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Rhode Island's

First and Only

SCHOOL OF LAW



This edition of *THE BRIDGE* commemorates a truly momentous occasion for Roger Williams University, the legal profession of Rhode Island and the larger community – the opening of Rhode Island's only law school. After several years of careful planning, the Board of Trustees and the Law School Study Committee decided that such a school was needed in the state. A law school would educate potential members of the Bar, could establish important mechanisms for the continuing education of experienced Bar members, and could provide resources to stimulate and enhance the legal culture of Rhode Island.

In its first year, the School of Law has already proven how prophetic the Trustees and Advisory Board members were. Already faculty have been involved in commenting on Rhode Island's system for appointing Supreme Court justices and on various civil and criminal laws and procedures. In keeping with its mission to elevate professional and ethical standards in the state, the School of Law has sponsored an American Inn of Court for the state of Rhode Island (see page 23). Based upon the British model of legal apprenticeships, the Rhode Island Inn will bring together third-year law students, young attorneys and experienced litigators and judges to promote excellence within the profession.

Overshadowing the magnitude of these contributions, however, is the significant impact of the School of Law upon Roger Williams University and its constituencies. When the School is accredited by the American Bar Association, the University will join a select group of only 160 colleges and universities in the United States with American Bar Association-approved schools of law, of more than 3,000 institutions of higher learning nationwide.

The increased media exposure and visibility already generated by the School of Law will enhance both the undergraduate degree programs and the value of a diploma from Roger Williams University. We are already seeing benefits in the admissions area, as undergraduates enroll with the intent to later pursue a legal education, and in fund raising as the University's name becomes increasingly well-known regionally and nationally. All University programs

stand to reap rewards from the prestige of having the School of Law on our campus.

Now firmly launched with 180 students in day and evening divisions, 11 founding faculty, all with prior teaching experience at ABA-accredited law schools; an impressive Law Library of more than 150,000 volumes; and magnificent physical facility near the main entrance of the Bristol Campus, the School of Law has been well-received by the legal community, media and public of Rhode Island, as well as by all constituencies of our Roger Williams University family.

Under the strong and experienced leadership of Vice President and Dean John E. Ryan, the School of Law is moving expeditiously toward ABA accreditation, possibly as early as February 1995. No one is better qualified than Dean Ryan, a distinguished legal educator who chaired the ABA Accreditation Committee from 1986-88 and again from 1992-93, to achieve this and other goals (see articles, pages 3 and 8).

That the Roger Williams University School of Law is a successful reality is due in large part to the vision, tenacity and perseverance of Chairman Ralph R. Papitto '85H; Acting Chief Justice Joseph R. Weisberger '92H of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, who chaired the School of Law Advisory Board and its forerunner, the Law School Study Committee, and to the other men and women (see page 7) who laid the groundwork through their participation in the feasibility study. To them and to Dean James P. White, consultant on legal education to the Bar Association who provided us with much guidance, my heartfelt thanks.

I would also like to thank our students, the most recent and most important group to join the School of Law family. Let me remind our students that the license to practice law is a privilege bestowed by society that has a right to expect that the privilege will be exercised in an ethical manner and always in the public interest. To them, Pauline and I wish a most challenging and rewarding career in law.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Santoro
Anthony J. Santoro



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Perseverance

Pays for

School of Law's "Founding Father"

by Betty M. van Iersel, APR, CERE

"If I did not possess the type of persevering personality that I do, I probably would have quit long before now," said Chairman Ralph R. Papitto '85H, speaking of his pivotal efforts in establishing the first law school in the history of Rhode Island at Roger Williams University.

Overcoming obstacles is nothing new for this successful business executive and entrepreneur. who recently retired as chairman and chief executive officer of Nortek, Inc., a company listed on the New

York Stock Exchange, which he founded in 1967 and built to over \$1 billion in sales with 9,000 employees. He is now chairman of the Providence-based AFC Cable Systems, Inc., the parent company of American Flexible Conduit Co., Inc., a public company with its stock listed on the NASDAQ Exchange.

While the idea of establishing a law school in the state did not originate with Chairman Papitto – Bryant College, Brown University, Providence College, and the University of Rhode Island all conducted feasibility studies within the last decade, and each rejected the prospect – Mr. Papitto's vision, tenacity and business savvy gave life to the concept and made it a reality.

That vision, to open Roger Williams School of Law, began to take shape five years ago when Chairman Papitto attended a dinner in New York City at which he was seated next to a professor of law from Columbia University.

"It was mentioned that Rhode Island was one of only three states without a law school. I didn't know that, and it got me to thinking – 'why not at Roger Williams University?'"

At the time, Chairman Papitto said, the Board of Trustees and other University constituencies had been discussing a new possible liberal arts setting similar to the highly regarded School of Architecture. Within that context, a School of Law seemed a natural.

"I began discussing (a School of Law in Rhode Island) with judges and attorneys around the state. Most were not optimistic, and in fact, gave me very little encouragement at that time," he said.

Citing findings of earlier feasibility studies, most pointed to exorbitant start-up expenses such as costly accreditation procedures, lack of and/or difficulty in obtaining financing and perceived lack of need

for more attorneys in Rhode Island, he said.

However, a closer look at the studies by Chairman Papitto revealed that many of the projected expenses and analyses were vastly inflated, distorted and without basis. After reviewing them, "I was much more motivated to commission our own feasibility study."

He created the Law School Study Committee chaired by The Hon. Joseph Weisberger '92H, associate justice (now acting chief justice), Supreme Court of Rhode Island. Professor L. Kinvin Wroth, former dean of the University of Maine School of Law, was retained to advise the committee.

Results of this preliminary feasibility study, concluding that "a law school would enhance the legal culture of Rhode Island and provide opportunities for research and continuing legal education which are not now available in this state," were favorable enough to warrant a second, in-depth feasibility study. Before it was begun, Chairman Papitto traveled to Chicago where he visited Dean James P. White, consultant on legal education to the American Bar Association, to solicit recommendations for a consultant to lead the in-depth study.

"Without hesitation, Dean White recommended Anthony J. Santoro, dean and professor of law at Widener University School of Law, as the best-qualified person for the job," Chairman Papitto said.

Not only had Dean (now President) Santoro established from ground zero a school of law on the Harrisburg, Pa., campus of Widener University, but he had previously founded or served as a member of the founding faculty at four other U.S. law schools.

Chairman Papitto worked closely with Dean (now President) Santoro closely (continued on page 24)

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School of Law
has been established
successfully and is
operating at
full tilt,**

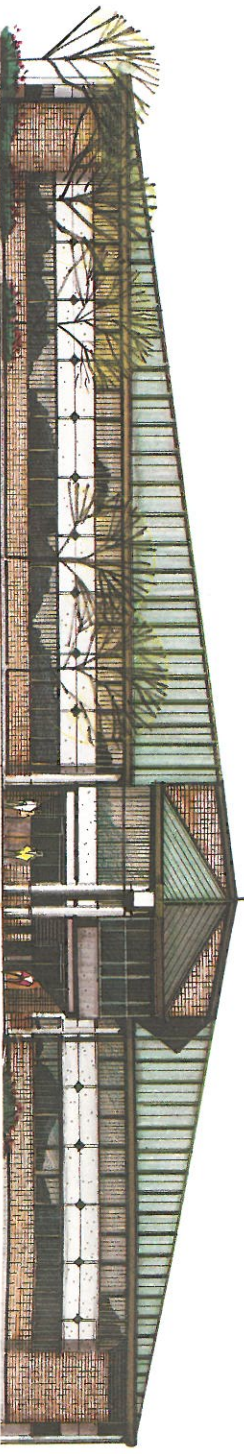
Accreditation is Top Priority

by Betty M. van Iersel, APR, CERE

**The Roger Williams
University School of Law
— the first and only in the
state of Rhode Island —
could receive provisional
accreditation from the
American Bar Association
(ABA) as early as February
1995, according to Vice
President and Dean**

John E. Ryan.

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s former chairman of the ABA Accreditation Committee (1986-1988 and again from 1992-93), Dean Ryan is intimately familiar with the procedures and standards required to fulfill accreditation requirements. He was a committee member from 1981 until his resignation in August 1993 to accept the deanship.

"Serving as Accreditation Committee chair certainly demystified the process for me, making it much less intimidating," he emphasized.

Accreditation of the Roger Williams University School of Law at the earliest date possible is a clear-cut, top priority, Dean Ryan said.

Receipt of provisional accreditation early next year depends upon all necessary steps and recommendations being completed before the American Bar Association House of Delegates meeting in February 1995, as official approval must be given by that body. If that deadline is missed, the next meeting of the delegates will be held in August 1995.

Full accreditation is possible within two years after the granting of provisional accreditation.

"Along with the School of Law faculty, I am spending a great deal of time on the self-study portion of the accreditation process, the first step toward accreditation," he added.

Standards for approval of law schools covered by the accreditation process include, but are not limited to, organization and administration;

"Serving as Accreditation Committee chair certainly demystified the process for me, making it much less intimidating."

educational program; faculty; admissions; library; and physical plant. (See box, page 12).

Completed self-study questionnaires will be sent to Dean James P. White, consultant on legal education to the American Bar Association, in Indianapolis, Ind. Dean White was involved early in the feasibility study process preceding establishment of the School of Law, meeting on campus in

Creation of the School of Law: A Chronology of Vision

DECEMBER 1989

- Law School Study Committee, chaired by Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice Joseph R. Weisberger, formed to explore feasibility of establishing a School of Law at Roger Williams (then) College.

- JANUARY 1990 - APRIL 1991
- Subcommittees explore sites, library acquisitions, conduct market surveys and estimate costs.

- MAY 1991
- Preliminary Feasibility Study completed; Law School Advisory Board chaired by Justice Weisberger formed to oversee in-depth study.

