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Adjunct Professor David Coombs talks to the ProJo's Ed Fitzpatrick about representing Pvt. Chelsea (f/k/a as Bradley) Manning in the Wikileaks court-martial.

From the PROVIDENCE JOURNAL: "[Manning's Providence-based lawyer warns of chilling effect on whistleblowers](#)" by Edward Fitzpatrick



September 22, 2013: The 35-year sentence imposed

on the Army private who gave secret U.S. documents to WikiLeaks will have a chilling effect on whistleblowers and the journalists who rely on them to hold the government accountable.

That's one of the conclusions reached by **David E. Coombs, the Providence-based lawyer who represented Pvt. Chelsea E. Manning (formerly known as Bradley Manning)** in a case involving the largest leak of documents in U.S. history.

Coombs is set to speak Wednesday at the Roger Williams University School of Law, for which he has worked as an adjunct professor. And last week he took part in a wide-ranging interview about the Manning case and its implications. [...]

Coombs, 44, grew up in Boise, Idaho, and lives in Providence with his wife, **Tanya J. Monestier, an associate professor at the Roger Williams law school.** [...]

Coombs is to speak from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, in Appellate Courtroom 283 at the Roger Williams University School of Law, in Bristol.

For full story, click [here](http://www.providencejournal.com/breaking-news/content/20130922-edward-fitzpatrick-mannings-providence-based-lawyer-warns-of-chilling-effect-on-whistleblowers.ece). [http://www.providencejournal.com/breaking-news/content/20130922-edward-fitzpatrick-mannings-providence-based-lawyer-warns-of-chilling-effect-on-whistleblowers.ece]

