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Newsroom

Rhode Island Legal Services Honors Dean Logan for His Commitment to Equal Justice

David A. Logan, Dean of the Roger Williams University School of Law since 2003, was honored recently for his dedication and commitment to equal justice in the law.

Logan was recognized at the 40th Anniversary Celebration of Rhode Island Legal Services (RILS). During his tenure at RWU, Logan has spearheaded numerous public interest projects, paved the way for increasing the school's public-service graduation requirement to 50 hours, increased funding for students who work in public service jobs each summer, and supported scholarships for applicants with a public-interest commitment. During his time at RWU, bar pass rates have soared and surveys show that the faculty is now one of the most productive and diverse in New England.

Among the public interest projects cultivated under Logan's leadership are the Pro Bono Collaborative (which links major law firms, community-based organizations, and law students to provide pro bono legal service to low-income individuals) and securing funding for a Public Interest Loan Repayment Program and the Thurgood Marshall Lecture Series.

The School of Law and RILS share a strong commitment to serve Rhode Island's low-income communities and work together towards that goal. RILS has provided countless hours mentoring RWU law students, helping them appreciate the challenges and satisfaction that comes with representing the poor. As further evidence of the depth of the RILS-RWU Law connection, RILS employs nine RWU Law graduates.

"We are pleased to recognize Dean David Logan's commitment to equal justice," said Robert Barge, Executive Director of RILS. "Under his leadership, RWU Law has thrived, dramatically increasing its stature among the nation's law schools. Importantly, this academic achievement has been accompanied by innovative and creative efforts to improve access to justice for low income Rhode Islanders. Offerings such as the Feinstein Institute for Legal Service, the Pro Bono Collaborative, and the Rhode Island Medical/Legal Partnership for Children all make clear the commitment of the School of Law to public interest law and public service."

Roger Williams University School of Law is the only law school in the State of Rhode Island, offering future attorneys a rigorous, world-class legal education in a supportive, personalized environment. A top-

notch faculty and strong student culture drive the school's rapidly growing reputation with a focus on integrity, academic excellence and professional success.