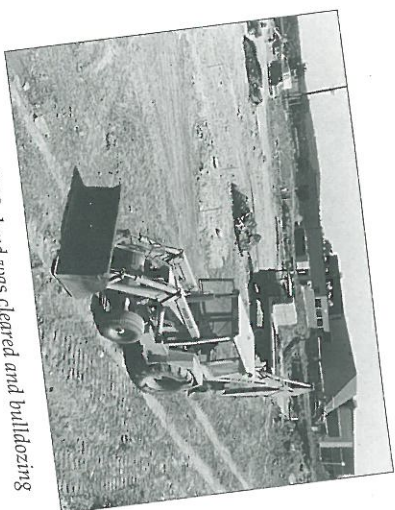
- JUNE 1991
- Dean Anthony J. Santoro of the Widener University (Delaware) School of Law retained as consultant to Roger Williams College.

- OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 1991
- First Draft of the Final Report from Dean Santoro submitted, recommending the establishment of the School of Law. Report reviewed by key College constituencies for input.

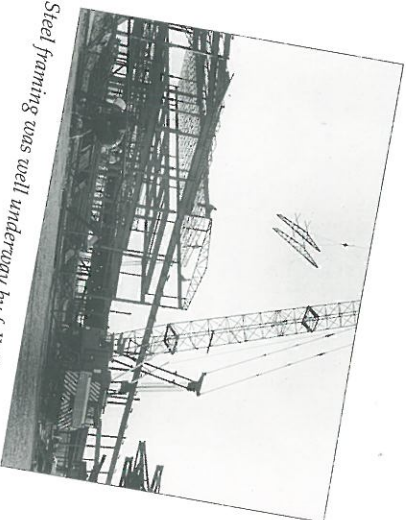
- DECEMBER 1991
- College Community Advisory Board, Law School Advisory Board and Bristol County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors pass resolutions endorsing establishment of the School of Law.

- College Board of Trustees unanimously approve the establishment of the School of Law.
- Media conference held announcing plans to establish only law school in Rhode Island.

- FEBRUARY 1992
- Mancino Associates of East Providence, R.I., awarded contract to design School of Law Building.



By summer 1992, land was cleared and bulldozing began for the foundation.



Steel framing was well underway by fall 1992.



The building starts to take shape by winter 1992. President Santoro (then dean) (at left) and Christel Ertel, associate dean, confer with Matthew White, director of facilities management, regarding construction progress.

MAY 1992

- Name of institution changed from "College" to "University" to reflect academic expansion into graduate-level, post-baccalaureate programs with the School of Law.
- Ground-breaking ceremony held for new 140,000-square-foot School of Law Building. Many state legislators and bench and bar members attend.

- JUNE 1992
- \$43 million bonds issue - largest ever for an institution of higher education in Rhode Island - announced to fund construction costs of School of Law and other planned capital projects, and to refinance existing debt at lower cost.

- JULY 1992
- Anthony J. Santoro, a distinguished legal educator instrumental in the establishment of four other U.S. law schools, named vice president and founding dean of the School of Law.
- Christel L. Ertel, J.D., named assistant (now associate) dean for admissions and career services of the School of Law.

- NOVEMBER 1992
- The first three of 11 founding faculty of the School of Law named; remaining on board by July 1993. (See article, page 16).

- AUGUST 1993
- Vice President and Dean Anthony J. Santoro named President of Roger Williams University and the School of Law.
- School of Law opens with 180 students - ahead of projections - in day and evening divisions.

- SEPTEMBER 1993
- Nationally known legal educator, John E. Ryan, chair of ABA Accreditation Committee, named vice president and dean, succeeding Anthony J. Santoro.



Strong community support is demonstrated at the ground-breaking for the School of Law May 12, 1992. From left are: Halsey C. Herreshoff, administrator, Town of Bristol; Robert O. Rondanu, chair, Community Advisory Board; Kenneth J. Marshall, chair, Bristol Town Council; Anthony J. Santoro (then dean); the Hon. Victoria Lederberg, Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court, and chair, Board of Trustees Law School Committee; Chairman Ralph R. Papitto '85H; the Hon. Joseph R. Weisberger '92H, Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court, and chair, Law School Advisory Board.



The School of Law is up and running in August 1993, with its first class christening the building. Faculty and students pose for the cover of the Rhode Islander magazine, Dec. 5, 1993, issue. Photograph by Frieda Squires, reprinted with permission from the Providence Journal-Bulletin.

1991 with members of the Roger Williams University Board of Trustees, Law School Study Committee and administration.

After the self-study, a three-day visit from a five or six-member on-site Visitation Team representing the ABA and consisting of legal educators, judges and practitioners is the next step. The visitation has been set for Sept. 22-24 of this year, with Victor G. Rosenblum, Professor of Law of the Northwestern University School of Law, chairing the team (see page 7).

The visitation team will make an extensive written report to Dean White, who will review and submit it to Roger Williams University. The School of Law will then have 30 days to make corrections before the report goes to the full ABA Accreditation Committee, which will make a recommendation to the Council of the Section on Legal Education of the ABA to grant or withhold accreditation.

"The Council normally goes along with the Committee's recommendation," Dean Ryan noted.

The final step in the process is the ABA House of Delegates vote.

ut while preparing for accreditation is paramount, other goals including the continued expansion of the Law Library; hiring of faculty and development of curriculum and administrative policies and procedures, also occupy his time and are extremely important, Dean Ryan said. Other priorities include fund raising and preparation for the Law Clinic in Providence.

Following is a summary of new developments in key areas.

Law Library

The library now has in excess of 150,000 volumes, more than the number needed for accreditation; however, "just maintaining that volume requires the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars each year."

"It's not a matter of buying a book once. You must in effect buy it over again each year," Dean Ryan said of many legal publications.

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STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL OF LAW SCHOOLS

- General Purpose and Procedures
- Definitions
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- Faculty
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- Library
- Physical Plant
- Authority
- Adoption and Amendment
- Principles of Academic Freedom and Tenure
- Core Collection Library Schedule

SCHOOL OF LAW TENTATIVE ACCREDITATION TIMETABLE

- Now -**
- August 1994 Self-study/School of Law Dean and Faculty
 - August 1994 Self-study to Dean James P. White, Consultant on Legal Education to the American Bar Association
 - Sept. 22-24 1994 ... Visitation Team from ABA Accreditation Committee to Bristol Campus (2-3 days); Team submits written report to Dean White, who reviews and sends it to Dean John E. Ryan of the Roger Williams University School of Law
 - October 1994 Roger Williams University School of Law has 30 days to respond to written report
 - Late 1994- Early 1995 Full ABA Accreditation Committee reviews Visitation Team report; makes recommendation to Council of the Section on Legal Education of the ABA; Council makes recommendation to approve or withhold accreditation to ABA House of Delegates
 - February 1995 ABA House of Delegates officially grants or withholds accreditation

Like the University Main Library, the School of Law Library has no card catalog. "Everything is on our on-line catalog," he explained.

"We also have LEXIS and WESTLAW, the research databases to which all major law firms and schools of law nationwide subscribe. We also have access to other resources through our link with INTERNET."

Resources of the law library are available to area attorneys and judges on a non-circulating basis, "and response has been good," Dean Ryan said.

"We are particularly grateful for the gifts of collections from individuals and firms," he stated.

Enrollment

1994-95 enrollment is projected at approximately 300 students in day and extended divisions when a second year class is added in August 1994, Dean Ryan said. Based on early indications, applications received to date are keeping pace with last year's.

Faculty

Eight new faculty will join the founding faculty of 13 for the 1994-95 academic year, as the School of Law adds a second year class. Continuing the precedent set with the founding faculty, all have prior teaching experience at ABA-accredited schools of law, and none is from the state of Rhode Island. All eight have already been hired, representing a broad geographic base, with institutions represented including St. Louis University, Oklahoma City University, New York University, Widener University and Ohio State University.

They will teach second-year subjects including evidence, criminal procedures, sales, professional responsibilities, Constitutional Law, legal methods III and IV, and clinical programs.

All faculty hired for 1994-95 will be full-time; it is unlikely that adjunct (part-time) professors will be employed in that academic year.



"Great accomplishments such as the School of Law are the result of vision, tenacity, willingness to take calculated risks and to think big. That Roger Williams University School of Law is one of 172 law schools nationwide is a tribute to solid planning during the feasibility study, efforts to fill that need. As a result of all our efforts - trustees, administration and other constituencies - the University has built a law school of the highest quality." — *Ralph R. Papitto '85H, Chairman, Board of Trustees*



"We are confident that the intellectual, ethical and scholarly activities of the Roger Williams University School of Law will transform our state. We are committed to nurturing high quality, ethical and scholarly standards in our students and faculty with the expectation that these expert resources in the interpretation, application and practice of law will enhance and enrich the lives of all Rhode Islanders." — *The Hon. Victoria Lederberg, Vice Chairman and Secretary, Board of Trustees; Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Rhode Island*



"As an attorney, I see the School of Law as a great asset to the practicing bench and bar of Rhode Island — not only in terms of additional resources for legal research, but also because of its great potential to assist in evaluating the quality of legal practice and ethical standards in the region." — *Michael Silverstein, Trustee; Attorney-at-Law, Hinckley, Allen & Snyder*



"The School of Law will be a great source of strength to the legal system of the state of Rhode Island, as well as an institution for the education and training of young lawyers in the ethical practice of a noble profession. Our state is, indeed, fortunate at the leadership shown by Roger Williams University in this vital area." — *The Hon. Joseph R. Weisberger '92H, Chairman, Law School Advisory Board; Acting Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Rhode Island*



"The School of Law is an unqualified success in every respect. With diverse, well-qualified faculty; a well-balanced student body; and strong, experienced leadership from Vice President and Dean John Ryan, it has already made a major impact upon the professional practice and judicial systems in Rhode Island." — *Anthony J. Santoro, President*



"A major leap in academic offerings at the University has been made with the establishment of the School of Law. For the first time in its history, Roger Williams offers graduate programs. The School of Law has opened the possibility for future graduate programs, and has also enhanced the value of the undergraduate degrees held by alumni, and those pursued by current students." — *Malcolm H. Forbes, Vice President for Academic Affairs*



"The Roger Williams University School of Law is an outstanding resource for Rhode Island. Its presence will assure the enhancement of the legal system in our state. I commend the administration, faculty and students for their leadership and accomplishments." — *Jeffrey B. Pine, Rhode Island Attorney General*



"It has been my good fortune to be serving as a member of this court when Roger Williams University established its School of Law, the first in this state. The interaction among the law faculty, the student body, and the judiciary and bar will produce tremendous benefits for all of Rhode Island. It is an exciting time for all of us." — *The Hon. Donald F. Shea '93H, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Rhode Island*



"While an undergraduate, it was a dream of mine to be a member of the first graduating class of the School of Law, from the moment it was first proposed. I am proud to be an alumna of Roger Williams University, and proud to be a student in the first class of its first graduate program." — *Jennifer Samoljak '92, At-Large Member, University Alumni Board; Student, School of Law*

Fund Raising

Initial goals will be modest, since the School of Law "will not have a mature alumni base for at least 10 years," Dean Ryan said.

