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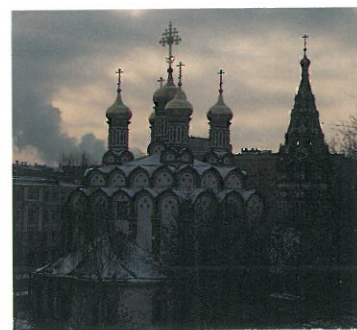
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# Law School Update

## *Santoro Named Vice President and Dean, School of Law*



*Anthony J. Santoro*

Anthony J. Santoro, a distinguished legal educator instrumental in the establishment of four other U.S. law schools, will head the state of Rhode Island's first School of Law at the College, slated to open on the Bristol Campus in fall 1993.

"Anthony Santoro is a legal educator of the highest rank who brings a thorough knowledge of legal education from a nationwide perspective, the professional practice, and the American Bar Association accreditation process to this important post," said Ralph R. Papitto, chairman, Roger Williams College Board of Trustees. Mr. Papitto chaired the search committee (the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees) which selected Dean Santoro after a nationwide search.

Dean Santoro has been working with the College since July 1991, when he was named consultant for the Law School Feasibility Study by the Law School Advisory Board, chaired by

Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice Joseph R. Weisberger.

Continuing as consultant in the interim, Dean Santoro begins full-time duties as vice president and dean at Roger Williams College July 1, 1992, reporting directly to President Sicuro.

Positioning the School of Law to receive accreditation from the American Bar Association "at the earliest possible date" is among Dean Santoro's top priorities.

He is currently dean and professor of law at the Widener University School of Law, with campuses in Wilmington, Del., and Harrisburg, Pa. Dean Santoro was a member of the founding faculty at Western New England School of Law, Springfield, Mass.; the founding dean of the Bridgeport, Conn., and Widener University schools of law; and the American Bar Association Consultant for St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, Fla.

Dean Santoro earned his J.D. and Master of Laws in Taxation degrees from the Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston College, and graduated from Somerset High School.

Both he and his wife, the former Pauline Plante, are Massachusetts natives from Fall River. The Santoros are parents of three teenage daughters and a son.

## Mancino Associates to Design School of Law Building

Mancino Associates architectural firm, East Providence, has been commissioned to design the School of Law Building, slated to open in fall 1993.

The 28-year-old company recently oversaw the \$1 million School of Business Building renovation and the re-design of the Facilities Management Building at the College. The firm has extensive experience with educational clients including the University of Rhode Island and Providence Public Schools.

The \$8 million School of Law Building will be located near the main entrance of the College, south of the Performing Arts Center. The two-story brick and masonry building will house a law library, conference rooms, moot courtrooms, seminar rooms, administrative and faculty offices, classrooms and student lounges. A bookstore, cafeteria and lockers will be located in the basement.

Groundbreaking was May 12, and construction will be completed in approximately 12 months.



*Dean Santoro discusses the School of Law with media reporters at a press conference held on campus Feb. 4.*