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Faculty Spotlight on Andrew Spacone: Bringing Decades of Sophisticated Corporate Work to RWU Students

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RWU Law has an excellent core faculty: highly credentialed (more than 80% have degrees from at least one of the following schools: Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Virginia, Michigan, Chicago, Penn, NYU, and Georgetown), well-published <http://law.rwu.edu/faculty/faculty-productivity-study>, and very effective in the classroom <http://law.rwu.edu/blog/student-satisfaction-their-rwu-law-faculty-remains-high>.

RWU Law students also get instruction from a very strong Adjunct Faculty, who bring their deep well of experience to upper level courses. To name just a few: legendary federal appellate judge Bruce Selya teaches "The Lessons of Litigation" <http://law.rwu.edu/blog/united-states-court-appeals-first-circuit-and-rwu>; one of the state's most respected trial judges Dan Procaccini teaches "Trial Advocacy" <http://law.rwu.edu/blog/students-excel-trying-case-leading-ri-judge>; United States Senator Sheldon Whitehouse teaches "The Role of the Senate in the United States Government" <http://law.rwu.edu/blog/united-states-senator-teach-rwu-law>; and one of America's leading trial lawyers, Mark Mandell, teaches "Advanced Trial Advocacy" <http://law.rwu.edu/blog/learning-litigation-tragedy-station-fire-course>.

Newer to our rotation is Andrew Spacone, who teaches "Mergers and Acquisitions." Professor Spacone was Deputy General Counsel & Assistant Secretary of Textron Inc., where he headed the litigation department. Textron is a worldwide company with operations in aircraft, aerospace, defense and industrial products; he currently serves as of counsel to the leading regional law firm Adler, Pollack & Sheehan, where he provides deep experience in both domestic and international transactions.

Professor Spacone has taken on the challenging task of creating his own course materials, built around past and current Textron documents (e.g., public disclosures such as 10 K&Qs, 8Ks, press releases, completed securities and M&A related litigation, and process manuals). This allows him to make key doctrinal points by weaving in first-hand knowledge of the practical aspects of these highly complex transactions. What better way for upper-level law students to make the transition from mastering classroom theory to real-world application for clients than learning from a top-shelf, seasoned lawyer?

