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January 26, 2018

# Champions for Justice

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6:00pm

Omni Providence Hotel

Registration Required

Please join us for a special evening to celebrate and support the students, alumni, partners and friends whose exceptional devotion to social justice increases access to justice for all.

Friday, January 26, 2018

Omni Providence Hotel

One West Exchange Street

Champions for Justice Reception 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we shine a light on RWU Law students and alumni and celebrate their dedication to serving low-income and disenfranchised communities in New England and around the country.

Dinner & Awards 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We will applaud the accomplishments of our 2017 Champions for Justice award recipients and salute the meaningful differences they have made.

Public Interest Law Auction - 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

A new twist on an annual tradition bringing together the Bench and Bar to raise funds in support of social justice programs. Items will include one-of-a-kind experiences designed to connect members of the legal community with law students and one another!

This year's Public Interest Auction will feature opportunities to connect with the RWU Law community of champions. Each of the items auctioned this evening will focus on strengthening professional connections and building new relationships. Tonight is not about auctioning “stuff.” Instead, most of the auction items are “experience packages” featuring individuals who share our mission of public service, access to justice and the value of experiential education.

Registration is required for this event. Tickets will not be available at the door. Online registration closes on Friday, January 20, 2017.

Champions for Justice is quickly becoming a hallmark of the Rhode Island legal landscape, and we are proud to count so many as friends and supporters of the Law School. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the many social justice programs within RWU Law:

Alternative Spring Break

Pro Bono Collaborative

Public Interest Clinical Externships

Public Interest Summer Stipends

RWU Law Clinics

Event Tickets:

\$25 Law Student

\$75 Public Interest Attorneys (non-profits, gov't, legal services)

\$75 Law Alumni (classes 2012-2016 only for young alumni rate)

\$125 Individual

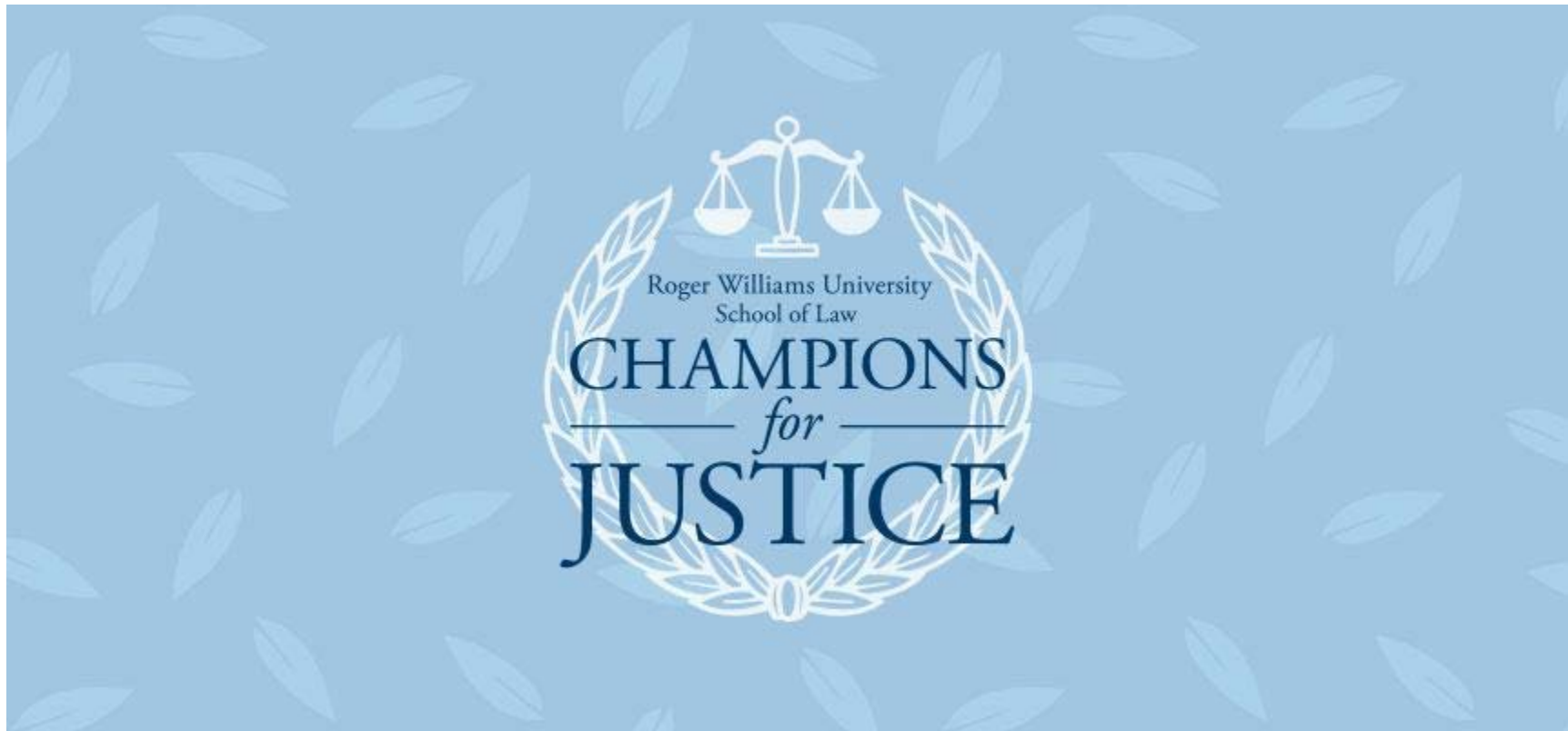
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A portion of your ticket purchase will benefit the many social justice programs at RWU Law. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Thank you for your support.

