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**Bristol, R.I., November 12, 2009:** Roger Williams University School of Law Dean David A. Logan was recently honored by the NAACP for his outstanding efforts toward achieving diversity and inclusiveness in legal education.

The Providence Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) presented Logan with the Community Service Award at its 96th Annual Freedom Forum Dinner, at which Logan also served as the keynote speaker.

“It is an honor to be recognized by the nation’s leading civil rights organization, especially in this, the NAACP’s 100th anniversary year,” Logan said. “RWU Law is committed to educating the next generation of leaders in New England, while also building and expanding its role as a progressive force in the struggle for equal justice. Working with the NAACP is an important aspect of that mission.”

Logan was specifically recognized for his success at adding diversity to the faculty and staff at RWU Law, as well as his commitment to improving higher education in Liberia, and for a number of innovative programs that have initiated during his deanship, including the Latino Policy Institute at Roger Williams University, and the recently-opened Immigration Law Clinic.

“Dean Logan is a man of compassion who understands that the law can be used to bring about positive social change, and for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary we wanted to recognize and honor such an individual,” said Clifford R. Monteiro, president of the NAACP’s Providence Branch. “Moreover, Dean Logan is also notable for his dedication to educating a new generation of student lawyers to share and understand these essential values.”

Logan, who took RWU Law’s helm in 2003, was also recognized recently at the 40th Anniversary Celebration of Rhode Island Legal Services (RILS). During his tenure at RWU, Logan has spearheaded numerous public interest projects, paved the way for increasing the school’s public-service graduation requirement to 50 hours, increased funding for students who work in public service jobs each summer, and helped enable scholarships targeted at applicants who have a public-interest focus. During his time at RWU, bar pass rates have soared and the faculty became one of the most diverse in New England.

Among the public interest projects cultivated under Logan's leadership are the Pro Bono Collaborative (in which law firms, community-based organizations, and law students partner to provide pro bono legal service to low-income individuals and communities); a Public Interest Loan Repayment Assistance Program; and Public Interest scholarships.