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RWU is rightly proud of the scholarly excellence of its faculty <http://law.rwu.edu/faculty/faculty-productivity-study> and one of our top performers is Peter Margulies. This was proven out over Spring Break week when instead of chilling out, Peter appeared at not one, but two important programs on National Security.

First up; a panel at the Federalist Society's 2014 Annual Student Symposium - "Security vs. Freedom: Contemporary Controversies" hosted by the University of Florida. Peter addressed "Detained Suspected Terrorists: Try in Military Courts or Civilian Courts?" and was joined by Professor Laura Donohue, (Georgetown Law); Professor Deborah Pearlstein, (Cardozo Law); Professor Christopher Jenks, (SMU Law), and the Honorable A. Raymond Randolph, (U.S. Court of Appeals, DC Circuit).

Here are some pictures of the RWU Law contingent at the Federalist conference:





L-R: Maureen Wagner ('10) Deputy Director of External Relations at the Federalist Society; Christopher Puig ('15); Professor Margulies; Edward Colon ('14); Anthony Sinapi ('15); and Cameron Miller ('16)

Then Peter returned to New England to participate in a program sponsored by the Boston Bar Association on the topic "Terrorism and the Material Support Statute: A Panel Discussion on the First Circuit's Decision in *United States v. Mehanna* and Related Issues." Once again, Peter was in distinguished company as the panel included Professor Andrew March from Yale law School and Sabin Willett, from the leading firm Bingham McCutchen LLP.

Last summer, Peter (along with RWU Law Professor Zoe Argento) hosted a major conference at RWU Law on "Cyber Threats & Cyber Realities: Law, Policy and Regulation in Business, the Professions and National Security." A few years earlier, he led a national conference entitled "Legal Dilemmas in A Dangerous World: Law, Terrorism and National Security," also at RWU.

He has written about a dozen articles discussing the War on Terror, and worked with RWU Law Professor Jared Goldstein (along with litigators from Edwards Wildman) in representing two Afghan detainees at the Guantanamo Bay detention camp. He has filed amicus briefs in high-visibility cases with the U.S. Supreme Court and is frequently cited in the New York Times, the National Law Journal and other media outlets.

That's the kind of top-tier legal expertise RWU Law brings to the table – for our students, for the bench and bar, and for Rhode Island.