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Please join us for a special evening
to celebrate and support the students, alumni, partners
and friends whose exceptional devotion to social justice
increases access to justice for all.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016
OMNI PROVIDENCE HOTEL

The 2016 Champions for Justice Award Recipients

Champion for Justice: The Honorable Judith Colenback Savage



Judge Judith Colenback Savage is currently serving her second year as Distinguished Jurist in Residence at RWU Law and is Co-Chair of Governor Gina Raimondo's Justice Reinvestment Working Group, which has been tasked with proposing changes to Rhode Island's criminal justice system. She came to RWU Law after serving with distinction for twenty years as a Judge on the Rhode Island Superior Court. Last year, Judge Savage planned and presented a symposium on mass incarceration that brought approximately 300 stakeholders and students together at the Law School to take an unflinching look at the criminal justice system in this country and in Rhode Island.

**Alumni Public Interest Champion: Dena M.
Castricone '98, L'02**

Champions for Justice Program

Reception

6:00–7:00 p.m.

Join us as we shine a light on RWU Law students and alumni and celebrate their dedication to serving low-income and disenfranchised communities in New England and around the country.

Dinner & Awards

7:00–8:00 p.m.

We will applaud the accomplishments of our 2016 Champions for Justice award recipients and salute the meaningful differences they have made.

Public Interest Law Auction

8:00–9:30 p.m.

A new twist on an annual tradition bringing together the Bench and Bar to raise funds in support of social justice programs. Items will include one-of-a-kind experiences designed to connect members of the legal community with law students and one another.

To purchase tickets visit:

<http://lawalumni.rwu.edu/champions2016>

**Proceeds from the evening will benefit the many
social justice programs within RWU Law:**

Alternative Spring Break
Pro Bono Collaborative
Public Interest Clinical Externships
Public Interest Summer Stipends
RWU Law Clinics



Dena M. Castricone, Esq. '98 L'02 has been a leader in the LGBT Community her entire adult life. She founded The Alliance – LGBT group at RWU Law. In 2007, Dena founded the Connecticut Alliance for Business Opportunities (CABO), an LGBT and allied chamber of commerce, which won national awards including National LGBT Chamber of the Year in 2011 – the youngest LGBT chamber to ever win that honor. After clerking for Chief Justice Frank J. Williams of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, she joined Murtha Cullina, LLP, in 2003 where she started her career as a litigator and is now part of the Long Term Care/Health Care Practice Group. In March 2011, Connecticut Magazine named Dena one of Connecticut's 40 Under 40 and in August 2011, the National LGBT Bar Association recognized her as one of the Best LGBT Lawyers under 40.

Community Partner Champion: Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island



Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island provides client-centered services, advocacy and opportunities based on its expertise in family literacy and adult education, employment services, refugee resettlement, translation, interpretation, and immigration services. Over the past decade, Dorcas International has been an unflagging partner to RWU Law, mentoring dozens of law students who have externed and volunteered with the organization. Dorcas International is a dedicated community partner through our Pro Bono Collaborative. Dorcas International staff attorney Cecily Zeigler provides training and serves as an expert consultant to the Pro Bono Collaborative's U Visa Project with Locke Lord LLP. Carl Krueger and Cecily Zeigler have both shared their

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expertise and supervised our law students at numerous Pro Bono Collaborative community presentations.

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