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Newsroom

Legal Experts on the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill Available for Comment

The Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico brought some of the costliest and most complex litigation to the U.S. justice system to date. To better understand the legal ramifications and legacy of the BP oil crisis, Roger Williams University School of Law offers three scholars to provide expert analysis and commentary as the story continues to unfold.

To arrange an interview, contact Michael Bowden at (401) 254-3881 or Ruth Bazinet at (401) 254-3805.



David A. Logan

Dean, Roger Williams University School of Law

Multi-district Litigation, Tort Law, Compensation Commission

An often-quoted expert in tort law and multi-district litigation, Dean Logan is a national and international “go-to” source for untangling the legal complexity of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. In recent months, his expert commentary has appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Associated Press, Reuters, the Financial Times of London, and numerous other media outlets.

From 1981 to 2003, Dean Logan was a faculty member at Wake Forest University School of Law, where he won awards for his teaching of torts, media law, and professional responsibility.

His publications, focusing on the intersection of tort law and the First Amendment, have

appeared in such major legal journals as the Michigan Law Review and the Virginia Law Review.

Dean Logan earned his bachelor's degree from Bucknell University, his master's degree from Wisconsin-Madison and his juris doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law.



Susan Farady

Director, Marine Affairs Institute at RWU and R.I. Sea Grant Legal Program

Marine Policy, including Environmental, Natural Resources and Ocean Governance

As a leading national expert in marine law, Susan Farady frequently publishes and presents on marine protected areas, the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, marine governance reform, and other Marine Law-related topics.

Prof. Farady teaches marine policy topics at RWU Law and is co-author of the leading textbook in the field, "Marine and Coastal Law" (2010). Prior to joining RWU Law, she directed the Ocean Conservancy's New England regional office, taught at the University of Maine School of Law and practiced both civil and criminal law. She also serves as an advisor to various government and academic bodies engaged in marine and environmental activities.

Prof. Farady has been cited for her expertise by publications from USA Today to Slate, as well as frequently appearing in local and regional media. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado and her juris doctor from Vermont Law School.



Jonathan Gutoff

Professor of Law

Maritime and Admiralty Law

Jonathan Gutoff is one of the nation's top experts on maritime, admiralty and piracy law issues. Prof. Gutoff's insights help others to better understand how current maritime laws could impact the ongoing BP litigation as well as its potential impact on the future of U.S. maritime commerce law.

In addition to teaching popular courses on administrative law, admiralty, civil procedure, and remedies, Prof. Gutoff is a prolific scholar in Marine Law topics, and a former acting director and present faculty member of RWU Law's Marine Affairs Institute. His articles have appeared in top legal publications including the Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce, the Tulane Law Review and the University of Pittsburgh Law Review. He has addressed regional, national and international conferences (including the United Nations) on piracy and other marine and environmental law issues, and is regularly sought out for his expert commentary by media outlets from the National Law Journal to National Public Radio.

A classics major at Brown University, Prof. Gutoff earned his juris doctor at the University of Chicago Law School.