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RWU Law Students Successful Mediators

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RWU Law is very proud of the public service spirit of our faculty and staff, as well as the ways in which our students get valuable practical skills training so they can hit the ground running after graduating and passing the bar. One example that blends these two aspects of our program is work with a "Mediation Blitz," under the auspices of the RI Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer Program. The Director of our Mediation Clinic, Professor Bruce Kogan took the lead in helping his students provide free mediation services to eight limited income couples who wished to end their marriages with dignity and without protracted litigation in Family Court. Student mediators from the clinic (under the Prof. Kogan, Clinic Administrator Margie Caranci, and Family Court Deputy Court Administrator David Tassoni), were able to help all couples resolve all outstanding issues. The parties left the day-long project with mediated memoranda of understanding drafted by the student mediators. The VLP Program will now get volunteer lawyers to put the divorces through Family Court as uncontested nominal matters. The student mediators were joined in the project by RWUSL alumni Neville Bedford and Lynne Radiches, and VLPer Christine Engustian.



Great work, Mediators!