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Professor Andy Horwitz on Rhode Island attorney general candidates' promises to review investigation into the 2003 Station nightclub fire.

The Associated Press cites Professor Andy Horwitz in an article titled, "[RI Attorney General Candidates Say They'll Review Club Fire.](#)"

**PROVIDENCE, R.I., July 4, 2010** -- Several candidates for Rhode Island attorney general have promised to review the investigation into a 2003 nightclub fire that killed 100 people if they are elected the state's next top prosecutor, addressing concerns from some family members that not enough people were punished for the blaze. [...]



**Andy Horwitz, a law professor at Roger Williams University,** who is familiar with the case, said he doesn't see any reason to review the investigation, which he called complete and thorough.

"We reserve the criminal system for the punishment of behavior that is so egregious and outside the norm that it must be punished," he said. "Behavior that is stupid, careless, inattentive ... does not rise to the level of criminal prosecution."

He said there is no downside to looking at a file again, but called it troubling if candidates are implying that something improper was done without evidence to support it. [...]

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