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Adjunct Professor Migliori -- a nationally known litigator noted for his lawsuits involving Big Tobacco and the 9/11 terrorist attacks -- will expand his role at RWU Law.

Bristol, R.I., Sept. 27, 2010: Roger Williams University School of Law is pleased to announce that

Donald A. Migliori, a nationally known litigator most noted for his lawsuits against Big Tobacco and the financiers of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, has been named its first "Distinguished Practitioner in Residence," for the 2010-11 academic year.



Already a valued member of RWU

Law's Adjunct Faculty, Mr. Migliori -- a partner in the Rhode Island office of the national firm Motley Rice -- will expand his role during his tenure as Distinguished Practitioner in Residence, meeting with students in various informal settings and speaking to faculty about his unique practice, while enjoying the full and vibrant intellectual life of the School of Law.

"Don has had an incredibly varied practice," said RWU Law **Dean David A. Logan**, "with the common threads being a high level of skill and a deep commitment to see that injured people receive justice."

Widely known for his work in complex asbestos cases, Migliori played a central role in the historic tobacco lawsuits in the 1990s and more recently the litigation arising out of the 9/11 attacks. He represents victims of terrorism, aviation disasters, environmental contamination, defective medical devices and drugs, and occupational diseases in cutting-edge litigation that spans the country.

"Don's unique course on the complexities of the 9/11 cases, "Mass Torts vs. Tort Reform," touches on not just Torts but also International Law, Criminal Law, and Constitutional Law , and is so popular that he

routinely has a long waiting list of students eager to experience his fascinating course and effective teaching,” Logan said.

In just the past month, Migliori has been featured in the New York Times, for his representation of the families of those killed in the 9/11 terror attacks who chose to sue rather than accept compensation from Ken Feinberg's 9/11 Compensation Fund, and in the Providence Journal for the \$1.5 million jury award he obtained in a “lead case” in Multi District Litigation concerning a defective hernia patch.

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