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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES • MAY 15, 2015  
CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

MICHAEL J. YELNOSKY — PRESIDING

PRELUDE ..... *Prelude, Sigurd Jorsalfar* by Edvard Grieg

PROCESSIONAL ..... *Pipes and Drums*

NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... Rene de la Garza

INTRODUCTION ..... Michael J. Yelnosky  
Dean & Professor of Law

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ..... Donald J. Farish, Ph.D., J.D.  
Roger Williams University

DIRECTORS' GREETINGS ..... The Honorable William E. Smith  
RWU Trustee & Chairman, RWU Law Board of Directors  
Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island

CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREES

*Presented by:*

The Honorable William E. Smith ..... Robert B. Mann, Esq.  
Chief Judge Mann & Mitchell  
United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island

*Presented by:*

The Honorable Paul A. Suttell ..... The Honorable Roderick L. Ireland  
Chief Justice Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts  
Rhode Island Supreme Court Distinguished Professor in the School of Criminology and  
Criminal Justice, Northeastern University

ADDRESS ..... The Honorable Roderick L. Ireland  
"Reflections"

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS ..... Nicole Marie Manzo

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING CLASS ..... Dean Michael J. Yelnosky

CONFERRING OF DEGREES ..... Donald J. Farish, Ph.D., J.D.

RECESSIONAL ..... *Grand March* from "Aida" by Giuseppe Verdi

MUSIC ..... The Dick Parent Orchestra  
*Pipes and Drums* by the Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band

**The audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional.**  
*For the comfort of some of our families and guests, a live video feed is available  
in the School of Law Appellate Courtroom, second floor. Seating is limited.*

## SCHOOL OF LAW HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



### THE HONORABLE RODERICK L. IRELAND

*Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa*

#### **Chief Justice, Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, *Retired***

B.A. Lincoln University

J.D. Columbia Law School

LL.M. Harvard Law School

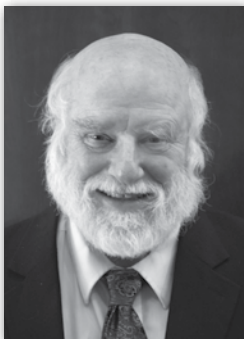
Ph.D. Northeastern University

The Honorable Roderick L. Ireland recently retired as Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. He was the first African-American appointed to that court in its 323-year history, and presided over some of its most groundbreaking decisions, notably voting in favor of same-sex marriage in *Goodridge v. Department of Public Health* (2003), the nation's first state supreme court case declaring same-sex marriage constitutional.

In his 37-year career on the bench, Justice Ireland has served in the Boston Juvenile Court (1977-90), the Massachusetts Appeals Court (1990-97), and the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts (1997-2014; Chief Justice, 2010-14). He is the author of a two-volume treatise on *Massachusetts Juvenile Law*, as well as several law review articles.

Justice Ireland has received numerous professional honors and awards, and taught on the faculty of a number of law schools, including Harvard, Boston University and New York University. His academic interests include criminal law, juvenile law and constitutional law, as well as “the interplay of the judiciary with the legislative and executive branches, and with external entities such as the business community and the media.” He is also dedicated to diversifying the judiciary at all levels through increased training programs as well as scholarship and fellowship opportunities for minorities. Justice Ireland currently serves as a Distinguished Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Northeastern University.

## SCHOOL OF LAW HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



**ROBERT B. MANN, ESQ.**

*Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa*

**Partner, Mann & Mitchell**

B.A. Yale University

J.D. Yale Law School

An ubiquitous and readily recognizable presence in some of Rhode Island’s highest profile criminal trials, Robert B. Mann has spent the bulk of his career defending poor, anonymous clients, ensuring that all of them – no matter how unpopular or despised – receive top-notch legal representation in the courtroom.

Despite his Ivy League credentials and more than four decades of experience, Mann “still holds dear those beliefs we kicked around back in the 60s – peace, love, brotherhood and the betterment of society,” said one former state prosecutor. This idealistic fervor has won him nearly universal respect on the state’s bench and bar. “Bob scares you,” said a prosecutor who squared off against Mann when he defended Joseph Mollicone, Jr., during the Rhode Island credit union crisis in the early 90s. “He comes into court so well-prepared and mechanically sound, it’s ridiculous.” While defending Craig Price, convicted of committing multiple homicides as a juvenile, Mann once told the press, “It’s not just his rights I’m fighting for, but everyone else’s as well.”

