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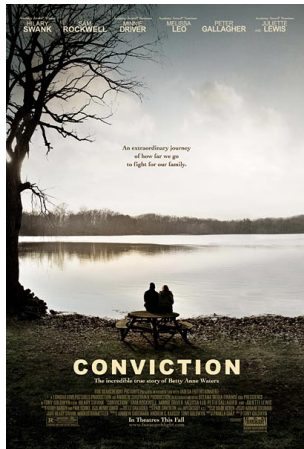
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We have received word that RWU Law, in conjunction with Rhode Island Film and TV Office, will host **an exclusive Rhode Island advance screening** of the major Hollywood movie, “Conviction,” on **Monday, October 25, 2010**. The law school will also be holding a fundraiser that evening, with all proceeds going to the Innocence Project, who worked with Betty Anne (RWU Law 1998) to win her brother’s release from prison. We will announce more details soon, including how the limited number of available tickets will be distributed and details about the pre-screening fundraiser.

Law Students: We are seeking volunteers to serve as ushers at these events. If you are interested in volunteering to help – and having a guaranteed seat at the screening – please email the Office of Alumni, Programs, And Events at lawevents@rwu.edu asap.



CONVICTION is the inspirational true story of a sister's unwavering devotion to her brother. When **Kenny Waters** (played by **Sam Rockwell**) is arrested, convicted, and sentenced to a life term for murder, his sister, **Betty Anne Waters** [198] (played by two-time Academy Award winner **Hilary Swank**) embarks on a remarkable journey dedicated to overturning the conviction. Betty Anne puts herself through high school, college and, finally, Roger Williams Law School, in an 18 year quest to free Kenny. With the help of her RWU Law classmate **Abra Rice** [198] (played by Academy Award nominee **Minnie Driver**), Betty Anne pores through suspicious evidence developed by a small town cop with a vendetta (played by Academy Award nominee **Melissa Leo**). Belief in her brother - and her quest for the truth - pushes Betty Anne and her team to uncover the facts and with the help of The Innocence Project utilize DNA evidence to finally free Kenny. The star-studded cast also includes **Peter Gallagher** and Academy Award nominee **Juliette Lewis**.