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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The solar calendar tells us it is harvest time, but the academic calendar tells us it that we are in the season for sowing and growing. This year is especially exciting, as the entering class is the largest and best-credentialed in the history of the School of Law. In addition, the students come from a dizzying array of colleges (146) and states (35)—with five hailing from Hawaii!). I am also pleased to report that this is our most racially and ethnically diverse class ever.

These students, as well as the terrific returning classes, will be taught by a truly remarkable collection of teacher/scholars, who are carrying the reputation of the School of Law far and wide. In just the past few months my colleagues have published pieces in the primary law reviews of Boston University (Peter Margulies), Northwestern (Emily Sack), Southern Methodist (David Zlotnick), Tulane (Ed Eberle), and University of California-Davis (Colleen Murphy), not to mention the many faculty who contributed to the 10th anniversary edition of our own Law Review. The best teacher award, voted by the class of 2004, went to a great colleague, Major John Shelburne, who is now serving with his Marine JAG unit in Baghdad.

Under the leadership of Kristen Fletcher, the Director of our Marine Affairs Institute, we organized and sponsored (along with the University of Rhode Island Department of Marine Affairs and Rhode Island Sea Grant) our fifth Marine Law Symposium. Environmental law experts from around the country came to Bristol to discuss important studies by the United States Commission on Ocean Policy and the Pew Ocean Commission. We were pleased that current students and alumni were able to attend the exciting workshops.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that after 17 years of practice in Rhode Island, Eric Archer has joined our staff as a development officer. Eric and dedicated members of our Law Alumni Association Board are busy organizing a major effort to increase participation in the School of Law Annual Fund. Great things are happening on Mount Hope Bay.

Office of Career Services: Charting a New & Dynamic Course

"Change has been achieved only when the illusion that the past will return is gone." —Anonymous.

By Anthony Bastone
Assistant Dean of Career Services



My strong interest in coming to Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law is simple. I want to build one of the best Legal Career Services Offices in the country. This academic year marks my twenty-sixth anniversary in legal education, having served at five other law schools as Assistant Dean and Director (most recently at the University of Colorado), and I bring experience and dedication to this post.

The Office of Career Services will serve as a vortex of activity, providing comprehensive service to students, alumni, and legal employers. The office will assist students with a variety of career-related issues. Personalized and group career counseling will be available to assist students/alumni with decisions about career direction, employers, and/or alternatives to conventional legal careers. Workshops and symposia will be held on resume preparation, cover letters, interviewing skills, and job search strategies throughout the academic year. The office will serve all its clients, namely, those in the top 100% of their classes.

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Kathleen Birt Memorial Prize

The Kathleen Birt Memorial Prize was established to honor the late Kathleen Birt by recognizing a graduating student who demonstrated distinguished performance in dispute resolution courses. Kathleen taught Alternative Dispute Resolution as well as Mediation at Roger Williams for several years.

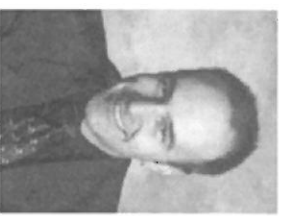
Kathleen was an attorney, mediator, and arbitrator whose practice focused on dispute resolution. She was President of Mediation Consultants, Inc. and former President of both the New England Association for Conflict Resolution and the Rhode Island Council of Family Mediators.

In Kathy's memory, the School of Law has established the Kathleen Birt Memorial Prize. The annual prize will be awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated distinguished performance in dispute resolution courses. Donations may be sent to: Roger Williams University School of Law, Ten Metacorn Ave., Bristol, RI 02809. Please make checks payable to RWU School of Law.

New Faculty



Justice Robert G. Flanders, Jr. serves as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law. He earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School and an A.B. from Brown University *magna cum laude* and was elected to *Phi Beta Kappa*. He will teach a year-long required course in Constitutional Law.



Victor B. Flatt serves as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law. He earned his J.D. *cum laude* Order of the Coif from Northwestern University School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry and Mathematics *magna cum laude* from Vanderbilt University. He will teach Constitutional Law I, Inter-Agency Environmental Cooperation, Property, and Environmental Law.



Steven Kropp will serve as Visiting Professor of Law. He earned an LL.M. in Corporate Bankruptcy and Labor Law from Columbia University School of Law, his J.D. from Boston University School of Arts degree *summa cum laude* in Political Science from the University of Amherst. He will teach Contracts.



Student Kudos

Tara Janosh, 3L, Sea Grant Law Fellow, and member of the Marine Affairs Joint Degree Program, was recently awarded the Marilynne

Upcoming Events

"Thinking Like Scientists Not Like Lawyers"

Professor David Rosenberg
Harvard Law School
Friday, October 8, 2004
Room 283
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Professor David Rosenberg will draw on experience in practice, writing, and teaching to argue that the legal profession is fast becoming socially irrelevant and irresponsible and that total retraining of legal education is essential to save it. This is not a critique of lawyers' ethics, fees, or partisan zeal. It's more basic, impugning "thinking like a lawyer."

Professor Rosenberg entered practice in 1967 as an associate with Rabinowitz, Boudin and Standard in New York, and in 1972 formed the firm of Rosenberg, Baker and Fine in Cambridge. He joined the Harvard faculty part-time in 1971 and full-time in 1979. His practice, teaching, and writing cover diverse subjects, including constitutional law, labor law, criminal law, federal courts, torts, civil procedure, and complex litigation. His work pioneered the field of mass torts, in particular, by applying theories of law enforcement, deterrence, and insurance to develop and justify the use of probabilistically proportioned liability and such collectivized modes of adjudication as class action.

Roger Williams Conference

"Roger Williams' Gift: Religious Liberty in America and Beyond Celebrating the Legacy of Roger Williams on the 400th Anniversary of His Birth"

Friday, October 15, 2004
School of Law
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



In recognition of the 400th anniversary of the birth of Roger Williams, you are invited to join Professor Ed Eberle and a distinguished panel of scholars who will reflect on the unique contributions of this seminal champion of religious freedom and separation of church and state and discuss these still-controversial principles in an increasingly heterogeneous world.

For additional conference details:
<http://law.rwu.edu/About+the+School/News+and+Events/>

To make a reservation or to register for an event, please call the Office of Alumni, Programs & Events at (401) 254-4659 or lawevents@rwu.edu.

New Administrative Staff

The School of Law welcomes Lydia Hanhardt, a graduate of Oberlin College (B.A.) and Columbia University (M.A.), who will assist Associate Dean Michael Yelnosky in the new position of Coordinator of Educational Enhancements. Lydia will provide administrative support for important aspects of our mission, especially the International and Honors Programs, as well as the Multicultural Law Students Association.

Graboy's Wool Scholarship from the Rhode Island Foundation. One scholarship is given annually & is named for Marilynne Graboy's Wool who was only the eighth woman admitted to the Rhode Island Bar in 1950 and who blazed the trail for women in law in southern New England. During her three-decade career, Mrs. Wool established a considerable practice in commercial law – corporate work, estate planning, secured

transactions – and raised two children. Speaking to a reporter in 1967, Mrs. Wool shared her thoughts on the legal profession, "It's good training. Lawyers think logically. And women can bring understanding and intuition to the profession." Following Mrs. Wool's death at age 72, her brother George Graboy's established the Marilynne Graboy's Wool Scholarship Fund at The Rhode Island Foundation.