Plans call for expanding the present small endowment fund created by grants from the Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association in each of the past two years. Outside voluntary support will also be sought for scholarships, library collection development, and faculty research and support.

Legal Clinical Program

A clinical program for third-year students is now in the planning phase under the direction of Professor of Law Bruce I. Kogan, associate dean for lawyering skills.

Practicing under the supervision of School of Law faculty and the Rules of Student Practice of the Supreme Court of the state of Rhode Island, third-year students will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge on a pro-bono basis to individuals who may be unable to afford private counsel.

The program will normally be one semester in duration and will be open to third-year students on an optional basis; it will be most appropriate for those with an interest in family practice and criminal defense, Professor Kogan said.

Three new faculty have been hired beginning in the 1994-95 academic year to supervise student practice and teach in related legal disciplines. A second program available to third year students will be non-paid clerkships in state government offices and the state judiciary, under the supervision of licensed attorneys. ■

ACCREDITATION TEAM CHAIR SELECTED.

A distinguished legal educator, Professor Victor Rosenblum of the Northwestern University School of Law, will head the ABA Accreditation Committee visitation team at its on-site visit Sept. 22-24. Professor Rosenblum, who has taught subjects including administrative and constitutional law at the Northwestern University School of Law since 1970, is a former president of Reed College, Portland, Ore., and has served as counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Government Operations and as senior legal consultant to the prestigious Brookings Institute. Other team members will be announced soon.

LAW SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

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Trading California's Coast for Rhode Island's

School of Law Dean Makes Home in Bristol

by Betty M. van Iersel, APR, CFP®



Dean John Ryan's welcome to his new home in Bristol near the Roger Williams

University campus could have been warmer. With January temperatures hitting record lows, the "dozen or so" bottles of California wine transported from his former residence in Sacramento froze during shipment, making them undrinkable.

"I suppose we could still use the contents for vinegar," he joked.

The weather was considerably milder when he first visited the campus — and accepted the post of vice president and dean of the state's only law school — in late August 1993. Just weeks before, on August 7, John had received a call from founding dean Anthony J. Santoro, a former colleague at the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento with whom he had worked on accreditation matters and kept in touch in the intervening 14 years.

The then Dean Santoro told John he had just accepted the post of president of Roger Williams University and of the Roger Williams University School of Law, and asked his former associate if he would consider moving east to accept the vice-presidency and law school deanship.

John, executive vice president of the University of the Pacific and formerly, acting dean of the



McGeorge School of Law and a member of its faculty since 1971, said he accepted partly because of "Tony Santoro's excellent reputation as an educator and his track record of accomplishments."

"I didn't take long to decide to come," John said.

"I was on the Bristol Campus on Friday, was offered and accepted the position, returned to California, and was back in Rhode Island to participate in the media announcement the following Monday. It was basically a matter of packing a few suits in a bag and UPS'ing them to Rhode Island."

In addition to the chance to work with Tony Santoro again, the challenge of starting a new School of Law excited him.

"It was not unlike the McGeorge School of Law, affiliated with the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., when I first started there in 1971," he said.

McGeorge had only about 300 alumni then, he noted; it now boasts more than 7,000.

"Given the chance, I'd much rather be on the ground floor of pioneering a new school of law than to walk into a hidebound institution, where creating change is akin to moving a beached whale. At Roger Williams University, we are starting new traditions every day."

While "he wasn't looking to move" before coming to Roger Williams University, John said he had received perhaps 30-40 unsolicited offers to explore other positions and turned down all but this and one other.

"Being a dean wasn't the most important thing in my life," he said. "I wasn't in love with the notion of being a dean."

So, although he gave up tenure and an executive vice-presidency at the University of the Pacific, as well as his ABA Accreditation Committee chairmanship to accept the deanship and move 3,000 miles east, John has no regrets.

John and his wife, Caren (the couple has three grown children — Bill, 32, Colleen, 29, and Sean, 28, and four grandchildren, all in California), haven't yet explored the western and southern parts of Rhode Island and are looking forward to their first summer here. But they are happy to be a part of



the larger Bristol and Roger Williams University communities.

"The state of Rhode Island appears to be moving in the right direction . . . working hard to revitalize its economy, while its citizenry is seeking a higher level of involvement in bringing about change and becoming more vocal about public affairs. I'd like to think that the School of Law can be a part of contributing to both trends."

He sees Roger Williams as "in a transition between a small liberal arts college and a university . . . while it has come very far in a relatively short time, I think everyone will be astounded in what the next five years will hold."

With the exception of their ill-fated Napa Valley wine, the Ryans and their household possessions have survived the cross-country move, and they are now content residents of

the Ocean State. All except the family dog, Samantha "Sam," a blonde cocker spaniel.

"She's still a California dog and hasn't yet become accustomed to having to go out in the cold weather," John explained. ■

John E. Ryan serves as vice president and dean, Roger Williams University School of Law. He most recently held the post of executive vice president, University of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif. He previously served as: acting dean and professor of law, McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, Sacramento, Calif.; assistant dean of academic affairs, McGeorge School of Law; assistant, associate and professor of law, McGeorge School of Law (teaching subjects: Constitutional Law, Contracts, Conflict of Laws, Legislation, Agency, Uniform Commercial Code - Sales, Labor Law).

His educational background includes a Master of Laws degree, University of Illinois College of Law (emphasis in public law with concentration in Constitutional Law); Juris Doctor degree, McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific; honors graduate and staff member, Pacific Law Journal, Bachelor of Arts degree (political science history), California State University, San Francisco.

His professional activities include: chair, ABA Accreditation Committee, 1992-1993 and 1985-1988 (member, 1981-1993); member, ABA Committee on Government Relations and Financial Aid; member, CEELI Sister Law School Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, ABA; member, ABA Committee on Graduate Legal Education, ABA Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar (1988-present); member, Law School Council, State Bar of California, Committee of Bar Examiners; and Board of Directors, Law Access, Inc.

His bar memberships include: State Bar of California; United States District Court, Eastern District of California; Supreme Court of the United States.



OPPOSITE PAGE, AT LEFT: John and Caren Ryan in their new home ABOVE: Dean Ryan at work in his Law School office

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Editorial

Roger Williams Law

Roger Williams University in Bristol is starting the academic year with a new president and a new law school. We join all Rhode Islanders in wishing the university the very best on both counts.

The incoming president, Anthony Santoro, 51, is a native of Melrose, Mass., and graduated from Somerset (Mass.) High School. He earned his bachelor's degree from Boston College and received a juris doctor and a master's degree in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center. He has served as a professor and/or administrator at eight law schools.

To be sure, he is not a newcomer to Roger Williams, where he was originally appointed in 1991 to be the founding dean of the proposed law school. Having successfully performed similar functions at four other institutions – most recently at Widener University School of Law, in Wilmington, Del. – he seemed a logical choice to get the law school at RWU off the ground.

The administrative skills he has displayed in accomplishing that goal undoubtedly played a significant role in his appointment, announced Aug. 23, as president of the entire university. When Natale Sicuro unexpectedly resigned in the midst of last academic year, the univer-

sity launched a nationwide search for a new chief administrator. But the search committee's work was made considerably easier when Mr. Santoro became a contender for the post: He was a known quantity, and a man whose leadership capacities had come to be respected by all sectors of the university community.

Which brings us to RWU's new law school. We confess to being among those who were skeptical about the need to have a law school in Rhode Island, given the existence of a large number of such schools, of varying types and quality, within relatively easy commuting distance. Nor could anybody argue that Rhode Island has an insufficient number of lawyers.

However, as a private institution, RWU has every right to decide how best to allocate its own resources. It wanted a law school, and now it has one. Prolonging that debate would be petty and fruitless. The issue for the future should be: Whether the Roger Williams University School of Law?

The concern in some quarters was that the law school would be excessively parochial in its orientation, and in terms of the composition of its faculty and student body. If so, it might become little more than a diploma-mill – albeit perhaps a financially remunerative one – churning out unneeded additions to the already overabundant cadres of marginally competent lawyers.

However, with sufficient foresight and effort, RWU's law school can avoid this sort of mediocre fate. In fact, it has made a good start in this regard. All 11 of the school's initial crop of full-time faculty members (a number that is scheduled to reach 30 within five years) are academics from out of state. And the student body is well-balanced: Of the 110 full-time students enrolled in the three-year program (selected from more than 600 applicants), some

Top 10 business stories of 1993

Honorable mention

Law School: After years of proposals and anticipation, Rhode Island's first law school opened at Roger Williams University, attracting a large initial class and recruiting a high-caliber faculty from around the country. The law school immediately took its place as an integral part of the state's legal community.