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mann grew up in Germany, where his father, also a lawyer, was stationed as a JAG. As a teenager, he distinguished himself as an expert marksman and an academic ace, winning admission to Yale University at the age of 16. Following a two-year tour of duty with the U.S. Army in Vietnam, he returned to enter Yale Law’s Class of 1973, where his classmates included Bill and Hillary Clinton.

## IN MEMORIAM



### ROBERT B. KENT '01H DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW

With great sadness and fond memories, Roger Williams University School of Law notes the passing of an esteemed educator, scholar, colleague and friend, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Law Robert B. Kent, '01H, who died at his Lexington, Mass., home on February 5, 2015. He was 93 years old.

Professor Kent's accomplishments over more than 60 years in legal education included tenures on the law faculties of Roger Williams University, Boston University, Cornell and Harvard. In 1967, he co-authored *Cases and Other Materials on Civil Procedure*; and in 1969, authored his comprehensive treatise, *Rhode Island Practice: Rules of Civil Procedure*.

*Rhode Island Practice* was notable for "not only canvassing what the law was at the time, but forecasting what Rhode Island practice should be in so many areas," observed attorney David A. Wollin, who co-authored the 2004 edition. "The value of Professor Kent's treatise is reflected in the fact that the Supreme Court has [since] adopted many of his commentaries as governing law in Rhode Island."

Professor Kent, however, remained modest about his accomplishment. When informed some years ago that his treatise was considered "the Bible of Rhode Island Civil Procedure," he replied, "That is no doubt a tribute to its antiquity and not its authority."

## SCHOOL OF LAW DEGREE CANDIDATES • JURIS DOCTOR

Andrew Aleman II, Esq.*	Michael J. Hartley, Esq.*	Nicole Janine Policastro
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Angie Elise Cardona	Meghan Lee Kruger	Brett Michael Rosen
Christopher R. Carreiro	Andrew James Kupa	Courtney Elizabeth Ross
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Sean Philip Gingerich	Bugra A. Oncu	Alyse Renee White
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Elizabeth Anne Hackley	Keith Edward Phillis	

\*graduation date, December, 2014

◆graduation date, July, 2015

\*\*graduation date, December, 2015

(LMCJ) Joint Degree with Roger Williams University, JD/Master of Science in Criminal Justice

(LMMA) Joint Degree with University of Rhode Island, JD/Master of Marine Affairs

+Three Plus Three Program

## HONORS DISTINCTION

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

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## HONORS PROGRAM

### MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2015

For students who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability and achievement before coming to law school and exceptional academic achievement in their first year, the School of Law offers an Honors Program, which consists of a special course of study. The following students have successfully completed the requirements of the Honors Program:

Amanda Christine Becker	Alix Roberts Ogden
Alicia C. Bianco	Michael Matthew Osterberg
Alicia Mary Connor	Keith Edward Phillis
Wm Maxwell Daley	Curtis Ray Pouliot-Alvarez
Larissa Bianca DeLisi	Charlene Elva Pratt
Danielle E. Dufault	Matthew David Provencher
Mackenzie C. Flynn	Jeremy Michael Rix
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Sarah A. Gatti	Courtney Elizabeth Ross
Kristen Lynne Kelliher	Jackson Raymond Schipke
Katherine G. Kielbasa	Troy Shuman
Meghan Lee Kruger	Anthony E. Sinapi
Nicole Marie Manzo	Lindsay C. Speicher
Alexsa Antoinette Marino	Kristen Alyse Sylvia
Justin G. Monti	Jeffrey Thomas Waltemate
Aaron F. Nadich	Dana N. Weiner
Casey M. O'Brien	Alyse Renee White
Kayla S. O'Connor	



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LAW REVIEW

The following students constitute the 2014-2015 Editorial Board and Assistant Editors of the *Roger Williams University Law Review* and are responsible for publication of Volume 20 of the Law Review.

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*The Student Bar Association would also like to acknowledge the work and dedication to the association of Jeffrey Thomas Waltemate as Treasurer during the Fall 2014 semester.*

## MOOT COURT

The Moot Court Board promotes the development of the art of appellate advocacy and brief writing. Those selected as the best appellate advocates in the intra-scholastic competition are awarded the Clark Prize for Excellence in Advocacy. The Board also sponsors inter-scholastic teams that compete against representatives from law schools across the nation.

