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# Dean Logan's Blog

## RIAJ + RWU Law: A Strong Bond Grows Stronger

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As the only law school in Rhode Island, RWU Law has a close relationship with a number of important professional groups, including the Thurgood Marshall Law Society, the Latino Policy Institute, Common Cause and the Rhode Island Association for Justice, which represents lawyers who represent injured individuals. Professor Diana Hassel and I have taught in RIAJ "citizen schools" which help explain the legal system to non-lawyers, and last year we co-hosted, with RIAJ and the Rhode Island School of Design, a screening of a controversial look at our civil justice system, *Hot Coffee*.

We are also closely linked via the leadership of RIAJ, with multiple members of our community serving as President: 1988-1990, Mark Mandell (now Chairman of our Board of Directors), last year a very popular member of our Adjunct Faculty Don Migliori, this year alum Anthony Leone ('97), and next year Pat Jones, also from our Board of Directors.

The RWU Law family was out in full force to see Anthony sworn in as President, and to see the award for "Case of the Year" going to Don Migliori, for his amazing work handling the complexities of the "Composix Kugel Mesh" litigation, and the Judicial Merit award that went to a judge on the front lines of litigation, Jeanne LaFazia, Chief Judge of the RI District Court. (It was a great year for Don; not only did he win the RIAJ award, but his work was saluted as the basis for his firm being named one of the top firms in the country by the *National Law Journal*.

Here are some pics from that fun evening.



Anthony Leone ('97)



Anthony and Don Migliori, Adjunct Professor of Law



Chief Judge Jeanne LaFazia and Don



Dean Logan and 2L Nick Denice with his RIAG mentor



Mark Mandell, Chair, School of Law Board; Yvette Boisclar, Esq. and Congressman Jim Langevin (D-RI)



Patrick Jones, School of Law Board and Don



Judge Daniel Procaccini, Michael Schwartz, Esq. and Joe Ranone'05