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60 percent are from out of state.

These initial steps should help allay concerns about excessive parochialism, but there remains the matter of the school's eventual impact on the Rhode Island legal scene. When he took over as the law school's dean, Mr. Santoro promised that the school's existence here would help elevate the professional and ethical standards of the state's legal system. He vowed, "The course of Rhode Island history will be changed as a result." In view of some of the disheartening news about the court system that has been revealed since then, we certainly hope he can make good on that promise. ■

From Rendering to Reality

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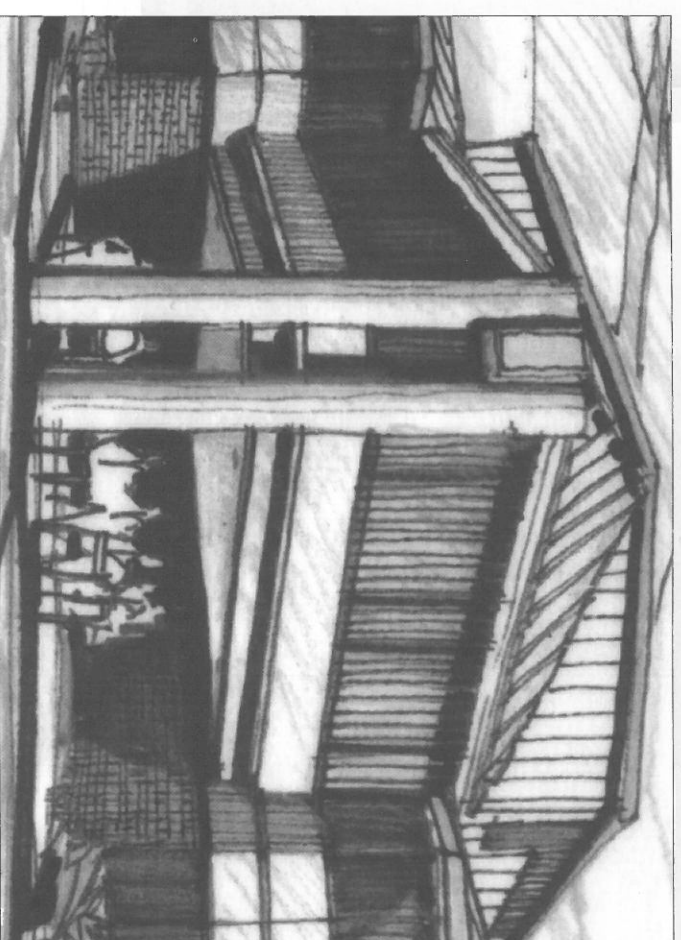
ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF LAW

Building is Dedicated

May 1, 1994

SCHOOL OF LAW





Master of Ceremonies
Vice President and
Dean John E. Ryan
"Today represents a culmination of the hopes, dreams and aspirations of many Rhode Islanders to have a law school in the state."

Invocation
The Rev.
Judith Davis
"God grant that our law makers, law professors and law students work for justice and equality."

Governor's Law Day Proclamation
Rhode Island Attorney General
Jeffrey Pine
Bruce G. Sundlun '80H
"It is an honor to celebrate the dedication of the state's first School of Law with the observance of Law Day."

President's Law Day Proclamation
Acting U.S. Attorney
Edwin J. Gale
William J. Clinton
"You [law students] must be the leaders to promote equality in our society and justice in our courts."

Chairman Ralph R. Papitto '85H
"I asked, 'Why is Rhode Island one of only three states with out a law school?' ... 'Why NOT start one at Roger Williams University?' ... So we did!"

President Anthony J. Santoro
"The School of Law was established not simply to educate future lawyers, but to educate future lawyers cognizant of their responsibility to practice law in the public interest."

The Hon. Joseph R. Weisberger '92H
Rhode Island Supreme Court
"Law is not a set of rules, but a philosophy that human beings live together in peace and harmony. In that light, this School of Law is dedicated."

Mark Mandell
President, Rhode Island Bar Association
"May this School of Law kindle the passion for justice required in the daily practice of law."

Keynote Speaker
The Hon. Edward D. Emeritus, U.S. Court of International Trade
"This School of Law has the opportunity to regain the respect that the profession of law needs and deserves."



Law students were on hand to greet dignitaries. From left are: Frank Romeo of Kensington, Conn., Rhode Island Attorney General Jeffrey Pine, Claudio Marasco of Providence, R.I., and Heather Parham of Short Hills, N.J.



The Rhode Island Supreme Court held its first session in Bristol since 1905. From left are the honorables Joseph R. Weisberger '92H, acting chief justice, and associate justices Florence K. Murray '76H, Donald F. Shea '93H and Victoria Ledberg, vice chair, University Board of Trustees.



Chairman Papitto '85H and President Santoro share the joy of celebration on the platform with the guest speakers and law faculty.



Nearly 700 people from the state's judiciary and legal community, University family and friends attended the celebration.

Participants descend the staircase leading from the School of Law Building to the tent where dedication ceremonies were held.



Vice President and Dean John Ryan and Chairman Ralph Papitto '85H share a moment of congratulations before the dedication plaque in the lobby of the new building.

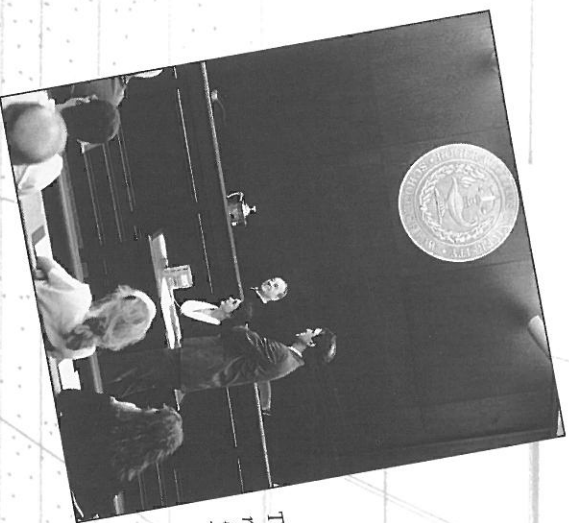
Dedication attendees enjoyed a reception of champagne, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, and live classical music in the lower-level and second-floor lobby areas.



Evening actor Jack Palance joined the celebration, pictured here with President and Mrs. Santoro.



Inside the School of Law



Two Moot Court rooms on the second floor simulate the "real-world" equities for law students lent for practice the litigation skills they learn in class.



Mary Ann Paulin (center), coordinator of computer support, guides students Edward Medici (left) and Steven Murray, in the Computer Lab on the first floor.

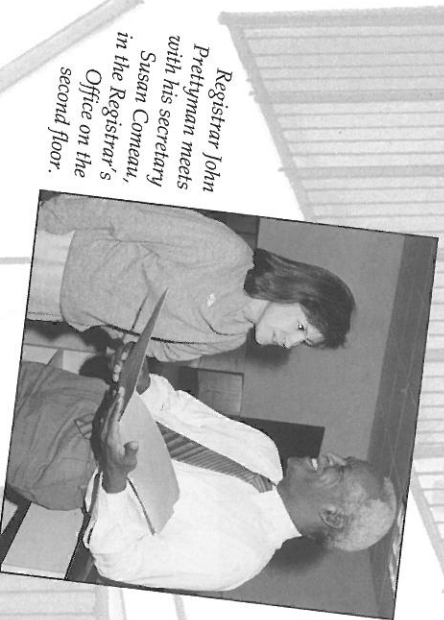


Students Cheryl Camille, Richard Lord (left) and Andrew Scanlon study in the library on the first floor. Photo by Eriela Squires, reprinted with permission from the Providence Journal-Bulletin.

• **First Floor:** Reception; Law Library; Computer Lab; Vice President and Dean's Office; Associate Dean's Office; Admissions and Career Services Office

• **Second Floor:** Associate Dean and Faculty Offices; Registrar's Office; Class Rooms; Moot Courtrooms; Audio-Visual Services; Faculty and Student Lounges

• **Lower Level:** Bookstore; Computer Store; Copy Center; Cafeteria; Post Office



Registrar John Petyman meets with his secretary Susan Comeau, in the Registrar's Office on the second floor.

Vice President and Dean John Ryan meets with D'Ellen Roye in the administrative offices on the first floor.



LEADERSHIP PROFILE

The Exemplary Legal Careers of Two Trustees

by Eric Bromner

Thomas J. Wynn, Esq., a Successful "Fighter"

A wide grin crosses the face of

Thomas J. Wynn, founder and president of Wynn & Wynn, P.C., Raynham, Mass., as he shares why he created the law firm.

"I started my own practice in Taunton in 1970, and my brother, Paul, had his own practice on the other side of town. One day I was stopped on the street by a stranger (whom I later found out was a client of Paul's). He patted me

on the back, gave me \$500 he said he owed me, and congratulated me on doing such a wonderful job on his case. I immediately called Paul and suggested we make a merger deal and set up practice together."

And that they did. But neither ambitious young attorney imagined the success that would come their way – the practice growing into the 60-lawyer firm of today, with additional offices in Boston, Fall River, Hyannis, New Bedford and Providence.

During his career, Tom Wynn has handled many unusual and interesting cases. He tried the first workers compensation case to conclusion for an NFL professional football player. Today, he estimates resolving between 40 to 50 such cases for former players.

As a former special attorney general for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, he served as a prosecutor of the criminally insane at Bridgewater State Prison. The trials were held in the prison itself. He grimaces as he recalls: "They were all violent, gruesome cases. It was a strange and eerie feeling hearing the bars clang behind me, with prison guards all around the courtroom, and knowing that I was locked in with these guys." After two years of it, Tom was "glad to move on."