### **Moot Court Board 2014-2015**

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Daniel Patrick Reilly  
Nathaniel Stow Worth  
*General Members*

*Faculty Advisor:*  
Professor Jared A. Goldstein

### **The 22nd Annual Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Competition**

Team 1  
Meghan Lee Kruger  
Casey M. O'Brien  
Patrick J. O'Connor

Team 2  
Casey Charkowick '16  
David Peterson '16  
Adam Pike '16

*Faculty Advisor:*  
Professor Jonathan M. Gutoff

*Coach:*  
Adjunct Professor Robert Falvey '98

### **17th Annual Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Law Moot Court Competition**

Team 1  
Wm Maxwell Daley  
Christopher Joseph Fragomeni

Team 2  
Vanessa Bairos  
Michael Colby Burke

### **The 27th Annual National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition**

Cayla Kevlik '16  
John Ryan-Henry '16  
Molly Ogren '16

*Coach:*  
Adjunct Professor Christopher D'Ovidio

### **The 65th Annual National Moot Court Competition**

Christopher Joseph Fragomeni  
Sydney R. Kirsch  
Daniel Patrick Reilly

*Coach:*  
Danielle E. Dufault

### **2015 National Religious Freedom Moot Court Competition**

Team 1  
Elizabeth Jollie Maxwell  
Kyla Pecchia '16  
Daniel Patrick Reilly

Team 2  
Brett Beaubien '16  
Edward Pare '16  
Matthew David Provencher

## MOOT COURT CONT.

### 2015 International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition

#### Team 1

Alicia C. Bianco  
Andrew Blais '16  
Celine Rivera '16  
Daniel Sagan '16

#### *Coach:*

Keith Edward Phillis

#### Team 2

Brian Almeida '16  
Hannah Mowry '17  
Mikela Almeida '16  
Nathaniel Stow Worth

#### *Coach:*

Jacob Ryan Beale

### TRIAL TEAM

The following students were selected to participate in interscholastic trial team competitions:

#### **2015 American Association for Justice Trial Advocacy Competition**

Jasmine Dobosiewicz '16  
James Tad-Louis Glendinning  
Jennifer Lee Kehew  
Todd J. Rose

#### *Coach:*

Professor David Coombs

#### **2015 Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition**

Jasmine Dobosiewicz '16  
James Tad-Louis Glendinning  
Jennifer Lee Kehew  
Todd J. Rose

#### *Coach:*

Professor David Coombs

### MEDIATION/NEGOTIATION

The following students were selected to participate in interscholastic Mediation and Negotiation competitions:

#### **16th Annual American Bar Association Representation in Mediation Competition**

#### Team 1

Timothy Joseph Fogarty  
Troy Shuman

#### Team 2

Christopher Paul Puig  
Anthony E. Sinapi

#### *Coach:*

Aaron Greenlee '11

#### **2014 American Bar Association Negotiation Competition**

Michael Muehe '16  
Anthony E. Sinapi

#### *Coach:*

Aaron Greenlee '11

SELECTED HONORS EARNED  
BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2015

**THE CLARK PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN APPELLATE ADVOCACY**

Those students who capture first place in the written and oral intrascholastic moot court competition share an award donated by former Distinguished Visiting Professor Esther F. Clark. Members of the graduating class who received this award during the course of their studies are:

*Winner of the Clark Competition*  
Christopher Joseph Fragomeni

*Finalist*  
Sydney R. Kirsch

*Best Brief*  
Daniel Patrick Reilly

**PROFESSOR CLARK ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

Distinguished Visiting Professor Esther F. Clark and her husband, John Clark, established this scholarship to recognize outstanding academic performance by a rising second year student.

Scott James McCutcheon

**GARY L. BAHR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This award is in memory of Professor Gary L. Bahr, the first associate dean and member of the founding faculty of the School of Law. The award is made annually to the first year student with the highest combined average in Contracts and Torts.

Alexsa Antoinette Marino

**KATHLEEN M. BIRT MEMORIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PRIZE**

This prize is awarded to graduating students who have demonstrated the most distinguished performance in dispute resolution courses.

Elizabeth Mara Hickey

**CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD**

This national award recognizes a student who has excelled in a clinical course in law school.

Timothy Joseph Fogarty

**DEAN'S ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

This award is presented by the Dean to a graduating student who improved his or her grades the most from the first year.

Christine Amanda Chavez

SELECTED HONORS EARNED  
BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2015

**THE LEGAL METHODS FACULTY AWARD FOR BEST APPELLATE BRIEF**

This award is made possible by The Lillian and Irving Topf Memorial Fund.

