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It's no secret that our graduates are having a significant impact on the region's legal culture. But three recent alumni appointments – all focused on serving the larger legal and general community – are worth singling out.

Lorraine Lalli '01: Judicial Nominating Commission



Lorraine Lalli is RWU Law's Assistant Dean of Students. A magna cum laude graduate of Spelman College, where she was Phi Beta Kappa, Lorraine received her J.D., also magna cum laude, from RWU Law in 2001. As a law student, she won numerous awards for academic excellence, and served as President of the Multicultural Law Students Association and the extramural Trial Team. After a stint at Brown Rudnick LLP in Boston, she returned to RWU Law and has been an outstanding senior administrator for the past 6 years.

Lorraine was recently appointed by Governor Lincoln Chafee to a position on the Rhode Island Judicial Nominating Commission. The Commission is charged with screening applicants for vacancies on all of Rhode Island's courts, selecting candidates to be interviewed, soliciting public comment and conducting background checks.

Adam Ramos '06: Board of Bar Examiners



Adam Ramos earned his B.A. at Florida State and his J.D. from RWU Law magna cum laude. After graduation he served as law clerk for the Honorable Francis X. Flaherty of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, and he is now an associate with Hinckley, Allen & Snyder in Providence. Like many RWU Law grads, Adam had leading judges as adjunct professors; he also took part in court-related programs while in law school – such as the Clark Moot Court Competition (judged every year by the Rhode Island Supreme Court), as well as clinical experiences.

Adam apparently made a strong impression on the justices. One day he got a call from RI Chief Justice Suttell, noting that the court was in the process of selecting new members for the Board of Bar Examiners and that Adam's name had come up – would he be interested? Adam said he would be, reportedly making him the youngest member in Board history.

The Board of Bar Examiners, appointed by the Supreme Court, is the gatekeeper to the legal profession, testing the knowledge of bar applicants, administering and proctoring the bar examination, and evaluating the essay portion of the test.

Amy Goins '12: Common Cause RI Board President



Amy Goins, was law clerk to the Honorable Gilbert V. Indeglia of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island and is currently an attorney with the City of Providence Law Department. Amy was recently elected President of Common Cause Rhode Island, the leading good government organization in the state. As a lifelong Rhode Islander, she was elected President after a successful term as Secretary of the Board.

A Brown graduate, Amy was vice president of the Association for Public Interest Law (APIL) at RWU Law, and an active participant in the Pro Bono Collaborative. Having served internships with the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Providence Law Department, she aims to forge a career in government and policymaking – but always with a focus on service.

Congratulations to this talented trio!