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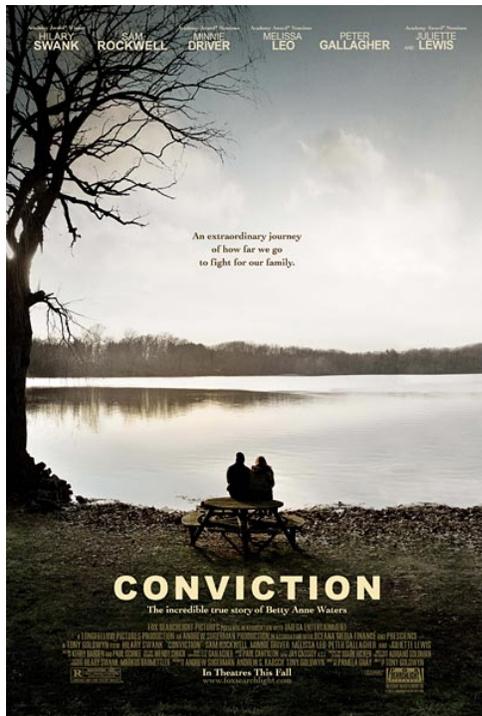
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Newsroom

RWU Law Features in Major Motion Picture

"Conviction"-- a major Hollywood release starring Hilary Swank -- tells the amazing story of alum Betty Anne Waters '98. Check out the Oscar buzz and trailer.



""Betty is my real-life hero,' Hilary Swank says of her justice-seeking biopic role in *Conviction*." - *US Magazine*, Sept. 27, 2010

- Read the Dean's Blog on RWU Law's [Special Advance Screening](#) of Conviction on Oct. 25!
- For [more photos of the event](#), visit RWU's Flickr page.
- View WJAR NBC 10's Story on the movie's [RWU Law Connection!](#)
- Get the full, true-life story in RWU Law's [Amicus Magazine](#)
- Read the [New York Times](#) feature.
- Read the [USA TODAY](#) feature.
- See [CNN's Larry King Live](#) focus on 'Conviction'
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"The emotional wallop of Hilary Swank's Conviction"

If you're not teary eyed after watching the film *Conviction*, you must be dead inside. The story of a sister trying to save her wrongfully convicted brother is a legal drama you won't soon forget. [It's] nothing short of remarkable, even more so because this story actually happened. No spoilers here, but you'll be drawn into how emotionally intense *Conviction* becomes in its last half, as Betty Anne gets close to the truth behind the police investigation.

As she often does, Swank takes control of this film with a riveting performance. You admire her dedication to uncover what happened all those years ago, and you can almost sense the entire theatre rooting for her. Swank's moments with Rockwell are also compelling, if only to see the love glinting in her eyes.

Not to be outshone, Rockwell also fills the screen with his stage presence. Every spat word he delivers hits you with thunder force. But his under-stated expressions, evoked when he speaks about his daughter, are the most memorable, and it's no wonder the acting performances from the two leads will leave a lasting impression. Films about exonerations have been done before, but rarely has one been directed with such well-honed tension, sharp writing and talented actors. Even Juliette Lewis in a bit role as Kenny's ex-girlfriend should be considered for a Best Supporting Actress nod.

After watching *Conviction*, you'll not only feel a bit *verklemt* but you'll also want to learn more about the many people behind the bars who should have never been there for the first place.

- David Silverberg, [Digital Journal](#), Sept. 13, 2010

CONVICTION - scheduled for Oct. 29, 2010, release - is the inspirational true story of a sister's unwavering devotion to her brother. When **Betty Anne Waters [RWU Law '98]** (two-time Academy® Award winner **Hilary Swank**) older brother Kenny (**Sam Rockwell**) is arrested for murder and sentenced to life in prison in 1983, Betty Anne, a Massachusetts wife and mother of two, dedicates her life to overturning the murder conviction. Convinced that her brother is innocent, Betty Anne puts herself through high school, college and, finally, attends Roger Williams University School of Law - all in an 18 year quest to free Kenny. With the help of best friend **Abra Rice [RWU Law '98]** (Academy Award nominee **Minnie Driver**), Betty Anne pores through suspicious evidence mounted by small town cop Nancy Taylor (Academy Award nominee **Melissa Leo**), meticulously retracing the steps that led to Kenny's arrest. Belief in her brother - and her quest for the truth - pushes Betty Anne and her team to uncover the facts and utilize DNA evidence with the hope of exonerating Kenny.

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[Hilary Swank and Juliette Lewis at the premiere of Conviction, 2010](#)

[Swank impreses at 'Conviction' premiere](#)

[Hilary Swank in Conviction Q&A AT TIFF 2010](#)

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