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Sports Law Symposium and LCOD 8 Shows Students the Versatility of the JD Degree

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The Office of Career Services recently presented two excellent programs, showcasing the remarkable array of career paths available to those with a Juris Doctor degree.

One event was a Sports Law Symposium, co-sponsored with the [Sports and Entertainment Law Society \(SPENT\)](#). Panelists included RWUSOL graduate Kathy Sulentic '09, who is the Assistant Director of Enforcement for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Kathy was joined by [Ed Weiss](#), General Counsel of Fenway Sports Group (which includes the Boston Red Sox), and prominent sports agent [Dennis Coleman](#), a partner at the law firm Ropes & Gray. They spoke of their routes to their current positions, and emphasized the need for students to get practical experience while still in law school.

Joining the panel for the Question and Answer session afterward were Jennifer Flynn, Senior Vice President and Assistant General Counsel for the Boston Red Sox, and Amanda Eysie, Senior Manager of Legal Operations and Summer Legal Intern Director. All the presenters agreed that there is no one path to follow to land in sports law, as each had a unique set of experiences to offer. The presenters then adjourned for a lunch with SPENT members.

That same evening, The Office of Career Services hosted our Eighth Annual Legal Career Options Day (LCOD) with over 60 attorney participants from the academic, corporate, government/public interest, judicial, and private law firm sectors. This event affords our law students the occasion to visit with attorneys about their respective careers, organizations, and job opportunities both now and prospectively. It also provides law students to view first-hand the versatility of the juris doctor degree.

One of the largest student crowds in the eight year history of the event took advantage of this annual affair as over 150 law students attended. We were also pleased to note that 34 of the attorney participants were RWU law alumni. Following the formal event students were able to continue to visit and network with attorneys at our traditional Champagne Reception.

Here are some pics from those events.



Dean David Logan (Moderator), Kathy Sulentic ('09), Assistant Director of Enforcement, National Collegiate Athletic Association & Ed Weiss, General Counsel of Fenway Sports Group, open the panel discussion at the first annual Sports Law Symposium.



Dennis Coleman, Prominent Sports Agent and Partner at Ropes & Gray weighs in as Dean David Logan, Kathy Sulentic ('09) and Ed Weiss look on.



Dennis Coleman talks with Roger Williams University Law students (from left to right) Lesley Jackson ('14), Candace Ranglin ('14) and Asia-Sierra Millette ('14).



From left to right: Jeffrey Smith ('13) - Intern for the Boston Red Sox, Kathy Sulentic ('09), Ed Weiss, Jennifer Flynn – Senior Vice President and Assistant General Counsel for the Boston Red Sox, Anthony Bastone – Assistant Dean of Career Services, Coleman & Amanda Eysie – Senior Manager of Legal Operations for the Red Sox & Fenway Sports Management.



Law students from the Sports & Law Entertainment Society enjoy lunch with panelists following the Sports Law Symposium.



Lauren Regan ('10), Katherine McManus ('11), and Rebecca Carey ('11) from Orson & Brusini Ltd.



Veronica Paricio-Director of Career Services, Meghan McDonough ('09) & William Trezvant
from the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General



Andre Digou ('12), Anthony Bastone-Assistant Dean of Career Services, and
Melissa Nafash ('08) Milberg LLP.



Richard Rose-Assistant U.S. Attorney, United States Department of Justice



Timothy Conway ('14) and Steven Stoehr ('14) learn more from Joseph Marciano-Legal Coordinator for the RI State Government Internship Program.



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