What does he consider his most significant career accomplishment to date?

"Growing to, operating and managing a 60-lawyer firm," he says with conviction.

The size of the practice and the loyalty of the firm's clients are testaments to his effectiveness and success.

One such client presented Tom with a unique gift – boxing gloves signed by fighter Jake LaMotta – which hang from the bookshelves in his office.



Malcolm M. Donahue, a Stellar Career in Legal Education

With 41 years of experience in

legal education, Trustee Malcolm M. Donahue '76H has mentored hundreds of young men and women, shepherding them through law school into professional practice.

"One of the most gratifying aspects of working in legal education is seeing my students develop from pupils to attorneys – to complete law school, pass the bar exam and



establish themselves successfully in the practice of law."

Perhaps that's why Trustee Donahue, professor of law, Suffolk University Law School, has focused upon legal education throughout his 44-year career.

He began teaching as a lecturer in law at Suffolk, just three years after earning his law degree from Boston University Law School in 1950. By 1956, he advanced to the rank of full-time professor of law. Since then he has coupled teaching with administrative positions, including acting dean; associate dean; chair of faculty committees including admissions, curriculum and faculty appointments.

"People who teach law should have experience in the real-world practice of law," commented Professor Donahue, who maintained a legal practice when he first began teaching.

"That was at a time before the American Bar Association regulated that law professors could not practice because of the demands of full-time teaching and counseling students," he emphasized.

Professor Donahue's practice of law has included experience in both the public office and private sector arenas. He has tried or argued cases in all courts in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and has tried cases before many state and federal administrative agencies. In addition, he has served as an assistant attorney general, and as a master of the Massachusetts Superior Court, in more than 400 cases.

Professor Donahue was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Law degree from Roger Williams University in 1976. He has served as a trustee since 1978. Since then, he has served on a number of Board committees including executive, library, academic affairs, presidential search, and law school dean search.

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School of Law Founding Faculty Make History

ABOVE:
Faculty gather in the
School of Law
Building lobby.

From left are:
Linda Fitts Mischler,
Jonathan B. Mintz,
Christel L. Ertel,
Gary L. Bahr,
Anthony J. Santoro (president),
Michael Yehosky,
Robert H. Whorf,
Bruce I. Kogan,
John E. Ryan
(vice president and dean),
Gail Winson,
Barbara L. Bernier,
Richard G. Huber,
Louise E. Teitz, and
Raymond E. Gallagher (not pictured).

by Dorothea Hesse Doar, APR

When the new School of Law opened in August 1993, Dean John Ryan and 12 colleagues were on hand to begin the monumental task of founding

Rhode Island's only law school. Some faculty had done this before — helped forge a fledgling law school; some brought with them many years of experience in already-established schools. All of them shared two common goals: to teach men and women how to become competent ethical lawyers and to provide a top quality legal education worthy of accreditation. The faculty tell their story.

Gary L. Bahr

Associate Dean and Professor of Law
B.S., University of South Dakota School of Law
J.D., University of South Dakota School of Law
LL.M., New York University School of Law
Admitted to the South Dakota Bar
Courses: Contracts I and II, Jurisprudence

"Everything we do is a small piece of history," said Dean Gary L. Bahr. He is not new to the law school start-up process. He helped found the University of Bridgeport School of Law, now Quinnipiac College School of Law, Hamden, Conn., and taught there until assuming his post here.

"The combination of President Anthony Santoro, Dean John Ryan and other experienced faculty makes this School of Law a winner," he said.

"Our primary goal in this early phase is to achieve accreditation. While most of the curriculum is traditional, we are on the cutting edge of legal education with our skills courses, which, unlike some law schools, are required. Our students show great intensity, yet they are personable. Strong, effective students will help ensure accreditation."

A native of South Dakota, Dean Bahr moved to Rhode Island with his wife, Anita.

Barbara L. Bernier

Associate Professor of Law
B.A., State University of N.Y., Plattsburgh
M.S.W., Adelphi University
J.D., Howard University
LL.M., Temple University School of Law
Admitted to the District of Columbia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania Bars
Courses: Torts, International Law, Women and the Law, Wills and Trusts, Real Estate Transactions

Barbara L. Bernier is enthusiastic about her new post.

"I'm glad to be here. The fact that the law school is brand new appeals to me. It's an opportunity to be innovative, to shape and create. I've gone through four accreditations. It is good to have experienced faculty in this early stage."

Professor Bernier, a native of Long Island, N.Y., moved to Cranston from Washington, D.C., where she taught at the District of Columbia School of Law.

Christel L. Ertel

Associate Dean for Admissions and Career Services
Associate Professor of Law
B.S., The Pennsylvania State University
J.D., Widener University School of Law
Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar
Courses: Legal Methods III

The fact that there is an "excellent mix of student body," as described by

faculty and students, can be attributed largely to Dean Ertel, who logged thousands of miles in more than 75 recruiting trips throughout the United States last year introducing the School of Law to prospective students.

"It's gratifying to be a pioneer. I didn't expect to be able to see my efforts come to fruition so quickly. That has had quite an impact on me."

She will teach Legal Methods III during the Summer Session 1994.

This is not the first time Dean Ertel has been on the ground floor of a new law school. She was an administrator and faculty member at Widener University School of Law, in Harrisburg, Pa. (her hometown) when it was first established. She has relocated to Newport.

Raymond E. Gallagher

Professor of Law
A.B., Fordham University
J.D., Fordham University School of Law
Admitted to New York and District of Columbia Bars
Courses: Contracts I and II, Secured Transactions and Remedies

Professor Gallagher was on the founding faculty at Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg, as well as Northeastern University's Law School reopening.

"President Santoro and I go back a long way. He was a student of mine when I taught at Georgetown University from 1964 to 1969.

"I like the idea of helping to set policy and atmosphere. This School will have a significant impact on Rhode Island."

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., he moved to Bristol from Harrisburg, Pa., where he most recently taught at Widener University School of Law.

Richard G. Huber

Distinguished Professor of Law
B.S., United States Naval Academy
J.D., University of Iowa College of Law
LL.M., Harvard University School of Law
Admitted to the Massachusetts Bar
Courses: Property, Professional Responsibility, Land Use Planning

Professor Huber moved to Portsmouth, R.I., from Newton, Mass.

"I came to Rhode Island from Boston College School of Law because I saw this as an opportunity to participate in a very interesting vision. I'm not disappointed," he said.

"This is my first time as a founder, although I've been involved in many accreditation inspections throughout

my career. This School is the best I've ever seen in a beginning law school."

Bruce I. Kogan

Associate Dean for Lawyering Skills and Professor of Law
B.A., Syracuse University
J.D., Dickinson School of Law
LL.M., in Taxation, Georgetown University Law Center
Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar
Courses: Legal Methods I, II and II, Property, Federal Income Tax, Estate Planning

Dean Kogan came to Rhode Island from a teaching post at Widener School of Law, Wilmington, Del. Originally from New York City, Professor Kogan will make his home in Bristol with his wife Jaime, moving here from West Chester, Pa. While this is his first founding experience, he has taught at four established law schools.

"I like working with a small faculty, where it is easy to develop close colleague rapport. We are creating some good working relationships. As for the students, they are responsive because, as the first class, without upperclass men and women, they know they are under scrutiny, a sort of 'spotlight effect.'"

"This School has what it takes, in spades."

Jonathan B. Mintz

Assistant Professor of Law
B.A., Indiana University
J.D., Cornell Law School
Admitted to the California Bar
Courses: Legal Methods I and II, Torts and Products Liability

Jonathan B. Mintz moved to Providence from Chicago, Ill., where he taught at Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology.

Originally from northwest Indiana, he came to the School of Law for two reasons — the opportunity and the location.

"It's a privilege to be here: a unique opportunity to play a role in shaping the personality of the School, and a professional opportunity, not hampered by the beauty of the state," he said.

"The students want to succeed. That will certainly help with the accreditation process. This School has what it takes, in spades."

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Linda Fitts Mischler

Assistant Professor of Law
Director of the Legal Methods Program
B.A., William Smith College
J.D., Albany Law School of Union University
Admitted to the New York Bar
Courses: Legal Methods I and II

Professor Mischler decided to join the School of Law faculty "because of the stated commitment to skills, not just theory."

"Not having been on a founding faculty before, I'm finding all this a great experience, having a say in matters, such as the faculty and the curriculum. The students are highly motivated, self-starters, not easily distracted by such things as jack-hammers and workmen on scaffoldings outside the classroom window."

Professor Mischler grew up in Hamilton, N.Y. She and her husband, Paul, an administrator at Tufts University, have relocated to Bristol from Albany, N.Y., where she taught at the Albany Law School of Union University.

Louise E. Teitz

Associate Professor of Law
B.A., Yale College
J.D., Southern Methodist University School of Law
Admitted to the Texas, Pennsylvania and District of Columbia Bars
Courses: Civil Procedure I and II, Complex Litigation, Conflicts of Law, and Federal Courts

Professor Teitz was originally from Newport (the only native Rhode Islander on the faculty), and more recently from Champaign, Ill., where she taught at the University of Illinois College of Law. She now lives in Providence.

"I'm excited about coming back to New England and being involved with the state's only law school, which I believe will have a tremendous impact on the quality of law in Rhode Island," she said.

"What's exciting about the students is their motivation and willingness to participate. They show a good deal of initiative. The faculty seem to be taking on the role of mentors in the absence of the second- and third-year students."

Robert H. Whorf

Associate Professor of Law
B.A., Brown University
J.D., Syracuse University College of Law
Admitted to the New York Bar
Courses: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Criminal Defense Clinic, Legal Methods IV
Professor Whorf came to Bristol from Syracuse University College of Law

"because the possibilities seemed endless. I'm not sorry."

"This is my first experience as a founder. I'm pleased to find a camaraderie among the faculty and students. We are developing relationships because we are all new in a new school," he said.

