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4th Annual Women In Law Leadership Lecture

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4th 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 Jenny also led the first proactive trial in federal court that struck down a comprehensive set of outdated laws restricting abortion access in a state.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...

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

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**4th 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.

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.

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The winners of the RWU Law R8G Essay/Art Contest for RI school children will be announced.

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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](https://www.centerforrep.org/) 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.

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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.

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

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

Reception in Atrium to Follow

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