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Our alums have been popping up all over the news lately: ...from being elected to head the state GOP, to being appointed to fix the Rhode Island DMV, to representing high profile criminal defendants, to representing the ACLU and testifying before the legislature.



One of Rhode Island's most experienced election tacticians is RWU Law grad Ken McKay '96). Ken led the effort to elect Don Carcieri to two terms as Governor of RI and more recently helped another GOP businessman win the governorship of Florida. Ken was recently selected to head the Rhode Island Republican Party. Learn more in the [Providence Journal](#) article about Ken.



The Rhode Island Department of Motor Vehicles has been a thorn in the side of past RI governors. Our new Governor, Lincoln Chaffee, has tapped Lisa Holley ('01) to fix the DMV. Lisa is a former police detective, chair of the state's parole board for 11 years and, most recently, chief legal counsel for the State Department of Public Safety. The [Providence Journal](#) provided coverage of Lisa's appointment.



Michelle Alves ('03) is an assistant public defender in Rhode Island and currently serves as an adjunct faculty member here at RWU Law. She is representing Zachary Lepelusa, who was charged with murder and kidnapping in a high profile case in Rhode Island. The Providence Journal story, "[Connecticut man charged with Middletown murder](#)" provides additional detail.



And finally, [Katherine Godin \('08\)](#), recently testified against "[Katie's Law](#)" at the Rhode Island State House on behalf of the ACLU. Katie's Law is a national movement to collect DNA samples from everyone arrested for a felony. Katherine appeared on the local news to discuss her views. Her story also appeared in the [Providence Journal](#).