"The students show a relaxed maturity. While there is pressure to handle the work, there seems to be no intimidation factor" working against them."

Gail Winson

Director of the Law Library
Associate Professor of Law
B.A., Moravian College
M.S., Library Science, Drexel University
J.D., University of Florida
Admitted to the California and Florida Bars

Professor Winson moved to Bristol with her husband, George, from San Francisco, where she taught at the University of California (Hastings) College of Law.

"I felt it was a wonderful opportunity to develop a law library from the ground up. It's nice to work in a new building which was planned from the beginning to accommodate today's information technology," she said.

"In some ways I don't feel like a pioneer at all. This is not an experiment in legal education. Although we are taking advantage of modern technology and placing an emphasis on clinical education, our curriculum and library facility are fairly traditional. We are doing everything possible to ensure approval by the American Bar Association."

Michael Yelnosky

Assistant Professor of Law
B.S., University of Vermont
J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School
Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar
Courses: Legal Methods I and II, Civil Procedure I and II, Employment Law, Labor Law, Employment Discrimination

Professor Yelnosky moved to Providence from Chicago, where he taught at Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology. He's originally from Pennsylvania.

"Nothing about this School of Law is routine. Normally, teaching in a law school is a great job, but this is even more so, because of the potential to impact on the legal community of Rhode Island. The students cooperate and show a strong work ethic. I'm very excited about being part of the new School." ■

More Law Faculty Hired for Upcoming Year

Watch for photographs and biographies in the next issue of the magazine.

Esther F. Clark

Visiting Professor of Law
Professor of Law, Wilentz University School of Law
B.A., Temple University
J.D., Rutgers University, State University of New Jersey School of Law
Admitted to practice: Pennsylvania
Courses: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence

Edward J. Eberle

Associate Professor of Law
B.A., Columbia College
J.D., Northwestern University School of Law
Admitted to practice: Massachusetts, Minnesota, Rhode Island
Courses: Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, International Business Transactions, and Professional Responsibility

Andrew Horwitz

Assistant Professor of Law
B.A., Haverford College
J.D., New York University School of Law
Admitted to practice: Massachusetts, New York and Federal District Court for the Eastern District of New York
Courses: Intervening and Counseling, Trial Advocacy

Vincent Immel

Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law
St. Louis University School of Law
Professor Emeritus
B.S., Bowling Green State University
J.D., University of Michigan Law School
Admitted to practice: Ohio, Missouri and the Supreme Court of the United States
Courses: Contracts, Remedies, Sales and Equity

Carol J. King

Assistant Professor of Law
B.A., Oberlin College
J.D., Ohio State University College of Law
Admitted to practice: Ohio, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the Federal District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio
Courses: Interviewing and Counseling and Trial Advocacy

Peter C. Kostant

Visiting Associate Professor
Faculty, Law School of the University of Missouri
B.A., Yale University
M.A., Washington University
J.D., cum laude, Fordham University School of Law
Bars: New York, United States District Court for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York
Courses: Business Organization, Secured Transaction and Professional Responsibilities

School of Law's

First Class is

"First Class"

by Dorothea Hesse Doar, APR

"If you build it they will come..."

And they did come — 180 men and women, from the distant Virgin Islands, Oregon, Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and nearer, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut, as well as Rhode Island — to pursue a degree in law, at the new Roger Williams University School of Law.

Geographically and demographically, the blend of ages and backgrounds making up the School's first class has been described as "an excellent mix" by faculty and students alike (see chart below). Represented are ages 23 to 60, with about 60 percent male and 40 percent female enrolled.

Many are recent undergraduates, ready to embark on their first career. Still others are established professionals, from such fields as law enforcement, sales, public relations, education, medicine, dentistry, psychology and speech pathology.

But statistics seldom tell the complete story. The 13-member faculty speaks highly of the students, using such adjectives as "supportive," "personable," "team-spirited," "motivated," "bright," "articulate" and "capable." One member of the class calls his peers "competitive, but friendly."

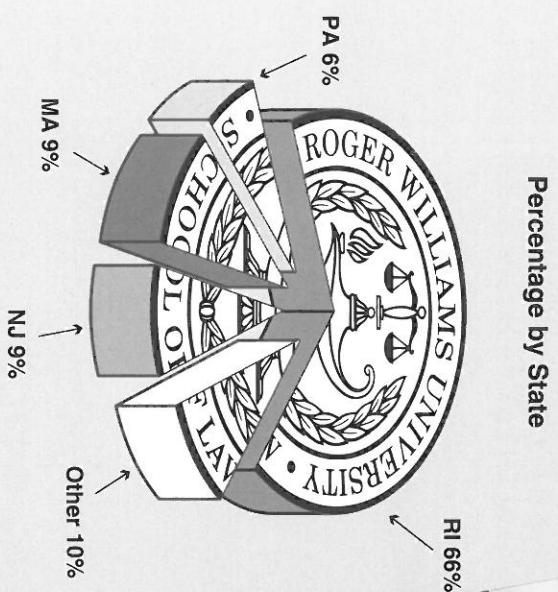
Dean John Ryan sees the students as optimistic pioneers — "trailblazers" with a goal. He has nothing but praise for the first year class:

"In all of the new law schools that I have seen — in California, Texas, Massachusetts, New York and other states — I have never seen a school open with the credentialing of the entering class equal to or greater than what we have. Not once," Dean Ryan said, in *The Rhode Islander Magazine*, Dec. 5, 1993, in an article focusing on the School of Law's first class.

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Law Student Profile

(based on first semester enrollment figures)



Professor Robert Whorf teaches criminal law to the first students in the School of Law on the first day of class. Photo by Frieda Squitres; reprinted with permission from the Providence Journal-Bulletin.

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Elected by His Peers

Frank Romeo of Kensington, Conn., is one of 106 students enrolled in the Regular (Day) Division.

"While visiting friends in Narragansett last spring, I heard President [then Dean] Santoro speak on Arlene Violet's radio talk show. I called in; he invited me to his office, and I accepted. That did it. I decided to enroll," Frank said.

"I can sense when someone wants to succeed as much as I do. President Santoro, Dean Ryan, the faculty, and the students are pulling together to make the School of Law succeed."

Frank spent the last two years on the West Coast in merchandising, having earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Boston College in 1991.

"I discovered one can't be effective in business without knowledge of the law. I began to think seriously about law school."

In addition to staying on top of his courses, Frank has immersed himself in the student life of the School.

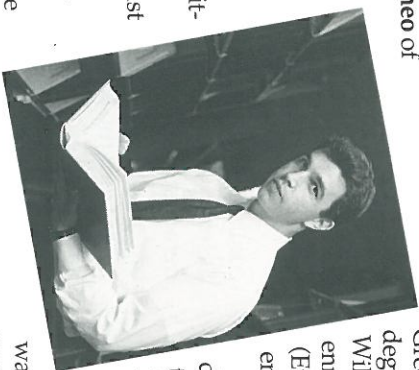
In his first few weeks on the campus his peers elected him president of the Student Bar Association (SBA), the School's student government organization.

The SBA, under Frank's leadership, has formed several standing committees, including fund raising, budget, student activities, elections, public service, and the Barristers Ball. In addition, the SBA hopes to sponsor a series of programs on campus, featuring judges, scholars and attorneys from the Rhode Island legal community, to discuss legal issues.

"It is imperative that the School of Law begin to make an impact in Rhode Island and on the national legal scene," Frank said.

He predicted the future of the School in his campaign speech to his peers:

"We have a clean slate and an administration that is open-minded and willing to work with us. If everyone gets involved, success is inevitable."



Alumni in the Mix

Ann Marie Lloyd '93 of East Greenwich earned a Bachelor of Science degree in paralegal studies from Roger Williams University, one of nine alumni enrolled in the School of Law Extended (Evening) Division. (Four alumni are enrolled in the Regular Division).

Anne Marie earned a two-year degree in medical technology from the Community College of Rhode Island in 1973.

"Attending law school has been a dream of mine . . . when I first came to Roger Williams, everyone was talking about the School of Law. I was psyched!" she said.

"Law school is more than I expected — besides the serious work, there's a friendliness of spirit — a camaraderie

among the staff, faculty and students. We're all in this together."

Anne Marie's plate is full. She's a medical technician at Rhode Island Hospital during the day and attends classes two evenings a week and Saturdays.

"I study at work when I have a free moment. You can't get behind. Everything builds."

It's too soon for Anne Marie to forecast what she will do after she earns her law degree. But for now she is fulfilling a dream.



Plans a New Career

Also an Extended Division student, **Richard (Dick) Anderson** of Middletown retired with the rank of commander from the U.S. Navy in 1982 after 27 years of service. He had always wanted to study law.

"With two daughters to educate and our moving frequently, it just wasn't economically or geographically feasible."

The School of Law, only a few minutes from home, was an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

He heard about the new School when President Santoro addressed the Newport Rotary Club. He took the LSAT — saying to himself: "What am I doing here with these 400 eager young people

less than half my age? But I passed the exam, and here I am."

A graduate of Choate Preparatory School, Tufts University, the Naval War College, and Salve Regina University, as well as a former faculty member at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, and the Naval Command College, Newport, Dick is comfortable in an academic setting.

"My wife Elizabeth is both proud and bemused. She has seen me through several professions since I left the Navy, where I specialized in international relations. We lived in Portugal, Brazil, and Guam, traveling all over the world in the process. Since retirement, over the past 12 years I've freelanced in financial services, mortgage banking, real estate, home improvement and insurance," Dick explained.

"As a naval officer I realized how law is interwoven into our lives. We can do things for people within the law to do good in our society. We will never solve the problems of the world unless we know the law."

