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Office of the President  
MEMORANDUM

TO: The University Community  
FROM: President Anthony J. Santoro  
DATE: September 7, 1992  
RE: NEW VICE PRESIDENT AND DEAN, ROGER WILLIAMS  
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of John E. Ryan, a nationally-known educator who chairs the American Bar Association (ABA) Accreditation Committee, as Vice President and Dean of the Roger Williams University School of Law, effective immediately.

Dean Ryan was most recently executive vice president of the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California; previously, he was chief administrative and academic officer of the University's McGeorge School of Law in nearby Sacramento. There, as acting dean, he led a 165-member faculty and managed a \$20 million annual operating budget while successfully completing a \$3 million fund raising campaign for scholarships and library enhancement and a \$1.8 million faculty office addition and library expansion.

Two criteria were paramount in the selection of the new Dean -- first, that he or she possess national stature as a legal educator, and second, that the successful candidate be well-versed in ABA accreditation matters. Dean Ryan meets both criteria exceptionally well.

In addition to his exemplary record at the University of the Pacific as acting dean, associate dean and professor of law since 1971, Dean Ryan is well-respected in national legal circles for his leadership of the ABA Accreditation Committee including the development of many of the accreditation standards currently employed. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Law Access and serves on many other ABA committees.

Dean Ryan holds a Master of Laws degree from the University of Illinois College of Law; Juris Doctor from the McGeorge School of Law; and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science/history from the California State University at San Francisco. He has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States and State Bar of California.

Please join me in welcoming him to the Roger Williams University community.

