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One of the great things about being the only law school in a state is the unique opportunities it presents for bringing leaders from the bench and bar to campus. Besides the annual visit of the RI Supreme Court to hear the final rounds of our flagship (Clark) [Moot Court Competition](#) and the courses taught by a distinguished [Adjunct Faculty](#), programs often feature leaders discussing top issues facing the state, like the [symposium on judicial selection](#).

One recent example: the top law enforcement officials in the state discussed the challenges of prosecuting white collar crime. Sponsored by our Criminal Law Society, the featured speakers were United States Attorney Peter Neronha, then-Attorney General Patrick Lynch (who was succeeded just weeks later by our own alum [Peter Kilmartin](#)), and Col. Brendan Doherty, head of the RI State Police. It was a fascinating, free-wheeling discussion that underscored the close working relationships that are necessary to effectively investigate and prosecute sophisticated crimes. They emphasized how good law enforcement is the foundation for successful prosecutions, and gave examples from their rich trove of experiences. I found the discussion of federal/state coordination on a pending homicide that occurred outside of a Woonsocket bank to be especially fascinating because federal jurisdiction is tied to an attempted bank robbery, and press reports described the shooting of someone going to a bank to make a deposit.

Here are some pics from the event.



L-R Sean O'Mahoney (2L) (President of the Criminal Law Society); RI AG General Patrick

Lynch;  
Col. Brendan Doherty; U.S. Attorney Peter Nerhona



The Col. Makes a Point



The US Attorney Counters



Counterpoint from the AG