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David A. Logan
Dean and Professor of Law

A message from the Dean

One of the hallmarks of a RWU legal education is a commitment to public service, and the RWU faculty and staff provide great role models for our students. In just the last few months, Prof. Andy Horwitz was presented the Lohmann Community Service Award by the R.I. Bar Association, Asst. Prof. Jorge Elorza was recognized for his work with the Childhood Lead Action Project, and the Feinstein Institute's Liz Tobin Tyler was feted by the National Legal Services Corporation. Among the many faculty who have made interesting and important contributions outside R.I. are Prof. Louise Teitz, who signed the Hague Choice of Law Convention as a delegate from the U.S., and Assoc. Prof. Jared Goldstein, who recently drafted and filed an amicus brief in the Supreme Court on behalf of a group of environmental law experts.

Our students also reach out to the community, because service learning is an integral part of their education. Since the inception of the Feinstein Institute for Legal Service in 2000, RWU law students have contributed more than 25,000 hours of uncompensated assistance to government agencies and NGOs, among them Save the Bay, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, state and federal judges, and the R.I. Public Defender and Attorney General. Our Criminal Defense and Community Justice Clinics are directed by nationally respected educators, who oversee student representation of the less-fortunate in R.I. We are especially proud of the work of our fledgling Innocence Project, through which RWU students helped Josephine P. win a full exoneration from felony charges lodged against her; last month RWU students helped her achieve her dream -- American citizenship.

Read on to learn more about how the School of Law, with its commitment to public service, is making a positive impact outside of our walls.

Professor Elorza recognized for his pro bono work

In September, Asst. Prof. Jorge Elorza was awarded the "Beyond the Call of Duty Award" by the Childhood Lead Action Project. The award reflects the many hours he devoted to improving the lot of the children of Rhode Island, especially his work in the preparation and litigation of *Mackie v. R.I.*, an important case now pending in the R.I. Supreme Court.



Prof. Jorge Elorza

Feinstein Institute for Legal Service

The Feinstein Institute for Legal Service provides a rich array of experiential opportunities to our students. It starts as early as Orientation, when 1Ls, alongside faculty and staff, help a number of local non-profits, including the Glen Farm Equestrian Center, Women's Resource Center, East Bay Community Action Program, Potter League for Animals, and the Southside Community Land Trust.



As the only law school in Rhode Island, our students have unique opportunities to serve with local, state, and federal agencies. Our students have updated ordinances for Providence City Solicitor Joe Fernandez, helped the R.I. Attorney General prepare

Career Services Dean Tony Bastone and first-year law students clean up the campus shoreline.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Legal Career Options Day

Friday, November 17, 2006
4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

School of Law - Second Floor Atrium

A champagne reception to follow.

For more information, please call the Office of Career Services at (401) 254-4650 or email jbailey@rwu.edu.

Law Alumni Association Holiday Party

Thursday, December 7, 2006
5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Brown Faculty Club
One Magee Street
Providence, R.I.

Tickets required.

For more information, please call the Office of Alumni, Programs, and Events at (401) 254-4659 or email lawevents@rwu.edu.