18th Annual Diversity Symposium Dinner

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Please join us for the 18th Annual Diversity Symposium Dinner, sponsored by the RWU Law Office of Diversity & Outreach and our friends at Nixon Peabody. The program will be held at the Providence Marriott Hotel, One Orms Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

We are excited to share that Braxton Howard Medlin, Esq. L’19 will be our moderator for this year’s program.

18th Annual Diversity Symposium Dinner

Wednesday, April 6, 2022
5:00pm - 8:00pm EST
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Registration Required
Please join us for an evening of discussion around issues of diversity and the law.

Meet the Moderator

**Braxton Howard Medlin, Esq, L'19** is a trial attorney from Chapel Hill, NC. He moved to Rhode Island during a massive snowstorm in January of 2017. An avid runner, he has always been invested in advocacy and community building, whether through fitness, arts, or the pursuit of justice. After earning his bachelor’s degree in Romance Languages (Spanish) at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC, he completed two years of AmeriCorps service. He worked with the ACCESS Project as a Family Support Specialist, providing education and wellness outreach programs to immigrant communities in rural North Carolina. Braxton earned his Juris Doctor from Roger Williams University School of Law. He was President of the Student Bar Association, a CALI Award winner in Trial Advocacy, a member of the Trial Team, and the 2019 Public Interest Award recipient. Additionally, he was a student attorney at the Roger Williams University School of Law Criminal Defense Clinic and other Public Defender offices arguing motions, representing clients at probation hearings, and trying cases.

Prior to joining the Coalition and Dorcas, Attorney Medlin honed his legal skills working as a Public Defender in Colorado and in the private sector. Presently, Braxton is a Staff Attorney with the Immigrant Coalition of Rhode Island at Dorcas International Institute. He focuses his practice on supporting and providing free legal representation for Asylum seekers detained at Wyatt Detention Facility in Central Falls, RI. He also represents folks facing deportation or in other court proceedings at the federal level in the Boston Immigration Court. He is active in all three of the Coalition’s subcommittees.

When he is not in court, he volunteers with several organizations committed to uplifting and
supporting communities of color, including Youthbuild Providence. Most recently, Braxton was selected as the Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee for the Town of Barrington.

This event is made possible by the generosity of sponsor Nixon Peabody.

Special Accommodations
Persons who, because of a special need or condition, would like to request an accommodation for an event should contact the RWU Law Events, as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours before the event, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. lawevents@rwu.edu
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This gathering offers Rhode Island high school and college students an opportunity to learn about the legal profession and to interact with diverse judges, lawyers and law students.

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Kindly RSVP by March 30, 2022

*Please indicate any dietary restrictions/food allergies on registration form.

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RWU Law's 18th Annual Diversity Symposium Dinner offered an evening of discussion around issues of diversity and the law, as well as a great opportunity to emerge from pandemic-era restrictions. Braxton Medlin, Esq, L’19, a trial attorney from Chapel Hill, N.C., served as moderator. Here are some memories from the event.