For event registration questions, please contact the Office of Special Events at [events@rwu.edu](mailto:events@rwu.edu) or 401-254-3166.

For event and package details, visit [law.rwu.edu/go/cfj](http://law.rwu.edu/go/cfj) or search #RWULawChampions on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

We look forward to an exciting evening.



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The Impact

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The Pro Bono Collaborative Immigrant Family Preparedness Project provides training for attorneys and community liaisons at Central Falls Middle School. We have been preparing immigrant parents of minor children for the possibility of detention or deportation by assisting them in

completing the necessary legal forms to insure that, if they are detained, their children will be cared for by the adult of their choice during their absence. The project trains pro bono attorneys and law students to work directly with immigrant families who are at risk of being separated from their minor children if they are detained.



The Pro Bono Collaborative Street Law Project teaches teens about the law and inspires future lawyers. From the first class on “What is a crime?” to the nuances of the 4th Amendment, RWU Law’s Street Law program brings the law to life and makes it accessible to teenagers at



dozens of local schools in Newport, Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls.



As part of the Pro Bono Collaborative Access to Justice Impact Project: Limited Scope Representation, the PBC Advisory Board and the RI Bar

Association submitted comments pursuant to the Rhode Island Supreme Court's Order dated June 8, 2015 urging the Court to adopt rules making limited scope representation a real option in Rhode Island in order to facilitate increased access to legal assistance for those unable to afford full representation and to encourage the provision of pro bono legal service. Limited scope representation, with guidance and rules, debuted in May. For the Pro Bono Collaborative and access to justice advocates in Rhode Island, this was a huge win.

Special thanks to PBC Advisory Board member Stephen Prignano, Esq. and RWU Law alums Rita Nerney, Esq. and Judah Rome, Esq. for their work researching and drafting the comments. Pictured here, Rome is on the left.



The Pro Bono Collaborative Elder Law/End of Life Planning Project recognized Ken Rampino, Esq. (RWU Law '08) with the National Award of Excellence. Rampino joined the PBC in 2015 and since then, with help from RWU law students (most recently Anna Provax '17) has been

providing critical 'know your rights' presentations and health care proxy clinics at community-based organizations around the state. The East Greenwich Housing Authority (EGHA) received an Award of Excellence as recognition for innovation in service of their communities because of Ken's work at their elder housing sites.



Alternative Spring Break was started in 2005 by the Association for Public Interest Law (APIL) at Roger Williams University School of Law in the wake of Hurricane Katrina as a way for students to assist those recovering from devastation. The 2017 program was one of the largest and most

successful in history with 59 participants working on 16 different projects in 6 different states and internationally in Haiti.



Since its start, Alternative Spring Break has grown into a large and successful program placing students in local and national pro bono legal

service projects during spring break. ASB not only supports the work of public interest legal organizations, but it is also a great opportunity for students to get out there and put into practice their legal education.



Alternative Spring Break program focuses on areas of the law where clients often lack adequate representation and works to secure projects that give students the most rewarding experience possible. One is example is RWU Law students working at the Bronx Defenders in New York over the break, where they gain practical courtroom experience as well as learn what it really means to provide holistic defense. Or, as seen here, they serve at the Committee For Public Counsel Services in Fall River where they work to provide legal representation in Massachusetts for those unable to afford an attorney.

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Silent Auction

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Package	Package Title	Description
Package1	Package Title Four EMC Club tickets to Redsox vs. Yankees	Description Four EMC Club tickets to Red Sox vs Yankees game, one parking pass and dinner for four at the EMC Club on April 11, 2018
Package2	Package Title Collin Bailey L'08 CVS Tour & Lunch	Description Join RWU Alum Collin Bailey L'08 for lunch and a tour of CVS Health