Mackenzie C. Flynn  
Sydney R. Kirsch

**CORPORATE COUNSEL-NORTHEAST CHAPTER ETHICS AWARD (ACC-NE)**

This award is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to ethics in a clinical program.

Alice J. Cunningham

**THE PROPELLER CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES -  
PORT OF NARRAGANSETT BAY EDUCATIONAL FUND**

This award is given to a student(s) enrolled in an accredited program with a concentration in Maritime Ports, Logistic Management or a Merchant Marine License or Certificate.

Casey M. O'Brien

**ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Michael J. Hartley, Esq.  
Meghan Lee Kruger

**THURGOOD MARSHALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Bienvenido Perez, Jr.

## SELECTED HONORS EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2015

Each semester the student receiving the highest grade in each course is selected to receive a Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) award certificate. Members of the graduating class who received this award for classes during the course of their studies are:

Andrew Aleman II, Esq. Separation of Church and State	Summer 2014	Mandi DeJesus Desmarais Elder Law Land Use Planning Residential Real Estate Law Office Management	Fall 2013 Fall 2013 Spring 2014 Spring 2014
Amanda Christine Becker Legal Methods II Criminal Procedure: Investigation Wills & Trusts	Spring 2013 Spring 2014 Fall 2014	Danielle E. Dufault Legal Methods I Trial Advocacy	Fall 2012 Fall 2014
Matthew T. Bennett III International Law	Fall 2014	Mackenzie C. Flynn Civil Procedure Contracts I Criminal Law Legal Methods I Torts I Legal Methods II Property Torts II Federal Practice Business Tax Federal Income Tax	Fall 2012 Fall 2012 Fall 2012 Fall 2012 Fall 2012 Spring 2013 Spring 2013 Spring 2013 Fall 2013 Fall 2014 Fall 2014
Alicia C. Bianco Civil Procedure Federal Practice	Spring 2013 Fall 2013	Timothy Joseph Fogarty Wills & Trusts	Spring 2014
Sean M. Bouchard Land Use Planning	Fall 2014	Christopher Joseph Fragomeni Judicial Process	Spring 2014
Michael Colby Burke Trial Advocacy	Fall 2014	Kate E. Gannon Legal Methods I Legal Methods II Public Interest Lawyering	Fall 2012 Spring 2013 Fall 2014
Lauren Elizabeth Campbell Legal Drafting: Contracts	Spring 2014	James Tad-Louis Glendinning First Amendment	Fall 2014
Danielle Catherine Ciccolo* Poverty, Health & Law	Fall 2013	Elizabeth Anne Hackley Law of the Sea Environmental Law	Fall 2013 Fall 2014
Nadya A. Comas Mediation Writing for Practice	Fall 2013 Fall 2013	Elizabeth Mara Hickey Mediation Prosecution	Spring 2014 Summer 2014
Alicia Mary Connor Family Law Constitutional Law II Election Law & Campaign Finance Employment Discrimination Sales	Fall 2013 Spring 2014 Fall 2014 Fall 2014 Fall 2014	Dominique K. Jouki Legal Methods II	Spring 2013
Alice J. Cunningham Immigration Clinic	Fall 2014	John Kean III Negotiation Criminal Defense Clinic	Spring 2014 Fall 2014
Wm Maxwell Daley Legal Methods I Evidence Conflict of Laws Intellectual Property Trial Advocacy	Fall 2012 Fall 2013 Fall 2014 Fall 2014 Fall 2014	Victoria R. Kelley Professional Responsibility	Summer 2013
Larissa Bianca DeLisi Criminal Law Advanced Torts Evidence Criminal Procedure: Investigation	Fall 2012 Fall 2013 Fall 2013 Spring 2014		

