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Champions for Justice

Friday, January 24, 2020
Omni Providence Hotel

You are cordially invited!

Champions for Justice 2020

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.

—v— **This Year's Event** —v—

Champion for Justice Reception

5:00 p.m.

Awards, Dinner & Auction

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dessert Reception

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



Registration is required for this event.

Tickets will not be available at the door. Online registration closes on *Friday, January 17, 2020*.

For event registration questions or requests for special assistance needed to attend the event, please call Special Events at 401.254.3166

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— v — **Honor the 2020 Champions** — v —



2020 Champions for Justice Amato "Bud" DeLuca & Miriam Weizenbaum

Amato ("Bud") DeLuca and Miriam Weizenbaum for decades of pro bono service to individuals whose civil rights have been in jeopardy and whose voices would not otherwise be heard and for their generous support of organizations that provide legal and other services to low-income clients in our community. Bud and Miriam, as they are known in the legal community, have been practicing together since 1995. Before they joined forces, each had established a record of public service and community leadership, Bud in Rhode Island, and Miriam in Louisiana and Pennsylvania. Individually, and as a team, they have provided countless hours of pro bono legal service to, among others, the Rhode Island ACLU, the Providence Student Union, Occupy Providence, and the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless. In 2015, they established the Rhode Island Center for Justice, a civil legal services organization that partners with community groups to protect legal rights and ensure justice for vulnerable individuals, families, and communities. The Center is also home to a fellowship program intended to train the next generation of poverty lawyers.



2020 Alumni Public Interest Champion **Weayonnoh Nelson-Davies '07**

Weayonnoh Nelson-Davies for a career devoted to serving low-income clients in marginalized communities. Weayonnoh started her legal career as a Bart Gordon Fellow and AmeriCorps Supervisor at South Coastal Counties Legal Services in Fall River. She then became the lead staff attorney of a medical-legal partnership at the Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts. She subsequently moved to Community Legal Aid (CLA) where she launched a new medical-legal partnership between CLA and UMass Memorial Health Care. Weayonnoh is now the managing attorney of CLA's Worcester and Fitchburg offices where she oversees several special projects including the Asian Outreach Project, the CORI/Reentry Project, and the Veterans Legal Assistance Project. She is a Small Group Faculty and Capstone Project Mentor at Brown Medical School where she leads discussions about underserved patient populations and the social determinants of health. Weayonnoh participated in numerous social justice projects while at RWU Law, and she is a proud alumna of City Year Rhode Island.



2020 Community Partner Champion Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General

The Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General for its tireless efforts to protect and serve the people and interests of Rhode Island and for serving as a standard-bearer for criminal and civil justice. The Office has emerged as a leading advocate for Rhode Islanders at both the state and local levels—protecting access to healthcare, consumer rights, the environment, victims of the opioid crisis, and our most basic democratic principles. Unique among attorney general offices in the country, the Office holds the great responsibility of prosecuting criminal cases throughout the State. The Office's attorneys and prosecutors, including many RWU Law graduates, take on many necessary and challenging roles in their service to the public, including counseling victims and their families, working with communities impacted by poverty and violence, and seeking justice for all Rhode Islanders.

—v— **About Champions For Justice** —v—

Champions for Justice is 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 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

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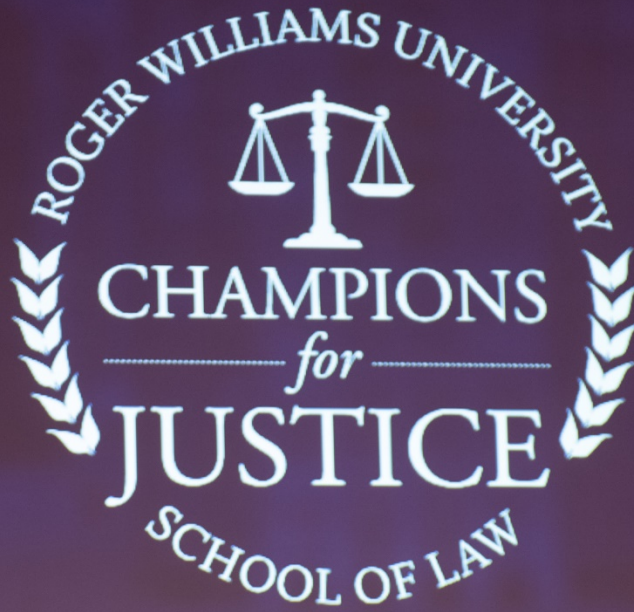






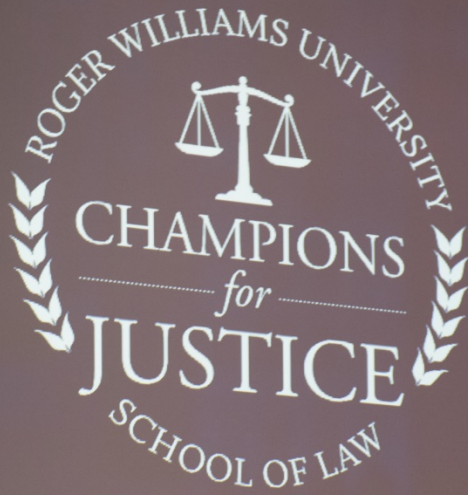






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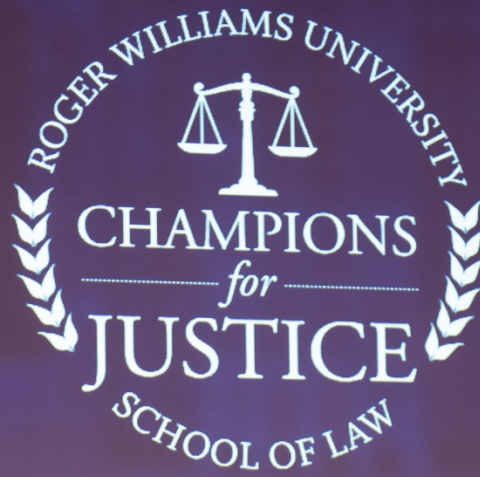


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