairs at Delcath Systems, Inc. in Stamford, Conn. Her role will be to work closely with the legal guidelines of the FDA as the company conducts Phase III clinical trials.

William A. Flanagan was appointed as the assistant city solicitor of Taunton, Mass.

Arash Heidarian accepted a position with McManus, Schor, Asmar & Darden, a construction litigation and government contracts firm. He will be working part-time in the government contracts litigation group, while completing his LL.M. at George Washington University School of Law.

Kelly Kindelan is a judicial law clerk for the Hon. John McGroarty in the Eighth District Court in Las Vegas.

Bryan Summerlin and Charlotte Edwards Pace were married on May 21, 2005 in Montgomery, Ala. They currently reside in Seattle, Wash., where Bryan is enrolled in the LL.M. (Taxation) program at the University of Washington School of Law. The couple were honored that Professor and Mrs. Anthony J. Santoro were present at the wedding. Groomsmen included **Jason Smith '05** and **Curtis P. Patalano '05**. Other members of the Class of 2005 in attendance included **Amy Dodge**, **Kathryn Fyans**, **Ronald J. Grant**, **Margaret McSharry**, and **Margaret Tarta**.

D.C. Area Alumni Chapter Established

The School of Law's first regional alumni chapter has been established in Washington, D.C.

Alumni living in the D.C. area created the chapter to foster a sense of community between current students, faculty, administration and D.C. area alumni, as well as to create cohesion among the D.C. area alumni.

The president of the new Washington D.C. Chapter, Nagesh Tammara, stated that, "as the first regional alumni chapter, we hope to be an outlet for promoting the School of Law to prospective students, while also serving members of RWU Law by being a valuable resource within the D.C. area legal community."

If you are interested in joining the D.C. chapter, you may contact the D.C. chapter at NageshTammara@aol.com.



D.C. Area Alumni List Serve:
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Interested in joining the D.C. area alumni listserve? Email your request to lawalumni@rwu.edu. You must become a member in order to receive or send correspondence through the listserve to other alumni members.

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2:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, April 12, 2006

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Friday, May 19, 2006

Commencement

1:00 p.m.
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Thursday, June 22, 2006

Law Alumni Association Annual
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7:45 a.m.
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Newport Reception

The School of Law celebrated its acceptance into the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) at the Hotel Viking, Newport, R.I. on January 29, 2006. The celebration included members of the Rhode Island and federal government, judiciary, Roger Williams University President Roy J. Nirschel, University administration, School of Law administration, faculty, staff, students, and loyal supporters of the School of Law. See related article on page 10.



Dean David A. Logan thanked the attendees for their contributions to the AALS membership application process.



President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D. and Providence Mayor David N. Ciciline.



(l to r) Co-authors David A. Wollin, Professor Robert B. Kent, Robert G. Flanders, Jr., and Professor B. Mitchell Simpson III celebrate the recent release of their treatise, Rhode Island Civil and Appellate Procedure.



Founding members of the School of Law with Dean David A. Logan include Professor Anthony J. Santoro, Professor Louise Ellen Teitz, Associate Dean Michael J. Yelnosky, Executive Assistant to the Dean Judy Menezes, and Professor Bruce I. Kogan.



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