After earning his law degree Dick plans "to do good" in a combined career in international, community and elder law. This same caring theme is aptly echoed by one of Dick's young classmates. In the *Rhode Islander Magazine* article previously mentioned, first year student James Donagan of Ogdensburg, N.J., challenges his classmates to achieve, yet be compassionate:

"The students are competitive, but at the same time they're friendly. If they keep that attitude . . . this law school will be something really special, because it will take the competitive edge out and give the caring edge — and that's what we need in the law profession." ■



OPPOSITE PAGE,
AT LEFT: James Donagan studies at the School of Law Library between classes. Photo by Tom Cioke; originally appeared in the Providence Business News.

ABOVE: The School of Law's first class is comprised of students from divergent backgrounds. From left are: Frank Romeo in the Law Library, Ann Marie Lloyd '93 in a Rhode Island Hospital Laboratory, and Dick Anderson in the Officers Ward Room at the Naval War College.

School of Law Makes Positive Impact on Community

by Suzanne Costello '88

Though not yet a year old, the School of Law has already forged strong ties with the larger community it was established to serve. The School of Law has already demonstrated value as a resource to the state's legal community (the Bench and Bar), while the founding faculty has provided impartial media commentary on legal issues before the state, region and nation.

Direct service to the community at large will be underway in fall 1995, when selected third-year law students, working in the University's Law Clinic in the new Metro Center in downtown Providence (see page 25), will assist licensed attorneys in providing legal representation for those who may be unable to afford legal counsel.

Service to the Legal Community

The School serves the region's legal community in many ways, noted Dean John E. Ryan, vice president and professor of law. Some vehicles include faculty and staff participation in events sponsored by the state bar, judiciary and legislature; sponsorship of the Rhode Island Inn of Court (see page 23); and access to the 165,000-volume Law Library and to special legal programming via satellite on both Bristol and Providence campuses.

"The faculty is active in providing objective, impartial perspectives on legal issues and current cases. Professors author articles, give broadcast commentary, and work on legislative committees," Dean Ryan said (see chart). For example, President Anthony J. Santoro and Dean Ryan advised Lt. Gov. Robert Weygand regarding a bill introduced to state legislation on judicial reform.

The School, originally met with skepticism by many members of the Rhode Island legal establishment, is now welcomed by them, Dean Ryan explained.

"The response of the legal community has been very positive," Dean Ryan said. Support has been demonstrated by gifts to the School of Law including a \$10,000 endowment from the Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association to establish a Law School Scholarship Fund; collections of legal volumes to the library; and other gifts-in-kind from area attorneys.

Access to the School of Law Library, which contains the largest legal collection in the state and receives heavy usage, is a significant benefit to the local legal community, said Gail I. Winson, director of the law library and associate professor of law. With a count of 165,000 bound and microfiche volumes, the Library is more comprehensive than the state law library in Providence, with 120,000 volumes.

"Our Library contains codes from all 50 states. Many lawyers from the area come in to reference these codes, because most law firms don't have the space or money for them," Professor Winson said.

School of Law Hosts Events

The School of Law opens its facilities for selected law-related events. For example, in March 1994, the School cohosted a regional moot trial competition for law students, where faculty served as judges, with the Rhode Island Trial Lawyers; welcomed the Bristol Rotary Club with Dean Ryan as featured speaker; and hosted a mock trial as part of an arson investigation seminar for police and firefighters. In May, it cosponsored a seminar on land use, planning and zoning with the Rhode Island Bar Association, in which Distinguished Professor of Law Richard G. Huber participated; and in June, it will be the site of a panel for a program training lawyers to handle custody cases, on which Professor Barbara L. Bernier will serve.

Law Clinic to Serve Community

The Law Clinic at the Roger Williams University Metropolitan Center for Education and Law in downtown Providence will open in fall 1995. In accordance with state law, selected third-year law students, supervised by practicing attorneys, will gain real-world experience by providing legal representation.

"The clinic will provide a great service to the community," noted Bruce T. Kogan, associate dean for law, who has directed clinics for other law schools.

Plans are in the works to establish two law clinics – the Family Law Clinic, directed by Professor Carol King; and the Criminal Defense Clinic, directed by Professor Andrew Horwitz. Both attorneys will join the law faculty in fall 1994 (see page 18).

The clinics also benefit participating law students, who gain first-hand experience as well as mentoring from practicing attorneys, Professor Kogan explained.

"Law school graduates who go to work for large corporate firms usually obtain training through apprentice programs. But graduates who go to work for small firms, or who open their own practices, need to know how to defend a client," he emphasized.

Professor Kogan noted that the Providence facility will also introduce courses for the recently enacted Mandatory Continuing Education requirements for Rhode Island attorneys.

The School of Law has established a strong and respected niche in Rhode Island, filling an unmet need for a forum to examine legal issues; independent commentary on matters affecting the bench and bar; and provision of continuing legal education, Dean Ryan concluded. ■

School of Law Sponsors Inn of Court for State

In keeping with its mission of enhancing the legal culture in Rhode Island and providing opportunities for research and continuing legal education within the state, the Roger Williams University School of Law will sponsor an American Inn of Court for the state of Rhode Island.

The new Inn will be one of 210 such groups nationwide, dedicated to advancing the principles of legal excellence, civility, professionalism and ethics in the practice of law.

Eight Rhode Island attorneys and judges have joined with law school personnel to form the 211th American Inn of Court in the United States (see box).

"The American Bar Association has endorsed the Inns of Court program as a means of demonstrating and encouraging professionalism and ethical conduct on the part of members of the bench and bar," said Dean John E. Ryan.

Associate Justice Randy Holland of the Delaware Supreme Court met with law school officials and encouraged the School of Law to join with lawyers and judges to form the Rhode Island Inn of Court. Justice Holland is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Inns of Court, the national organization.

"In Rhode Island, this program will also develop and foster relationships between younger lawyers and more senior lawyers and judges. A limited number of third-year students from the School of Law may be invited to participate," Dean Ryan said.

Each Inn of Court represents a cross-section of 40 to 65 members of a local legal community, which meets approximately eight to 10 times yearly. Most are affiliated with law schools.

Every American Inn consists of three categories of members: masters of the bench – consisting of judges; experienced, master litigating lawyers with more than 15 years of experience; and law professors; barristers – attorneys with three to 15 years of litigating experience; and pupils – third-year law

students or lawyers with less than three years of litigation experience.

The Membership of the Inn will be divided into "pupillage teams" with each team consisting of one or two master litigators (or judges), one or two barristers and pupils. Each team is responsible for conducting one demonstration for the Inn per year.

Learning side-by-side with the most experienced judges and attorneys in their communities, less experienced attorneys and third-year students become more effective advocates with a keener ethical awareness. Somewhat like the British Inns' model based upon legal apprenticeships, each younger member of an American Inn is assigned to a more experienced attorney and to a judge, as mentors and persons with whom personal conversations can be held about the practice of law.

While most Inns concentrate on general civil practice, there is a movement toward increasing specialization. Founded in 1980, Inns now exist in 44 states and the District of Columbia. The organization is headquartered in Alexandria, Va. ■

State Inn of Court Founders Include:

- Officers:
- **Amato A. Deluca**, Esq., Mandell, Deluca & Schwartz, Ltd.; president, Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association; president, Inn of Court
 - **Donald F. Shea**, associate justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court; counselor, Inn of Court
 - **Richard A. Boren**, Esq., Licht & Semenovf, secretary-treasurer, Inn of Court
 - **Bruce I. Kogan**, associate dean, Roger Williams University School of Law; administrator, Inn of Court
- Members:
- **John H. Blish**, Esq., Blish & Cavanaugh
 - **Michael P. Defanti**, Esq., Hincley, Allen & Snyder
 - **Albert E. DeRobbio**, chief judge, Rhode Island District Court
 - **Michael R. Goldenberg**, Esq., Goldenberg & Muri
 - **Joseph F. Rodgers, Jr.**, presiding justice, Rhode Island Superior Court
 - **John E. Ryan**, dean, Roger Williams University School of Law
 - **Anthony J. Santoro**, president, Roger Williams University and Roger Williams University School of Law

Law Faculty Serve as Media Resource

Representative recent commentary includes:

- **President Anthony Santoro**, interview, Channel 36, Dimension Cable, Full Channel Cable, WHLI, WPRQ and Channels 10, 12 and 6 on the School of Law.
- **Dean John Ryan**, interview, *Providence Journal Rhode Islander* magazine Dec. 5, 1993; *Providence Business News* Jan. 24, 1994, on the School of Law.
- **Dean Gary Bahr**, interview, *Providence Journal* Feb. 3, 1994, on trademark protection in Pawtucket's Modern Diner vs. Walt Disney Co. case.
- **Professor Barbara Bernier**, interview, ABC national network news Jan. 28, 1994, on "dead-beat-dad" Brindamour vs. Brindamour case.
- **Dean Christel Eitel**, interview, *Rhode Islander* magazine Dec. 5 article.
- **Professor Bruce Kogan**, interview, *Providence Business News* Jan. 24, 1994, on debt collection.
- **Professor Michael Yelnosky**, interview, *Providence Business News* Nov. 11, 1993, on employee privacy.
- Also offering to serve as media resources are **Professors Richard Huber, Jonathan Mintz, Linda Fitts Mischler, Robert Whorf** and **Gail Winson**.

during the eight-month course of the feasibility study. When the results of the second survey confirmed the viability of a School of Law at Roger Williams University, Chairman Papitto asked Dean Santoro to head it.

"The success of the School of Law hinged upon selection of the right dean. We couldn't afford a fumble or a stumble." While Dean Santoro hadn't sought the post and didn't say "yes" immediately, Chairman Papitto prevailed upon him to accept the post of vice president and dean of the state's first School of Law in July 1992.

The dean's post expertly filled, one final hurdle — that of financing — remained. Utilizing his Wall Street contacts, Chairman Papitto negotiated the largest tax-exempt bond issue in the history of higher education in the state of Rhode Island — \$43 million, insured by Connie Lee of Washington, D.C., and underwritten by Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Fleet Securities — "a tremendously successful deal for everyone involved." That sum included some \$20 million for law school start-up, with the balance for other capital projects and to refinance existing debt at lower interest rates.