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Package3	<b>Package Title</b> Four Red Sox Tickets with Joe Farside, Jr. L'06	<b>Description</b> Four Redsox tickets with seating in the Locke Lord Luxury box with Joe Farside, Jr. L'06
Package4	<b>Package Title</b> Lunch for four at Parkside with Stacey Veroni and Michael Field L'97 at Parkside	<b>Description</b> Dine with representatives from the RI Office of the Attorney General - Criminal and Civil Division at Parkside Rotisserie & Bar
Package5	<b>Package Title</b> Bon Appetit Dinner	<b>Description</b> Enjoy a catered three-course dinner and exquisite wine parings at your residence for up to six guests!
Package6	<b>Package Title</b> Dean's Night Out	<b>Description</b> Join Dean Yelnosky, Professor Goldstein, Professor Guttoff, and Dean Hassel
Package7	<b>Package Title</b> Guttoff Guided Pub Crawl on Bikes	<b>Description</b> You and three friends can enjoy a pub crawl by bicycle led by RWU Law's very own Professor Guttoff
Package8	<b>Package Title</b> Dinner at Sakonnet Point Club	<b>Description</b> You and three guests can join Professor (and RWU Alum) Jenna Wims Hashway L'11 and her husband, attorney John Barylick at the Sakonnet Point Club
Package9	<b>Package Title</b> Dinner at Capriccio	<b>Description</b> Dinner for four with the Santoros at Capriccio in Providence
Package10	<b>Package Title</b> Dinner with your favorite Professors	<b>Description</b> You and three others will dine with Professors Monestier and Coombs at Bee's Thai

Package	Package Title	Description
Package11	Package Title Movie Night with David Logan	<b>Description</b> High bidder gets to pick the flick and bring up to 5 lucky guests to watch at David Logan's Man Cave. Plenty of pizza and libations, and a designated driver providing round trip transportation.
Package12	Package Title Donut Worry Be Happy	<b>Description</b> Passport to the #BestDonutsRI Throwdown, a month long donut adventure for the month of February & a dozen delicious donuts delivered to you at the library any day during finals
Package13	Package Title Round of Drinks with Librarians	<b>Description</b> A round of drinks for four with the Librarians at Riffraff in Providence. Riffraff is a brand new super hipster bookstore and bar now open in the Olneyville neighborhood of Providence
Package14	Package Title One Barbri Course	<b>Description</b> Be one of the lucky five to walk away with a bar exam course simply by bidding \$1695 (Market Value \$3,695)
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Package19	Package Title Ice cream at 3 Sisters with Dean Yelnosky & Laurie Barron	<b>Description</b> You and three friends can enjoy three scoops, drinks and more with Laurie Barron and Michael Yelnosky at Three Sisters in Providence
Package20	Package Title Park like the Dean	<b>Description</b> For the month of February, enjoy parking in Dean Yelnosky's parking space
Package21	Package Title Dinner for four with Professor Deborah Gonzalez L'04	<b>Description</b> Authentic homemade dinner for four by Professor Gonzalez L'04
Package22	Package Title One Night Stay at Omni Hotel	<b>Description</b> Enjoy a one night stay at Providence's luxurious Omni Hotel
Package23	Package Title Hemenway's - Lunch for 5 students	<b>Description</b> Enjoy lunch for five at Hemenways with Michael Voccola, Esq. L'97
Package24	Package Title Weekend Stay at Residences	<b>Description</b> A weekend stay at the luxurious Residences Providence. Enjoy a center-of-the-city local vacation in an exquisitely furnished residence in the prestigious Residences Providence tower.
Package25	Package Title Sailing trip with Cecily Banks, Gutoff & Casey Charkowick L'16	<b>Description</b> You and three others can experience a 5-7 hour sail circumnavigating Prudence Island with pirate expert Jonathan Gutoff, RWU Alum Captain Casey Charkowick L'16, and former yacht captain Jonathan Banks

Package	Package Title	Description
Package 26	<b>Package Title</b> Lunch with Professor Andrew Spacone	<b>Description</b> Lunch at Café Nuovo with the Man All About Business
Package 27	<b>Package Title</b> Let's Run Out for a Beer!	<b>Description</b> Enjoy a nice long (but not too long!) run to a pub with Dean Yelnosky, Dean Lalli L'01, Professor Colleen Brown, and Ed Fitzpatrick and a \$100 gift card to Rhode Runners
Package 28	<b>Package Title</b> Paint and Wine Night with the Feinsteins Ladies	<b>Description</b> Enjoy a Paint and Wine night with Laurie Barron, Eliza Vorenberg, Suzanne Harrington-Steppen and Lisa Quinn

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Each year, dozens of RWU Law students accept unpaid public interest summer internships at amazing organizations in RI and around the country. Last summer, 28 students received public interest summer stipends and provided over 8800 hours of legal service in

organizations such as The Rhode Island Public Defender, Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc., RI Center for Justice, Providence Youth Student Movement (PrYSM), the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, The Knox County Public Defender's Community Law Office, The Bronx Defenders, and MidPenn Legal Services. Please support the stipend program by pledging today. Make a pledge by sending a new text message to 41444, and text VERDICT <space> pledge amount (do not use \$ or .00 in the pledge) <space> your name. Click the link in the reply message to fulfill your pledge.

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- Please use appropriate language for your preferred name (nicknames are ok)
- Text is not cap sensitive
- Do not use \$ or .00 with the donation amount
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- Student helpers are in the room to assist you

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