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Trifecta: 3 from RWU Law Help Shape National Law School Admissions Policy

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Over the last 6 years RWU Law has been an active participant in shaping both the present and the future of law school admissions through service to the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC). While LSAC is best known for administering the LSAT, it is a non-profit organization that governs much of the legal admissions process in the United States, Canada, and Australia (and soon India and China!). We are proud that LSAC has appointed three of our own to prestigious posts.

Michael Boylen, our Assistant Dean of Admissions, has been appointed Chair of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues Subcommittee, after serving as a committee member in 2007 and 2008. During that period the RWU Law LGBT group, the Alliance, had a hand in helping overhaul LSAC's guide for LGBT applicants to law school. (In fact, two of our students, Mary Sarigumba '10 and Cara Hall '09, were profiled in both the [Out and In](#) brochure and on [LSAC's web site](#)). Michael will also be serving as a member of the Diversity Committee, which is charged with developing and nurturing initiatives that broaden the pipeline to law school for underrepresented groups. Finally, he has been tapped to be a trainer for new admissions personnel at LSAC's annual Newcomer's Workshop.

After only a year as an admissions professional, Tom Shaffer (our Director of Admissions and RWU Law class of 1998), will join the LSAC Misconduct and Irregularity Subcommittee. In this role, he will review cases where applicants are alleged to have engaged in misconduct during the law school application process.

Finally, I have been asked to serve on the LSAC's Investment Policy Oversight Group, which oversees LSAC's rather large investment portfolio. In 2007 and 2008, I served a member of the Finance and Legal Affairs Committee and before that, I served as a member of the Diversity Committee.