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SPRING 2008, THE 'SUPREME SEMESTER'

Careful planning, hard work and the help of many friends has turned the spring semester of 2008 into what is truly a "Supreme Semester," featuring:

- Three distinctive opportunities for law students to interact with Justices of the United States Supreme Court
- Two presentations by Pulitzer-Prize winning journalists who cover the Supreme Court
- Two debates on important issues that impact the Court and its work
- A presentation on civil rights by a leading scholar, accompanied by the widow of the late Justice Thurgood Marshall

At the top of the list has to be the Q & A session that 130 RWU law students had with Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. – part of the first official visit to Rhode Island by a sitting Chief Justice in more than two centuries. In coming weeks, Associate Justice Antonin G. Scalia will spend a day in Bristol as Distinguished Jurist in Residence, and then two dozen students will travel to Washington, D.C., to see cases argued, meet with Associate Justice Samuel Alito, and discuss constitutional litigation with some leading lawyers who regularly argue cases before the Court.

Not far behind in impact and popularity have been two lively and topical debates, held in front of overflow crowds. In January, prominent public intellectuals Ron Cass and Nan Aron considered "Should the Supreme Court Be Conservative?" Then in February our own Carl Bogus debated Harvard Law Professor Mark Tushnet on the important and controversial gun-control case pending in the Court this term.

On the horizon are lectures by top journalists and Court watchers Anthony Lewis and Linda Greenhouse. Mr. Lewis will be focusing on his new book on the First Amendment, while Ms. Greenhouse will wrap up the "Supreme Semester" with her Commencement address, "A Look Inside the Supreme Court."

For coverage of all these events (as well as exciting news about all law school events and activities, see "Upcoming Events" (following page) and visit the **Dean's Blog** at <http://blogs.rwu.edu/law/dean>

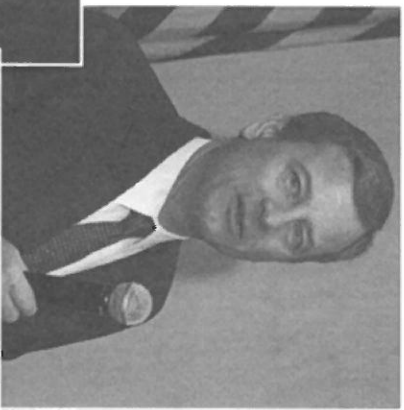
This remarkable array of events would not have been possible without the help of two members of the School of Law Board of Directors – Judge Bruce Selya, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and Ron Cass, Dean Emeritus of Boston University Law School, who arranged for the sessions with the Justices.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. addresses RWU Law students' questions at the Federal Courthouse in Providence.

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Associate Justice
Samuel A. Alito



Commencement Speaker
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deliver Thurgood
Marshall Memorial
lecture.