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Kristen Lynne Kelliher		Aaron F. Nadich	
Legal Methods I	Fall 2012	Criminal Law	Fall 2012
Legal Methods II	Spring 2013	Legal Methods I	Fall 2012
Advanced Legal Research	Summer 2013	Civil Procedure	Spring 2013
Criminal Law	Fall 2013	Contracts II	Spring 2013
Big Law & Ethical Lawyer	Spring 2014	Legal Methods II	Spring 2013
		Property	Spring 2013
Stephen C. Kessinger		Remedies	Fall 2013
Civil Procedure	Fall 2012	Law and Medicine	Spring 2014
		Sales	Spring 2014
Katherine G. Kielbasa		Judicial Process	Fall 2014
Accounting for Lawyers	Spring 2014		
		Casey M. O'Brien	
Sydney R. Kirsch		Legal Methods I	Fall 2012
Legal Methods II	Spring 2013	Legal Methods II	Spring 2013
		Maritime Practice	Fall 2013
Meghan Lee Kruger		Admiralty Law	Spring 2014
Legal Methods I	Fall 2012	Corporate Counsel	Fall 2014
Legal Methods II	Spring 2013		
Constitutional Law	Fall 2013	Kayla S. O'Connor	
Employment Discrimination	Fall 2013	Station Fire Litigation	Fall 2013
		Community Economic	
Justin Magill		Development Clinic	Spring 2014
Cyber and National Security	Summer 2013	Nature of the Judicial Process	Fall 2014
Nicole Marie Manzo		Alix Roberts Ogden	
Civil Procedure I	Fall 2012	Public Interest Lawyering	Summer 2014
Legal Methods I	Fall 2012	Mediation	Fall 2014
Torts I	Fall 2012		
Legal Methods II	Spring 2013	Philip John Orzech	
Sales	Fall 2013	Administrative Law	Spring 2014
Conflict of Laws	Spring 2014		
Professional Responsibility	Spring 2014	Michael Matthew Osterberg	
		Legal Methods I	Fall 2012
Alexsa Antoinette Marino		Legal Methods II	Spring 2013
Contracts I	Fall 2012		
Legal Methods I	Fall 2012	Samantha Kay Pearce	
Contracts II	Spring 2013	Law of Maritime Practice	Summer 2013
Legal Methods II	Spring 2013	Secured Transactions	Summer 2014
Station Fire Litigation	Fall 2013	International Business Transactions	Fall 2014
Elizabeth Jollie Maxwell		Keith Edward Phillis	
Trial Advocacy	Spring 2014	Business Tax	Spring 2014
		Family and Divorce Mediation	Summer 2014
John-Paul McCauley		Secured Transactions	Summer 2014
Contracts II	Spring 2013		
Law and Literature	Spring 2014	Curtis Ray Pouliot-Alvarez	
		Trial Advocacy	Fall 2013
Meghan Brett McCoy		Immigration Clinic	Spring 2014
Intellectual Property	Fall 2013		
Writing for Practice	Fall 2013	Charlene Elva Pratt	
Children and the Law	Summer 2014	Constitutional Law II	Spring 2014
Public Interest Lawyering	Fall 2014	Judicial Process	Fall 2014
Justin G. Monti			
Property	Spring 2013		
Lessons of Litigation	Fall 2013		
Business Organizations	Fall 2014		



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Matthew David Provencher		Susan Vani	
The Collapse of the Criminal Justice System	Fall 2013	Planning for the Elderly Client	Spring 2013
Trial Advocacy	Spring 2014		
Southern Slavery & the Law	Fall 2014	Marie E. Vedder	
Corporate Counsel	Fall 2014	Legislative Drafting and Advocacy	Fall 2012
Simple Justice, History of			
Brown vs. Board of Ed	Fall 2014	Nicole Marie Verdi*	
		Constitutional Law II	Spring 2013
Benjamin E. Reiss			
Torts II	Spring 2013	Jeffrey Thomas Waltemate	
		Torts II	Spring 2013
Jeremy Michael Rix		Federal Income Tax	Fall 2013
Constitutional Law	Fall 2013	Legal Drafting	Fall 2013
		Family Law	Spring 2014
Todd J. Rose			
Legislative Drafting & Advocacy	Fall 2013	Dana N. Weiner	
Secured Transactions	Fall 2013	Contracts I	Fall 2012
Trial Advocacy	Spring 2014	Role of the Senate in	
		American Government	Spring 2014
Brett Michael Rosen			
Professional Responsibility	Spring 2014	Darnae Mariam Wells	
		Bankruptcy	Fall 2014
Courtney Elizabeth Ross			
Prosecution	Fall 2014		
Eugene E. Samarin			
Marine Pollution	Summer 2014		<i>*graduation date, May 2014</i>
Jennifer Santana			
Community Economic Development Clinic	Fall 2014		
Marissa Maree Saracina			
Advanced Appellate Advocacy	Summer 2014		
Immigration Law	Fall 2014		
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Curtis Ray Pouliot-Alvarez

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