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Professor Jorge Elorza, co-founder of the Latino Policy Institute and a judge on the Providence Housing Court, is granted full professorship at RWU Law.



Bristol, R.I., July 5, 2011: By a

unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees of Roger Williams University School of Law has awarded tenure and full professorship to **Professor Jorge O. Elorza**, a seasoned legal educator who also serves as a judge on the Providence Housing Court and co-founded the Latino Policy Institute at RWU.

“Jorge’s extraordinary record of academic and professional achievement speaks for itself,” said RWU Law **Dean David A. Logan**. “As a law professor, as a community leader, as a social advocate and as a valued colleague, he is deeply qualified for this honor.”

A faculty member at Roger Williams since 2005, Elorza teaches Property, Housing Law and Policy, Advanced Constitutional Law and other courses. In 2009, he helped found the Latino Policy Institute at RWU, and served as one of its first co-directors. In 2010, Elorza was appointed as a judge on the Providence Housing Court by then-Mayor, now Congressman **David N. Cicilline**, D-RI.

In announcing the appointment, Cicilline described Elorza as a brilliant attorney and legal scholar who was “uniquely qualified to adjudicate cases that impact the quality of life for families in our neighborhoods,” and displayed a proven “commitment to helping low-income families navigate the legal system” The three-member Housing Court is responsible for hearing and determining all actions concerning violations of housing laws, building codes and zoning ordinances.

Elorza received his law degree from Harvard University in 2003, and graduated *summa cum laude* with a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of Rhode Island. Elorza previously worked as a staff attorney at Rhode Island Legal Services where he represented private and public housing tenants in Rhode Island District and Superior courts. He also served as an Associate Forensic Auditor for Magnan Graizzaro & Associates in Hingham, Massachusetts and as an Associate Auditor at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP in New York, New York.