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## 4th Annual Women In Law Leadership Lecture

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## 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN IN LAW LEADERSHIP LECTURE

The RWU Law Women in Law Leadership Lecture will be welcoming featured speaker **Jenny Ma, Esq.**, Senior Counsel at the Center for Reproductive Rights in New York.

She is also an adjunct faculty member at Columbia Law School where she teaches Gender and Sexuality Law.

Here is Jenny's bio: <https://reproductiverights.org/profile/jenny-ma/>

### Jenny Ma

#### *Senior Counsel*

Jenny joined the Center in 2017, and is an experienced litigator leading reproductive rights cases in state and federal courts. She has represented the Center's clients in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, and Mississippi, including in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. Jenny also led the first proactive trial in federal court that struck down a comprehensive set of outdated laws restricting abortion access in a state. In addition, she works extensively on improving access to medication abortion care and aligning its distribution with current medical and scientific evidence.

Prior to joining the Center, Jenny served as a law clerk to the Honorable John T. Noonan, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the Honorable Robert W. Sweet of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. She also worked at the law firms Jones Day and Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP, where she co-authored an amicus brief in *Obergefell v. Hodges*. Jenny is a graduate of Columbia Law School, where she was a Harlan Fisk Stone Scholar, a Ms. JD Fellow, and received the Louis Henkin Outstanding Note Award for her scholarship. She also holds an M.A. from Columbia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and a B.A. with honors from Wesleyan University.

Jenny also has a longstanding commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal profession, including serving on the Center's nascent DEI Task Force, fostering equitable and transparent decision-making, and maintaining practices to support and empower internal and external voices and ideas.

**Join us on Thursday, March 23 for a FIRESIDE CHAT featuring Jenny Ma, Esq., Senior Counsel at the Center for Reproductive Rights, and RWU Law Professor Emily Sack...**

Register [here](#).

Additional Program details may be found [here](#).



**Featured Speaker:  
Jenny Ma**

Jenny Ma is a Senior Counsel at the Center for Reproductive Rights in the U.S. Litigation Program. Attorney Ma is an experienced lawyer leading complex, high-stakes reproductive rights cases through all stages of litigation.

*The Fourth Annual*  
**Women in Law Leadership Lecture**

A Fireside Chat featuring Jenny Ma, Esq.  
& RWU Law Professor Emily J. Sack

Thursday, March 23, 2023

4:30 PM

RWU Law – Law 283 – Bristol Campus

*Reception immediately following lecture.*

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*The winners of the RWU Law RBG Essay/Art Contest  
for RI school children will be announced.*

## **4th Annual Women in Law Leadership Lecture**

Thursday, March 23, 2023

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

RWU Law Bristol Campus - Law 283

Registration Required

The fourth annual Roger Williams University School of Law Leadership Lecture, featuring **Jenny Ma, Esq.**, will be held as a fireside chat with Roger Williams University School of Law Professor [Emily J. Sack](#).

4:30 PM Fireside Chat - School of Law 283

*Reception immediately following lecture.*



Jenny Ma, Esq.

**Jenny Ma** is a Senior Counsel at the [Center for Reproductive Rights](#) in the U.S. Litigation Program. She joined the Center in 2017, and is an experienced lawyer leading complex, high-stakes reproductive rights cases through all stages of litigation. She has represented the Center's clients in state and federal courts throughout the nation, including in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, and Mississippi, where she was counsel before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

Other examples of Jenny's work include leading the first ever proactive trial in federal court to successfully challenge a comprehensive set of outdated laws restricting abortion access in a state. Recently, Jenny won the first ruling in the nation blocking the implementation of a state abortion ban after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe*. She also works extensively on improving access to medication abortion care and aligning its distribution with current medical and scientific evidence.

Jenny is a frequent commentator on reproductive rights issues, appearing in outlets such as the New York Times, the Washington Post, AP, Reuters, National Public Radio, the Hill, Politico, MSNBC, CBS, BBC, and others.

Jenny also has a longstanding commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal profession, including serving on the Center's nascent DEI Task Force, fostering equitable and transparent decision-making, and maintaining practices to support and empower internal and external voices and ideas.

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In addition to the lecture, the program will feature the announcement of the winners of the [RWU Law RBG Essay/Art Contest for RI school children](#).

### **Special Accommodations**

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**Roger Williams University School of Law presents  
The Fourth Annual Women in Law Leadership Lecture  
PROGRAM**

Welcome and Remarks	<i>Jodi Haley, Assistant Dean of Career Development</i>
Introduction and Land & Labor Acknowledgement	<i>Gregory W. Bowman, Dean &amp; Professor of Law</i>
Fireside Chat	<i>Jenny Ma, Esq. and Professor Emily J. Sack</i>
Questions from Audience	<i>Moderated by Jodi Haley</i>
Introduction of RBG Contest	<i>Jodi Haley</i>
Announcement	Winners of RWU Law RBG Essay/Art Contest for Rhode Island Students K-12 <i>How Has Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Inspired Me?</i> <i>Emma Maia Dinnerstein, 3L, Women's Law Society President</i> <b>#RWULawRBGEssay</b>
Presentation of Awards	<i>Emma Maia Dinnerstein</i>
Closing Remarks	<i>Jodi Haley</i>
	<i>Reception in Atrium to Follow</i>

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