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"They said it couldn't be done — but we did it anyway," said Chairman Papitto, noting that the School of Law is on budget and has met every target in terms of faculty, staff and enrollment and is now ahead of financial projections going into its second year of operation.

"We've assembled a tremendous team," he said, referring to President Anthony J. Santoro and Vice President and Dean John E. Ryan, named to the post in August 1993, succeeding Dean Santoro.

"In the future, I am hopeful that Roger Williams University will pioneer specializations in many areas of the law which could include environmental, tax, marine, bankruptcy, and/or securities law," Chairman Papitto said.

"Rarely, if ever, has another school of law in the nation opened with such expert planning, significant resources and commitment to excellence behind it," Chairman Papitto concluded. ■

"They've sort of become the symbol of our firm. The man who gave them to me said it was because we 'fight hard' for our clients."

The Wynn & Wynn team also works hard for the community. One waiting room wall is adorned with plaques from the American Cancer Society, local sports teams, United Way, and other civic organizations. In December 1993, the firm held a fund raiser which yielded enough to keep the local homeless shelter open for another six months.

Tom's involvement extends to Roger Williams University through his work as a trustee. Appointed to the Board last fall, his associations with Chairman Ralph Papitto and trustees Malcolm Donahue and Harry Crump introduced him to the many accomplishments of the University.

In a letter to Chairman Papitto, Tom writes: "The new School of Law is nothing short of magnificent, and the entire University is a credit to you and your colleagues. . . . Both [President Santoro and Dean Ryan] are truly professional and obviously leaders in the academic world."

He added during our conversation: "With first class leadership and faculty, the School of Law will no doubt take its place among the premiere law schools in the nation."

Tom and his wife Elaine reside in Dighton, Mass. Their daughter, Kristan, and her husband, Rob McLaughlin, both graduates of the Suffolk University Law School, recently became parents for the second time. Tom and Elaine's son, Thomas J. (III), is a stock broker in Boston, having earned a Master of Business Administration degree in finance from Suffolk University.

Tom (II), laughs when he says: "It is not yet determined whether or not Tom (III) will attend law school. Who knows, maybe we'll all be lawyers!" ■

Thomas J. Wynn is a graduate of Providence College and Suffolk University Law School. Admitted to the Massachusetts Bar Association in 1969, he has served in many positions including committee chair, vice president, president, and foundation trustee. He later served as director of the New England Bar Association. For the American Bar Association, he has served as chair of the Workers Compensation Subcommittee, and now serves on the Career Development/Professional Utilization Committee and in the House of Delegates. He holds an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Suffolk University Law School and serves on its Board of Trustees.

"My enthusiasm for the University has increased over the years, particularly under the leadership of Chairman Ralph Papitto. His tremendous vision for the University has propelled its growth in incredible strides," he remarked.

Professor Donahue is most enthusiastic about the School of Law.

"It was surely needed in Rhode Island, and the University has now met that need. The School of Law should help improve the quality of practice and calibre of people practicing law in the state. . . . I am impressed with the excellent choice of Dean John Ryan, along with a very fine, experienced faculty. . . . I'm confident it will continue to attract high-quality faculty and high-calibre students."

Professor Donahue and his wife, Caroline, have been married for 45 years. They reside in Westwood, Mass., and have known each other since before the first grade.

"You hear of people marrying their high school sweethearts — well, I married my first-grade sweetheart!" he explained.

They are parents of two daughters, Alice Mattison, married with two children, is a realtor on Cape Cod. Cynthia Richards, also married, is in her third year at Columbia Law School, after graduating magna cum laude from Harvard University. She will be the tenth member of the family to become a member of the bar.

Along with his legal, educational and familial accomplishments, Professor Donahue is also a veteran of World War II, having served as a first lieutenant in the field artillery corps. ■

Malcolm M. Donahue '76H, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard College and a law degree from Boston University Law School. He is a professor of law at Suffolk University Law School, where he has also served as acting dean and associate dean. His courses include Administrative Law, Conflict of Laws, Jurisdiction and Judgments, Legal Method, Legal Research, Municipal Corporations, and Constitutional Law. He is a member of the American Law Institute, American Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association, Norfolk Bar Association, Boston Bar Association, and Federal Bar Association. He has been admitted to practice in the Federal Courts, including the United States District Court, United States Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Newly Purchased Providence Facility to House Law Clinic

In a milestone-purchase of a downtown Providence landmark building at 150 Washington St., the University will establish its Law Clinic and Institute for Continuing Legal Education in a 75,000-square-foot building that will also house the relocated Providence Campus of the University's School of Continuing Education.

Formerly the home of City Hall Hardware, the four-story masonry and windowed structure, built in 1928 and renovated in 1970, will be called the "Roger Williams University Metropolitan Center for Education and Law."

The Law Clinic will be ready for third-year law students of the University by fall 1995. The School of Continuing Education Providence Campus will move from its facility at La Salle Academy to the Metro Center in fall 1994, with summer classes at La Salle Academy held as scheduled.

"This is truly a significant milestone in the continued growth of Roger Williams University, as it takes its place as a leader in the field of higher education in Rhode Island," Chairman Ralph R. Papitto said.

President Anthony J. Santoro remarked that the downtown location will provide an excellent opportunity to forge a partnership serving the continuing educational needs of those in the Providence area.

"The University's presence in the city will further the redevelopment of the downtown area, and enhance efforts toward a metropolitan 'college zone' and campus area where Roger Williams University and other institutions may be clustered," President Santoro said.

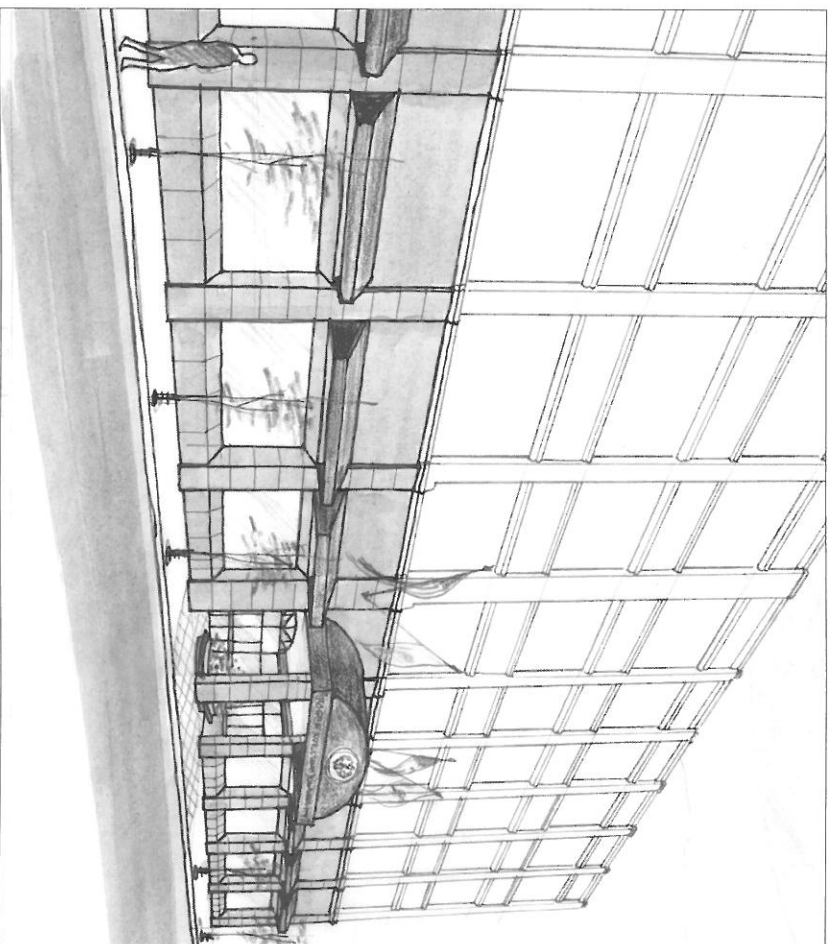
Richard M. Oster, head, Project Development Committee, Coalition for Community Development, remarked, "The Coalition heartily endorses and supports the University's purchase of 150 Washington St., and we applaud their plans for the building. This project is the first of several being undertaken in the core downtown area."

"The Law Clinic will provide opportunities for third-year law students interested in family practice and criminal defense to apply their training on a pro-bono basis — by representing individuals unable to afford private legal counsel. Downtown is an excellent location for this service," said School of Law Vice President and Dean John Ryan.

Dean Ryan added that the Institute for Continuing Legal Education will offer professional development programs for attorneys. Working with the School of Continuing Education, the Institute will provide a resource for the legal community, the Providence Police Department and other city agencies.

As an affiliate of the American Law Institute-American Bar Association Consortium, the School of Law Institute in Providence will have the capability to show programs, via satellite, on topical issues produced by the American Law Network for the continuing education of members of the legal profession, a service already available on the Bristol Campus.

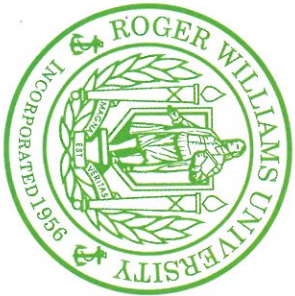
Interior renovation is planned to ready the building for the University's occupancy for Fall Semester 1994. The first floor will house the Law Clinic, the Institute's administrative and faculty offices, and the School of Continuing Education offices; spacious classrooms will occupy the third and fourth floors, while the second floor will continue to serve as office rental space. ■



This rendering depicts the renovation plans for the main entrance to the Roger Williams University Metropolitan Center for Education and Law at 150 Washington St., Providence.

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